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# Thermodynamic's Basic Concepts and Detailed Explanations

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## Description

Exothermic reactions are those in which heat energy is released; they have a negative enthalpy change. Others, known as endothermic reactions, have a positive enthalpy change and absorb heat energy. However, thermodynamics encompasses more than just a study of heat energy. Since the molecules are far more disordered as a gas than as a liquid, the conversion of one gram of liquid water to gaseous water, for instance, is in the direction of increasing disorder.

Entropy increases with an increase in chaos, and entropy changes for the better. The basis of thermodynamics, like all disciplines, is experimental observation. These discoveries have been formalized in thermodynamics into three fundamental rules known as the first, second, and third laws of thermodynamics. A reaction is said to as a spontaneous reaction if it moves to the right and the change in free energy is negative. If the indicator is positive, the reaction won't go as planned because it's not a natural one.

## Fundamental concepts

### Thermodynamic states

Systems can freely interchange energy with their surroundings, including heat, work, and other types of energy. The thermodynamic state of a system refers to its current state. The first step in using thermodynamic principles is to define a system that differs from its surroundings in some way. A marathon runner, a steam engine in its entirety, a sample of gas inside a cylinder with a moving piston, the planet Earth, a neutron star, a black hole, or even the entire universe could serve as examples of a system. In other ways, any change in the value of a property depends only on the starting and final states of the system, not on the route that the system takes to get from one state to another. The study of properties and their interactions as a system transitions between states is possible by isolating samples of material whose states and properties may be controlled and altered.

### Thermodynamic equilibrium

A system generally responds to a rapid change in its environment while being out of equilibrium. When a balloon bursts, for instance, the compressed gas within is temporarily out of balance and expands quickly until it achieves a new equilibrium condition. Only an externally imposed change in one of the state functions, such as raising the temperature by adding heat or lowering the volume by moving the piston, will cause the system to shift to a new state at that point. A process is a collection of one or more such steps that connects various system states. The balloon explodes, making the first irreversible; the second is reversible. Reversible processes are similar to mechanics' idea of motion without friction. In describing the characteristics of real systems, it serves as an idealized limiting instance. The characteristics of reversible processes serve as the basis for many of thermodynamics' conclusions.

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### Temperature

In most cases, when two things come into thermal contact, heat will transfer between them until they reach an equilibrium state. They are considered to be at the same temperature after the heat source is turned off. For instance, at room temperature, a steel rod will feel colder than a wooden rod simply because steel is better at transmitting heat away from the skin. The zeroth law of thermodynamics formally establishes this by stating that if an object A is in simultaneous thermal equilibrium with two other objects, B and C, then B and C will also be in thermal equilibrium with each other if they come into thermal contact. When object A's physical characteristics, such as volume or electrical resistance, change with temperature, it can then function as a thermometer. By giving numerical values to a few easily reproducible fixed locations, a temperature scale can be created using the definition of equality of temperature as a guide.

### Work and energy

This method of introducing the concept of energy is extremely useful in mechanics because, in the absence of friction, energy never leaves the system even if it can change its form. As an illustration, a coasting car will roll a short distance up a slope before coming to a temporary stop. Its kinetic energy in motion has now been transformed into its potential energy in position, which is equivalent to the effort needed to lift the car the same vertical distance. In order to maintain the same total amount of energy for all closed systems, it became necessary to include additional kinds of energy as the study of physics developed to encompass an ever-widening range of phenomena. The electromagnetic energy can then be captured by a distant antenna and transformed back into the same amount of effort. The list of the various kinds of energy has been expanded in line with each fundamental step that physics has taken to explore new areas.

## Conclusion

The temptation to reduce all physical events to the study of motion will likely be less strong if a more inclusive science includes all body changes in its formulations. It will be clearer that shifting one's position in space doesn't differ significantly from changing one's temperature or any other physical property. The hardest obstacle in theoretical physics up until this point will thereafter be less difficult to overcome.

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