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Atomic Mass

200.

Values in brackets are masses of most stable isotopes.

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To my wife, Ann,  
and to my late father, William E. Mortimer,  
who was responsible for my taking my first chemistry course

## Preface

This is the third edition of a physical chemistry textbook designed for a two-semester undergraduate physical chemistry course. The physical chemistry course is often the first opportunity that a student has to synthesize descriptive, theoretical, and mathematical knowledge about chemistry into a coherent whole. To facilitate this synthesis, the book is constructed about the idea of defining a system, studying the states in which it might be found, and analyzing the processes by which it can change its state.

The book is divided into four parts. The first part focuses on the macroscopic properties of physical systems. It begins with the descriptive study of gases and liquids, and proceeds to the study of thermodynamics, which is a comprehensive macroscopic theory of the behavior of material systems. The second part focuses on dynamics, including gas kinetic theory, transport processes, and chemical reaction kinetics. The third part presents quantum mechanics and spectroscopy. The fourth part presents the relationship between molecular and macroscopic properties of systems through the study of statistical mechanics. This theory is applied to the structure of condensed phases. The book is designed so that the first three parts can be studied in any order, while the fourth part is designed to be a capstone in which the other parts are integrated into a cohesive whole.

In addition to the standard tables of integrals and numerical values of various properties, the book contains several appendices that expand on discussions in the body of the text, such as more detailed discussions of perturbation theory, group theory, and several mathematical topics. Each chapter begins with a statement of the principal facts and ideas that are presented in the chapter. There is a summary at the end of each chapter to assist in synthesizing the material of each chapter into a coherent whole. There are also marginal notes throughout the chapters that present biographical information and some comments. Each chapter contains examples that illustrate various kinds of calculations, as well as exercises placed within the chapter. Both these exercises and the problems at the end of each section are designed to provide practice in applying techniques and insights obtained through study of the chapter.

Answers to all of the numerical exercises and to the odd-numbered numerical problems are placed in Appendix K. A solutions manual, with complete solutions to all exercises and all odd-numbered problems, is available from the publisher. An instructor's manual with solutions to the even-numbered problems is available on-line to instructors. The instructor can choose whether to allow students to have access to the solutions manual, but can assign even-numbered problems when he or she wants the students to work problems without access to solutions.



The author encourages students and instructors to comment on any part of the book; please send comments and suggestions to the author's attention.

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## Fundamental Constants and Conversion Factors

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Quantity	Symbol	Value
Avogadro constant	$N_{\text{Av}}$	$6.02214 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Bohr magneton	$\beta_{\text{e}}$	$9.27402 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	$k_{\text{B}}$	$1.38066 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
Electron g-factor	$g_{\text{e}}$	2.0023193044
Electron mass	$m_{\text{e}}$	$9.10939 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
Elementary charge	$e$	$1.602177 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Faraday constant	$F$	$96485.3 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
molar gas constant	$R$	$8.3145 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
neutron mass	$m_{\text{n}}$	$1.674929 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Newtonian constant of gravitation	$G$	$6.673 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$
Nuclear magneton	$\beta_{\text{N}}$	$5.050787 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
Permeability of vacuum	$\mu_0$	$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ N A}^{-2}$ (exact)
Permittivity of vacuum	$\epsilon_0$	$12.566370614 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N A}^{-2}$
Planck constant	$h$	$8.8545187817 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$ (exact)
Proton mass	$m_{\text{p}}$	$6.62608 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Rydberg constant	$R_{\infty}$	$1.672623 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
	$hcR$	$10973731.53 \text{ m}^{-1}$
		$13.60570 \text{ eV}$
Speed of light in vacuum	$c$	$299792458 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ (exact)

## Prefixes for SI Units

Factor	Prefix	Abbreviation	Factor	Prefix	Abbreviation
$10^{-1}$	deci	d	10	deca	da
$10^{-2}$	centi	c	$10^2$	hecto	h
$10^{-3}$	milli	m	$10^3$	kilo	k
$10^{-6}$	micro	$\mu$	$10^6$	mega	M
$10^{-9}$	nano	n	$10^9$	giga	G
$10^{-12}$	pico	p	$10^{12}$	tera	T
$10^{-15}$	femto	f	$10^{15}$	peta	P
$10^{-18}$	atto	a	$10^{18}$	exa	E

## Conversion Factors for Non-SI Units

Unit	Abbreviation	Value
Atmosphere	atm	101,325 Pa (definition)
Torr	torr	$133.322 \text{ Pa} = \frac{1}{760} \text{ atm}$
Atomic mass unit	amu	$1.66054 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Bar	bar	$1 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
Electron volt	eV	$1.602178 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
Poise	P	$0.1 \text{ kg m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Liter	L	$1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 = 1 \text{ dm}^3$
Angstrom	Å	$1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$
Debye	D	$3.335641 \times 10^{-30} \text{ C m}$
Calorie	cal	4.184 J (definition)
Inch	in	0.0254 m (definition)
Pound	lb	0.4536 kg

## The Greek Alphabet

A	$\alpha$	alpha	I	$\iota$	iota	P	$\rho$	rho
B	$\beta$	beta	K	$\kappa$	kappa	$\Sigma$	$\sigma$	sigma
$\Gamma$	$\gamma$	gamma	$\Lambda$	$\lambda$	lambda	T	$\tau$	tau
$\Delta$	$\delta$	delta	M	$\mu$	mu	$\Upsilon$	$\upsilon$	upsilon
E	$\epsilon$	epsilon	N	$\nu$	nu	$\Phi$	$\phi$	phi
Z	$\zeta$	zeta	$\Xi$	$\xi$	xi	X	$\chi$	chi
H	$\eta$	eta	O	$o$	omicron	$\Psi$	$\psi$	psi
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