

Entropy as The Mother of All

- Our goal was to find the energy $E(T, V)$ as a function of T, V and the pressure, $p(T, V)$.
- Now we found by counting phase space

$$S(E, V) = \text{const} + Nk \ln V + \frac{3}{2} Nk \ln E$$

And identified the derivatives as T and p

$$\frac{1}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_V = \frac{3Nk}{2E}$$

$$\frac{p}{T} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_E = \frac{Nk}{V}$$

So we see that the entropy determines all:

$$E = \frac{3}{2} NkT$$

$$p = \frac{NkT}{V}$$

If E and p are known experimentally then we can go in reverse, and determine $S(E, V)$ from $E(T, V)$ and $p(T, V)$. We do this next

Entropy of Ideal Gas: Thermodynamic approach

• We have

$$dE = dQ - dW_{out}$$

$$dE = T dS - p dV$$

Or

$$dS = \frac{1}{T} dE + \frac{p}{T} dV \quad (\star)$$

• Now for an ideal gas we found experimentally

$$E = \frac{3}{2} NkT \Rightarrow \frac{1}{T} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{Nk}{E} \quad (\star\star)$$

$$pV = NkT \Rightarrow \frac{p}{T} = \frac{Nk}{V} \quad (\star\star\star)$$

So

$$dS = \frac{3}{2} Nk \frac{dE}{E} + Nk \frac{dV}{V}$$

So

$$S_{ideal \text{ gas}} = \frac{3}{2} Nk \ln E + Nk \ln V + \text{const} \quad (\star\star\star\star)$$
$$= k \ln (E^{3N/2} V^N)$$

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So we see that if one measures $p(T, V)$ and $E(T, V)$ we can find S . In a theoretical approach one determines S by counting, and then determines p and E theoretically. We did this first.