

A1: THERMAL AND STATISTICAL PHYSICS

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READING LIST

Textbook based on the Oxford course as taught up to 2011:

‘Concepts in Thermal Physics,’ S. J. Blundell and K. M. Blundell (2nd edition, OUP 2009)

More undergraduate textbooks:

‘Fundamentals of Statistical and Thermal Physics,’ F. Reif (Waveland Press 2008)

‘Equilibrium Thermodynamics,’ C. J. Adkins (3rd edition, CUP 1997)

‘Statistical Physics,’ F. Mandl (2nd edition, Wiley-Blackwell 2002)

‘Elementary Statistical Physics,’ C. Kittel (Dover)

‘Thermodynamics and the Kinetic Theory of Gases,’ W. Pauli (Volume 3 of Pauli Lectures on Physics, Dover 2003)

More advanced-level books:

‘Statistical Thermodynamics,’ E. Schroedinger (Dover 1989) [*a beautiful and very concise treatment of the key topics in statistical mechanics, a bravura performance by a great theoretical physicist; may not be an easy undergraduate read, but well worth the effort!*]

‘Statistical Physics, Part I,’ L. D. Landau and E. M. Lifshitz (3rd edition, Volume 5 of the Landau and Lifshitz Course of Theoretical Physics, Butterworth-Heinemann, 2000) [*the Bible of statistical physics for theoretically inclined minds*]

‘Physical Kinetics,’ E. M. Lifshitz and L. P. Pitaevskii (Volume 10 of the Landau and Lifshitz Course of Theoretical Physics, Butterworth-Heinemann, 1999)

‘The Mathematical Theory of Non-uniform Gases: An Account of the Kinetic Theory of Viscosity, Thermal Conduction and Diffusion in Gases,’ S. Chapman and T. G. Cowling (CUP 1991) [*the Cambridge Bible of kinetic theory, not a page-turner, but VERY thorough*]

‘Statistical Physics of Particles,’ M. Kardar (CUP 2007)