

Midterm Exam-4 (Spring '14) Solutions

1.) Multiple Choice

(18 pts.)

For each statement below, circle the correct answer (TRUE or FALSE, no reasoning required).

- (a) If the intensity of a sound wave is doubled, then its intensity level increases by 3 decibels.

TRUE

FALSE

- (b) When two pulses travel toward each other and collide, they will reflect with opposite velocity from each other.

TRUE

FALSE

- (c) If the equilibrium temperature of a blackbody emitter is doubled, the emitted (=absorbed) heat increases by a factor of 10.

TRUE

FALSE

- (d) For a mixture of two different ideal gases at the same temperature, the average speed of the different gas molecules is different.

TRUE

FALSE

- (e) The internal energy of an ideal gas depends on both pressure and temperature of the gas.

TRUE

FALSE

- (f) Spontaneous heat flow can proceed both from hot to cold and from cold to hot.

TRUE

FALSE

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5	YZ
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2.) Sound Propagation and Doppler Effect

(20 pts.)

A train blows its horn as it approaches a tunnel into a vertically rising mountain (see figure below). The horn produces a tone of 1500 Hz and the train travels at a speed of 110 mph.

- Find the tone frequency that is heard by an observer standing near the entrance of the tunnel.
- If the horn sound arrives at the observer with an intensity of $5 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ W/m}^2$, what is the corresponding intensity level?

$$(a) \quad f_{\text{obs}} = f_s \frac{v_s}{v_s - v_{\text{train}}} = 1748 \text{ Hz}$$

$$(b) \quad \beta = 10 \text{ dB} \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right) = 57 \text{ dB}$$

3.) Heat Conduction

(8+10 pts.)

One end of an insulated copper bar is maintained at a temperature of 85°C , while the other end is immersed into a mixture of 1 kg ice and 1 kg water. The rod is 2 m long and has a circular cross-sectional area of radius 0.8 cm .

- (a) How much heat has to be added to the mixture to bring it to room temperature?
 (b) Calculate the *heat flow* through the copper bar and the total time of the heating process.

$$(a) \quad \boxed{Q = m_1 L_f + (m_1 + m_2) \Delta T C_w = 5.02 \cdot 10^5 \text{ J}}$$

$$(b) \quad \boxed{H = k A \frac{\Delta T}{L} = 329 \text{ J/s}}$$

$$H = Q/t \Rightarrow \boxed{t = Q/H = 1526 \text{ s} \approx 25.4 \text{ min}}$$

4.) *Ideal Gas*

(24 pts.)

A cylinder containing an ideal gas is held at fixed pressure of $3.3 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Pa}$. The gas is cooled from room temperature to -50°C , thereby reducing the volume from 0.9 m^3 to 0.65 m^3 .

- (a) How many moles of gas are in the cylinder?
- (b) How much work is done on or by the gas (include the correct sign)?
- (c) By how much does the internal energy of the gas change?
- (d) How much heat is added or extracted from the gas?

$$(a) \quad pV = nRT \Rightarrow \boxed{n = \frac{pV}{RT} = 122 \text{ mol}}$$

$$(b) \quad \boxed{W = p \Delta V = -8.25 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J}}$$

$$(c) \quad \boxed{\Delta U = \frac{3}{2} nR \Delta T = -1.06 \cdot 10^5 \text{ J}}$$

$$(d) \quad \Delta U = Q - W \Rightarrow \boxed{Q = \Delta U + W = -1.89 \cdot 10^5 \text{ J}}$$

extracted

5.) Refrigerator

(14+6 pts.)

A freezer has a coefficient of performance of 5. It converts 1.5 kg of water at room temperature into ice at 25°F within 20 minutes.

- (a) How much electrical energy is consumed in the process and at what power does the refrigerator operate?
- (b) How much heat is released into the environment of the freezer?

$$(a) \quad |W| = \frac{Q_c}{K}, \quad Q_c = m (\Delta T_w C_w + L_f + \overset{3.88^\circ}{\Delta T_{ice}} C_{ice})$$

$$= 6.30 \cdot 10^5 \text{ J}$$

$$\Rightarrow |W| = 1.26 \cdot 10^5 \text{ J}$$

$$P = \frac{|W|}{\Delta t} = 105 \text{ W}$$

$$(b) \quad Q_H = |W| + Q_c = 7.56 \cdot 10^5 \text{ J}$$