

A brief intro to some thermodynamic terms:

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A system: a collection of matter in any form delineated from surroundings by real or imaginary boundaries

Defining a system often depends on what problem you are trying to solve

Much of thermo is careful bookkeeping - accounting for energy or matter exchange across the boundaries (or volume changes).

Open systems: can exchange energy, volume, or matter with the surroundings (e.g. the earth, a cell, etc.)

closed systems: energy can cross the boundaries, but not matter (e.g. lightbulbs, balloons, pistons, bomb calorimeters.)

isolated systems: neither energy nor matter can cross the boundaries, and the volume doesn't change. This makes U (the internal energy) constant

Semipermeable membrane: restricts the flow of some types of particles, allowing others to flow.

adiabatic boundary: prevents heat from flowing (e.g. a picnic cooler is approximately an adiabatic boundary)

like entropy

Thermodynamic state functions¹ can be functions of other state variables

tells us S depends on these quantities

$$S = S(u, V, \vec{N})$$

$\nearrow$ energy (also a state function)
 $\nearrow$ volume (a state variable)
 $\nearrow$ $\vec{N} = N_1, N_2, N_3 \dots N_m$ (composition or # of moles of component i)

Thermo doesn't provide the explicit dependence of S on these other variable; equations of state come either from experiment (empirical) or from microscopic models (e.g. Statistical Mechanics)

But, we can use functional dependence to figure some things out:

$$dS = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial u}\right)_{V, \vec{N}} du + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_{u, \vec{N}} dV + \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial N_j}\right) dN_j$$

Alternatively we can choose U as the independent function

$$U = U(S, V, \vec{N}), \quad \text{which means}$$

$$dU = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_{V, \vec{N}} dS + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_{S, \vec{N}} dV + \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial N_j}\right)_{S, V, \vec{N}_i} dN_j$$

$\nwarrow$ total differential (how does U change with changing values of $S, V, \vec{N}$)

Each of the partial derivatives corresponds to a physically measurable property:

$$T \equiv \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right)_{V, \vec{N}} \quad P \equiv - \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_{S, \vec{N}} \quad \mu_j \equiv \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial N_j} \right)_{S, V, N_i}$$

Conjugate properties:

$$T \longleftrightarrow S$$

$$P \longleftrightarrow V$$

$$\mu \longleftrightarrow N$$

$$\text{intensive} \longleftrightarrow \text{extensive}$$

So:

$$dU = T dS - P dV + \sum_{j=1}^m \mu_j dN_j$$

No magic here, these are just the definitions of these state variables. (T, P, μ_j)

Or if we solve for dS :

$$dS = \left(\frac{1}{T} \right) dU + \left(\frac{P}{T} \right) dV - \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{\mu_j}{T} \right) dN_j$$

Which gives us 3 more definitions

$$\left(\frac{1}{T} \right) \equiv \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial U} \right)_{V, \vec{N}} \quad \left(\frac{P}{T} \right) \equiv \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_{U, \vec{N}} \quad \frac{\mu_j}{T} \equiv - \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial N_j} \right)_{U, \vec{N}}$$