

- (i) x is said to be extensive variable, if x is proportional to the amount of substance.
- (ii) x is said to be intensive variable, if x is not proportional to the amount of substance.
- An extensive variable may become an intensive variable by specifying unit amount of substance.

Thus, mass and volume are extensive variables but density $\left(\frac{M}{V}\right)$ and specific volume $\left(\frac{V}{M}\right)$ are intensive variables. Similarly heat capacity is extensive variable but specific heat is an intensive variable. The extensive and intensive variables of some systems are given in Table 6.1.

TABLE 6.1				
System	Extensive Variable		Intensive Variable	
Chemical system	Volume	V	Pressure	P
Stretched wire	Length	L	Tension	F
Surface film	Area	A	Surface tension	T
Electric cell	Charge	Q	E.M.F.	E
Paramagnetic solid	Magnetisation	I	Magnetic intensity	H

6.3 Maxwell's Thermodynamical Relations (General Relations)

From the first and second law of thermodynamics, Maxwell was able to derive six fundamental thermodynamical relations. The state of a system can be specified by any pair of quantities, pressure (P), volume (V), temperature (T), and entropy (S). In solving any thermodynamical problem, the most suitable pair is chosen and the quantities constituting the pair are taken as independent variables.

From the first law of thermodynamics,

$$\delta Q = dU + \delta W$$

$$\delta Q = dU + PdV$$

or

$$dU = \delta Q - PdV$$

For the second law of thermodynamics,

$$dS = \frac{\delta Q}{T}$$

or

$$\delta Q = TdS$$

Substituting this value of δQ , we get

$$\delta U = TdS - PdV \quad \dots(6.1)$$

Considering U , S and V to be function of two independent variables x and y [here, in general, x and y can be any two variables out of P , V , T and S],

$$dU = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}\right)_y dx + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial y}\right)_x dy$$

$$dS = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x}\right)_y dx + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial y}\right)_x dy$$

and

$$dV = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)_y dx + \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\right)_x dy$$

Substituting these values in equation (6.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}\right)_y dx + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial y}\right)_x dy &= T \left[\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x}\right)_y dx + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial y}\right)_x dy \right] - P \left[\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)_y dx + \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\right)_x dy \right] \\ &= \left[T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x}\right)_y - P \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)_y \right] dx + \left[T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial y}\right)_x - P \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\right)_x \right] dy \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the coefficients of dx and dy , we get

$$\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}\right)_y = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x}\right)_y - P \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)_y \quad \dots(6.2)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial y}\right)_x = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial y}\right)_x - P \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\right)_x \quad \dots(6.3)$$

Differentiating equation (6.2) with respect to y and equation (6.3) with respect to x ,

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y \partial x} = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x}\right)_y + T \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial y \partial x} - \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)_y - P \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y \partial x}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x \partial y} = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial y}\right)_x + T \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x \partial y} - \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\right)_x - P \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x \partial y}$$

The change in internal energy brought about by changing V and T , whether V is changed by dV first and T by dT later or vice versa is the same.

It means dU is a perfect differential.

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x \partial y} \text{ and}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x}\right)_y + T \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial y \partial x} - \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)_y - P \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y \partial x}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial y}\right)_x + T \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x \partial y} - \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\right)_x - P \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x \partial y}$$

Since dS and dV are also perfect differentials, we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial y \partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y \partial x}$$

Equation (6.4), therefore reduces to

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_x \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \right)_y - \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right)_x \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right)_y = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)_y \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial y} \right)_x - \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right)_y \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \right)_x$$

This is the general expression for Maxwell's thermodynamical relations. In place of the independent variables x and y , any two of the four variables S , T , P and V can be substituted so that there is one mechanical variable (P or V) and one thermal variable (S or T). Thus, there may be four possible substitutions (S , V), (T , V), (S , P) and (T , P), providing the four Maxwell's thermodynamical relations.

First Relation:

Put $x = S$ and $y = V$ in equation (6.5), so that

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = 1$$

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{\partial S}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 0$$

Substituting in equation (6.5), we get

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_x = - \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right)_y$$

But $\partial y = \partial V$ (as $y = V$) and $\partial x = \partial S$ (as $x = S$). Hence

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V} \right)_S = - \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial S} \right)_V \quad \dots (1)$$

This is Maxwell's first thermodynamical relation.

Second Relation :

Put $x = T$ and $y = V$ in equation (6.5),

$$\text{then} \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = 1$$

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 0$$

Substituting in equation (6.5), we get

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_T = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_V \quad \dots (2)$$

This is Maxwell's second thermodynamical relation.

Third Relation:

Put $x = S$ and $y = P$, in equation (6.5) then

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial S}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = 0$$

Substituting these in equation (6.5), we get

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P} \right)_S = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S} \right)_P \quad \dots (3)$$

This is Maxwell's third thermodynamical relation

Fourth Relation:

Put $x = T$ and $y = P$, then equation (6.5) gives

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 1, \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 1, \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = 0$$

Substituting these values in equation (6.5), we get

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_T = -\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P \quad \dots(6.9)$$

This is Maxwell's fourth thermodynamical relation. These are the four Maxwell's fundamental thermodynamic relations.

Further there are two more relations within the mechanical variables (P, V) and thermal variables (T, S).

Fifth Relation:

Put $x = P$ and $y = V$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = 1, \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = 1, \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 0$$

Substituting these values in equation (6.5), we get

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_V \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_P - \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_P \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_V = 1 \quad \dots(6.10)$$

Sixth Relation:

Put $x = T$ and $y = S$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 1, \frac{\partial S}{\partial y} = 1, \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} = 0$$

Substituting in equation (6.5), we get

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_S \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_T - \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial S}\right)_T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_S = 1 \quad \dots(6.11)$$

Out of these six thermodynamic relations, the one suited for a particular problem is used and the problem is solved. Let us see, some of the important applications of these Maxwell's thermodynamic relations.