

III. Results for Classical Ideal Gas

Assumption: You know the conditions (assumptions) while real gases behave as an ideal gas (supported experimentally, e.g. gas thermometers)

p, V, T, N
 N $\wedge$ # particles (atoms, molecules)

Here, we list the key results

$$\boxed{U = \frac{3}{2} N k T} \quad (1) \quad (\text{ideal gas: } U \text{ depends on } T \text{ only})$$

must note!

a very special situation (not general)

[for a mole: $N k \equiv R$ (gas constant), $U = \frac{3}{2} R T$ (one mole)]

U consists of k.e. of particles only (ignore particle-particle interaction p.e.)

$\Rightarrow \boxed{T \text{ (or } kT) \approx \text{kinetic energy per particle (ideal gas)}}$

Equation of State

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connects state variables

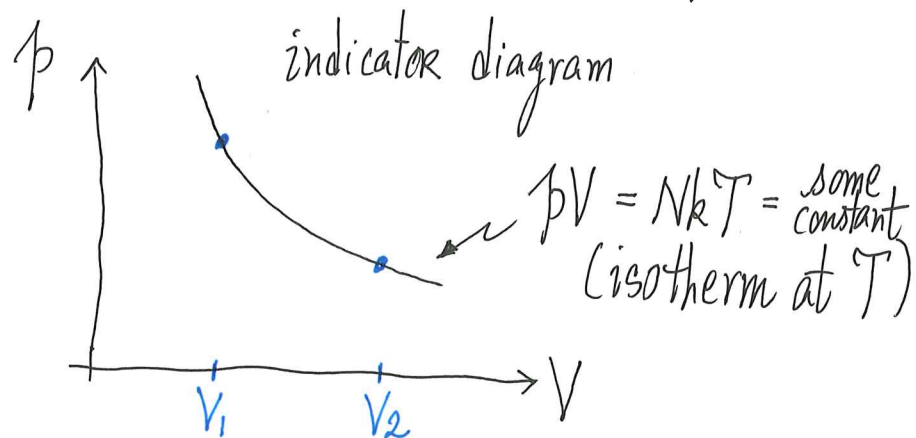
[one mole: $p v = RT$]
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 molar volume

$$pV = NkT \quad (2)$$

Referring to system
in equilibrium
 with well-defined $p, V, T, (N)$

A. Isothermal Processes and Isotherms ($T = \text{constant process}$)

$$pV = \text{constant} = NkT$$



Recall: If we consider an isothermal (and reversible) process of expansion from V_1 to V_2 , then we can

- (i) draw the path on indicator diagram,
- (ii) use $\int_{\text{path}} (-pdV)$ for Work done on system

⁺ Experimentally based (Charles, Boyce, Joule). In statistical mechanics, we want to DERIVE it from the Hamiltonian describing an ideal gas and also derive $U = \frac{3}{2} NkT$.

Isothermal (slowly done) expansion

$$\text{Work done ON system} = - \int_{V_1}^{V_2} p dV = - \int_{V_1}^{V_2} NkT \frac{dV}{V} = \underset{\substack{\nearrow \\ \text{negative}}}{-NkT} \ln \left(\underset{\substack{\nwarrow \text{bigger} \\ \nearrow \text{smaller}}}{\frac{V_2}{V_1}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\text{Work done by ideal gas in isothermal expansion} = NkT \ln \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1} \right)} \quad (3)$$

from V_1 to V_2

Physics: Work done by ideal gas during isothermal expansion
 $\Rightarrow$ used up some energy

$\nwarrow$ Simplicity of ideal gas allows us to think about the physics easily!

But isothermal (T constant) $\Rightarrow U = \frac{3}{2} NkT$ kept constant

1st law $\Delta U = 0$ ($\because T$ constant)

$\Rightarrow Q = -W = \text{Work Done BY system} = NkT \ln \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1} \right) > 0$ into system

take in this Q to compensate for work done and keeping U fixed!

(4)

$$\boxed{\text{Work done ON ideal gas in isothermal compression from } V_2 \text{ to } V_1 = NkT \ln\left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right)}^{(4)} (>0)$$

→ To keep T (thus U) constant, need to take same amount of Q OUT of the system.

B. Heat Capacities

$$C_v = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T}\right)_v = \frac{3}{2} Nk \quad (5)$$

[Note: Gas particle with NO internal structure, i.e. • ✓
Not  ×]

diatomic molecule

$$H = U + pV = \frac{3}{2} NkT + pV = \frac{3}{2} pV + pV = \frac{5}{2} pV = \frac{5}{2} NkT$$

$$\therefore C_p = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_p = \frac{5}{2} Nk = \frac{3}{2} Nk + Nk = C_v + Nk \quad (6)$$

[one mole: $C_p = C_v + R$] (so $C_p > C_v$ as expected)

$$\text{and } \boxed{C_v = \frac{3}{2} R, \text{ thus } C_p = \frac{5}{2} R \quad (\text{molar heat capacities})} \quad (7)$$

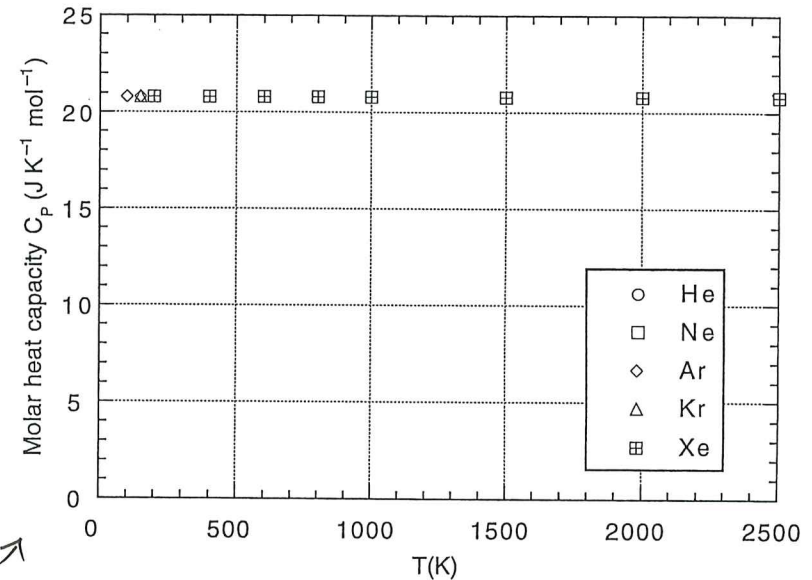
"Ideal Gas" is real stuff!

C_p (molar) ($\text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$)
Monatomic noble gases

T(K)	He	Ne	Ar	Kr	Xe
50	—	—	24.8	25.1	25.1
100	—	—	20.8	31.6	28.2
150	—	—	20.8	20.8	33.6
200	—	—	20.8	20.8	20.8
298.15	20.786	20.786	20.786	20.786	20.786
400	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8
600	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8
800	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8
1000	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8
1500	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8
2000	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8
2500	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8

not in
gas phase

The heat capacity of monatomic gases C_p versus absolute temperature. Data for temperatures less than the boiling point are not plotted. Notice that at the resolution of the measurement, the gases have the same heat capacity across a temperature variation of over an order of magnitude.



↑ Taken from de Podesta, "Understanding the properties of matter".

$$R = \text{Gas constant} = 8.3145 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$C_p \underset{\text{ideal gas}}{\approx} \frac{5}{2} R = 20.78625 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1} \quad [\text{worked very well against data}]$$

A signal on more physics in Diatomic Gases ($O_2, N_2, \dots$)

C_p (molar) ($J K^{-1} mol^{-1}$)

increasing
temperature
↓

T(K)	H ₂	O ₂	N ₂	F ₂	Cl ₂	Br ₂	I ₂
50	—	46.1	41.5	—	29.2	33.3	35.8
100	—	29.1	29.1	—	42.3	43.6	45.6
150	—	29.1	29.1	—	51.0	49.2	49.6
200	—	29.1	29.1	—	54.2	53.8	51.5
400	29.2	30.1	29.2	33.0	35.3	36.7	80.3
600	29.3	32.1	30.1	35.2	36.6	37.3	37.6
800	29.6	33.7	31.4	36.3	37.2	37.5	37.8
1000	30.2	34.9	32.7	37.0	37.5	37.7	37.9
1500	32.3	36.6	34.9	37.9	38.0	38.0	38.2
2000	34.3	37.8	36.0	38.4	38.3	38.2	38.5
2500	36.0	38.9	36.0	38.8	38.6	38.5	38.8

Not in
gas phases

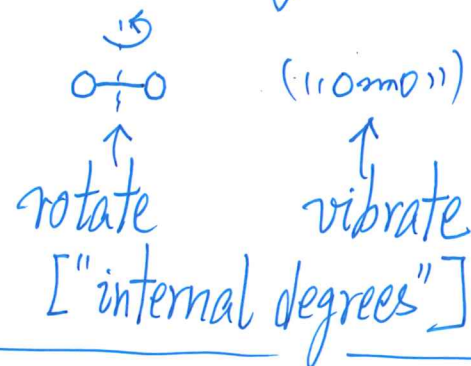
Taken from de Podesta, "Understanding the properties of matter"

$C_p \neq \frac{5}{2} R$ as for monatomic gases
 $\sim 20.8 J K^{-1} mol^{-1}$

What is "29.2"? "20.8 + 8.3"?

What is "37.x"? "20.8 + 8.3 + 8.3"?

Something more about
diatomic gases



Define $\gamma \equiv \frac{C_p}{C_v}$ (8) [we know $\gamma > 1$ in general]

• ideal gas (not general) $\gamma_{\text{ideal gas}} = \frac{\frac{5}{2}R}{\frac{3}{2}R} = \frac{5}{3} = 1.667$ (9)

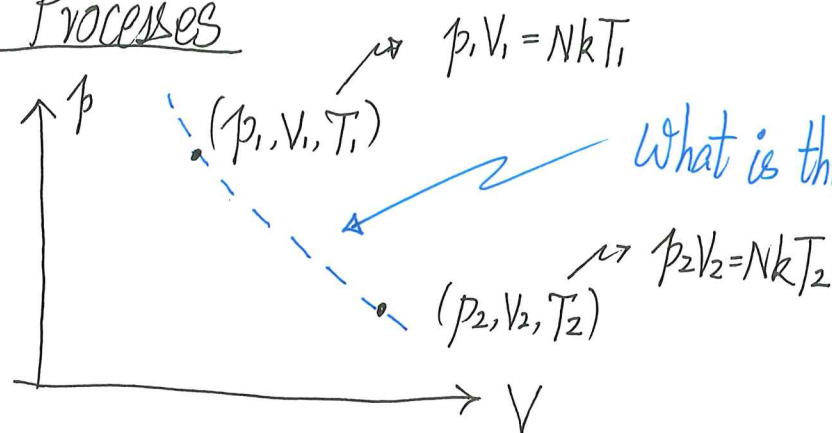
Data of γ for Gases [from de Podesta, "Understanding the properties of matter"]

Gas	T(°C)	T(K)	γ	Gas	T(°C)	T(K)	γ
Monatomic gases				Triatomic gases			
He	0.0	273.20	1.630	O ₃	—	—	1.290
Ar	0.0	273.20	1.667	H ₂ O	100.0	373.20	1.334
Ne	19.0	292.20	1.642	CO ₂	10.0	283.20	1.300
Kr	19.0	292.20	1.689	CO ₂	300.0	573.20	1.220
Xe	19.0	292.20	1.666	CO ₂	500.0	773.20	1.200
Hg	310.0	583.20	1.666	NH ₃	—	—	1.336
All the above results are close to 1.66				N ₂ O	—	—	1.324
Diatomic gases				H ₂ S	—	—	1.340
H ₂	10.0	283.20	1.407	CS ₂	—	—	1.239
N ₂	20.0	293.20	1.401	SO ₂	20.0	293.20	1.260
O ₂	10.0	283.20	1.400	SO ₂	500.0	773.20	1.200
CO	1800.0	2073.2	1.297	All the above results are close to 1.3			
NO	—	—	1.394	Polyatomic gases			
Most of the above results are close to 1.4				CH ₄	—	—	1.313
				C ₂ H ₆	—	—	1.220
				C ₃ H ₈	—	—	1.130
				C ₂ H ₂	—	—	1.260
				C ₂ H ₄	—	—	1.264
				C ₆ H ₆	20.0	293.20	1.400
				C ₆ H ₆	99.7	372.90	1.105
				CHCl ₃	30.0	303.20	1.110
				CHCl ₃	99.8	373.00	1.150
				CCl ₄	—	—	1.130
				The above results are between 1.1 and 1.4			

"—" (temperature $\approx 0^\circ\text{C} - 20^\circ\text{C}$)

C. Adiabatic Processes

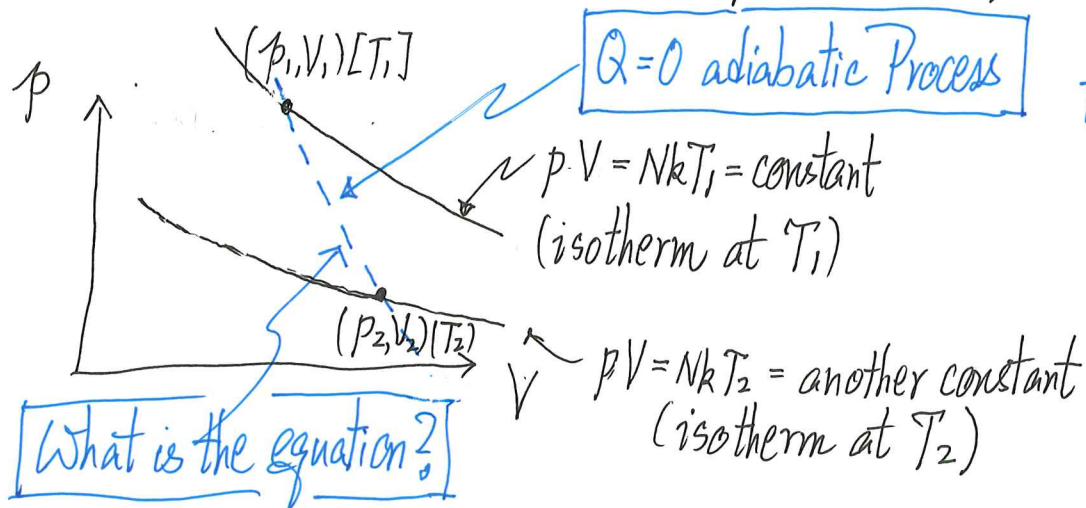
Question:



What is the equation for the curve on the indicator diagram when the process is carried out as a adiabatic reversible process?

Adiabatic $\Rightarrow Q = 0$; 1st law $dU = -pdV$

Ideal gas has $U(T)$ only, there is work done by system " $p dV$ " for adiabatic expansion $\Rightarrow$ drop in U (by dU) $\Rightarrow$ drop in temperature (by dT)



this is why $T_2 < T_1$

there are many more isotherms for $T_1 < T < T_2$

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Physical Sense: Adiabatic curve is steeper than the isotherms
it cuts across many isotherms between T_1 and T_2

Answer:

$$dU = \delta Q - p dV = -p dV \quad [\delta Q = 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow dU + p dV = 0$$

(general)

1 mole
ideal gas $\rangle C_v dT + \frac{RT}{V} dV = 0 \quad (10)$

ideal gas: $U = \frac{3}{2} N_A k T$, $dU = \frac{3}{2} N_A k dT$
(one mole)
 $= \frac{3}{2} R dT$
 $= C_v dT$

$pV = RT$

Physics: $\frac{RT}{V} dV = -C_v dT$

adiabatic expansion $\nearrow$ gives $dT < 0$ (drop in temperature, as U is spent on work done)
[Make sense!]

$$\therefore \frac{C_v}{R} \frac{dT}{T} + \frac{dV}{V} = 0$$

eg. of state used

[integrate from state ① to state ② (path already specified $\delta Q = 0$, reversibility used)]

$$\frac{C_v}{R} \ln T \Big|_{T_1}^{T_2} + \ln V \Big|_{V_1}^{V_2} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{C_v}{R} \ln \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \left[\left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\frac{C_v}{R}} \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1} \right) \right] = 0$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\frac{C_v}{R}} \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1} \right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow T_1^{\frac{C_v}{R}} V_1 = T_2^{\frac{C_v}{R}} V_2$$

$$\therefore \boxed{T^{\frac{C_v}{R}} V = \text{constant}} \quad (11)$$

Physics: Expansion $V_2 > V_1$, $\frac{V_2}{V_1} > 1$
 $\therefore \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\frac{C_v}{R}} < 1$ or $T_2 < T_1$ (temperature drops)
 (now given quantitatively)
 (ideal gas used: $C_v = \frac{3}{2}R$, $\frac{C_v}{R} = \frac{3}{2}$)
 [governing curve in T - V diagram for adiabatic process of ideal gas]

Next, turn this into curve in p - V diagram (easy: use $pV = RT$)
 true for all equil. states

$$\left(\frac{pV}{R}\right)^{\frac{C_v}{R}} V = C' \quad \leftarrow \text{a constant}$$

$$p^{\frac{C_v}{R}} V^{\frac{C_v}{R} + 1} = RC' = C'' \quad \leftarrow \text{also a constant}$$

$$p^{\frac{C_v}{R}} V^{\frac{C_v + R}{R}} = C''$$

$$\left(\frac{\text{ideal gas}}{C_v + R = C_p} \right)$$

$$p^{\frac{C_v}{R}} V^{\frac{C_p}{R}} = C''$$

$$p V^{\frac{C_p}{C_v}} = C \quad \leftarrow \text{just another constant} \quad \left(\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{p V^{\gamma} = \text{constant}} \quad (12)$$

$\leftarrow$ this is the curve on the p - V diagram for adiabatic processes (ideal gas)

$\leftarrow$ it is steeper than the isotherms given by $pV = \text{constant}$ ($\gamma > 1$) as expected determined by T

Adiabatic Expansion

Work Done BY system

$$= \int_{V_1}^{V_2} p(V) dV$$

$$(pV^\gamma = C \Rightarrow p = CV^{-\gamma})$$

$$= C \int_{V_1}^{V_2} V^{-\gamma} dV = \frac{C}{1-\gamma} [V_2^{1-\gamma} - V_1^{1-\gamma}] \quad (13a) \quad (\text{Done!})$$

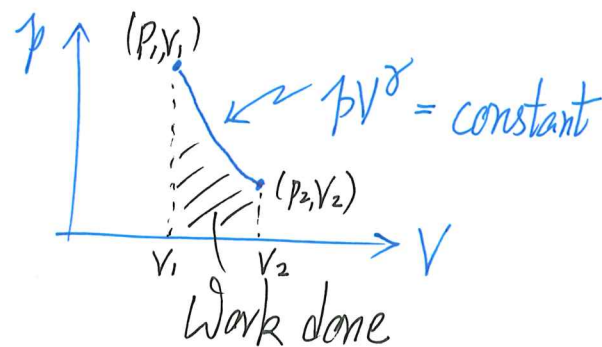
$$= \frac{1}{1-\gamma} [P_2 V_2^\gamma V_2^{1-\gamma} - P_1 V_1^\gamma V_1^{1-\gamma}]$$

both on curve
 $(P_1 V_1^\gamma = C = P_2 V_2^\gamma)$

$$= \frac{1}{1-\gamma} [P_2 V_2 - P_1 V_1]$$

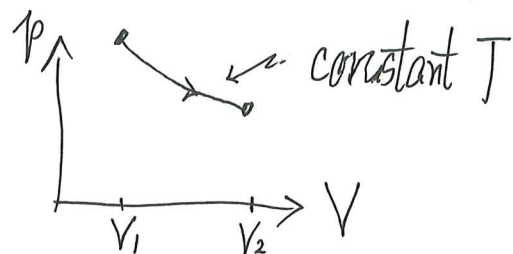
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{W_{\text{by system (adiabatic)}} = \frac{P_1 V_1 - P_2 V_2}{\gamma - 1}} \quad (13) \quad (\text{this should be positive})$$

Reminder: $Q_{\text{adiabatic}} = 0$ (thus U drops by $W_{\text{by system}}$)



E. Summary-

Reversible Isothermal expansion

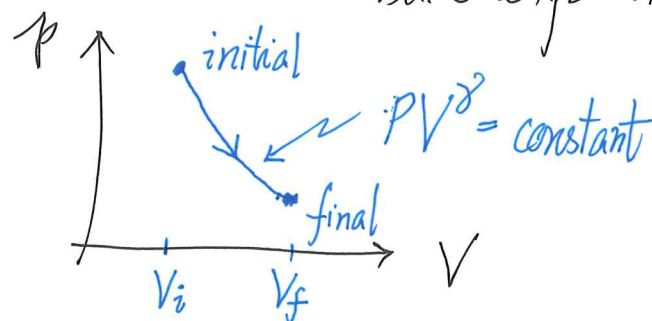


$$W_{\text{by system}} = RT \ln\left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right)$$

$$\Delta U = 0 \quad (\because U(T) \text{ for ideal gas})$$

$$Q_{\text{into system}} = RT \ln\left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right)$$

Reversible adiabatic expansion



$$W_{\text{by system}} = \frac{p_i V_i - p_f V_f}{\gamma - 1}, \quad \gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v} = \frac{5}{3}$$

↑
monatomic

$$Q = 0$$

ΔU drops by amount of $W_{\text{by system}}$

F. What for?

Ready to study reversible cycle

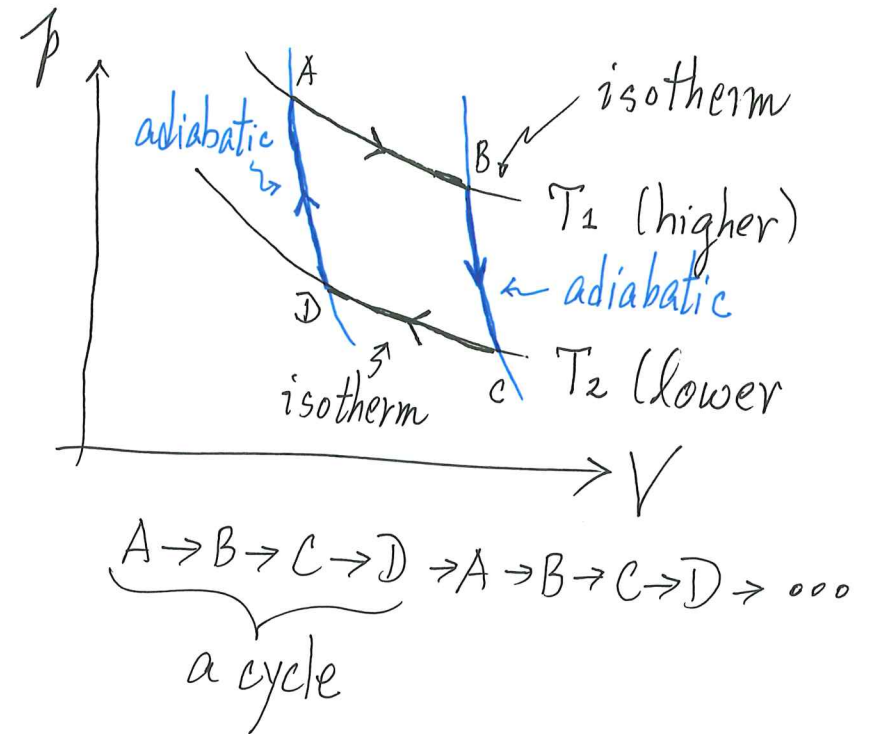
Can write down

- $W_{\text{by system}}$ ($W_{\text{on system}}$)

- Q_{in} (Q_{out})

- ΔU

for every steps ($\underbrace{A \rightarrow B}_{\text{isothermal}}$, $\underbrace{B \rightarrow C}_{\text{adiabatic}}$, $\underbrace{C \rightarrow D}_{\text{isothermal}}$, $\underbrace{D \rightarrow A}_{\text{adiabatic}}$)



Done!

Remarks : What is the creature called "Classical Ideal Gas"?

- Every entity (particles (e.g. electrons, protons), atoms, molecules) is either a boson or a fermion (Quantum Mechanics)
 $\Rightarrow$ Should there only be gases of bosons and gases of fermions?
- Under what conditions can QM effect be ignored?

- $pV = NkT$ has no indication of condensation to a liquid
 [How to describe gas to liquid transition? What is missing?]

Final Comment

- Ideal Gas [Nice, simple, quantities can easily be calculated & considered physically]
- Ideal Gas [Results are NOT general, don't extend them too far, e.g. $U = U(T)$ not true usually!]

Appendix : Layman's "Kinetic Theory of Gas"

- Why $U = \frac{3}{2} NkT$ for classical ideal gas?

no inter-particle interactions (except collisions)

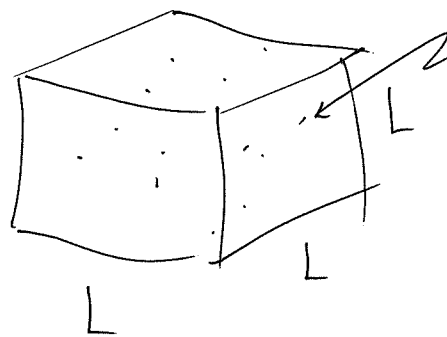
U = Total kinetic energy of particles ~~$U(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$~~

Kinetic Theory of Gas

- accept that there are particles (atoms, thus microscopic)
- follow particle's dynamics on an averaged way

Formally, derive Maxwell's distribution of molecular speeds and then obtain average k.e. per particle

But here we will do something far simpler (based on the "principles" of "make sense" & "What else can it be?")



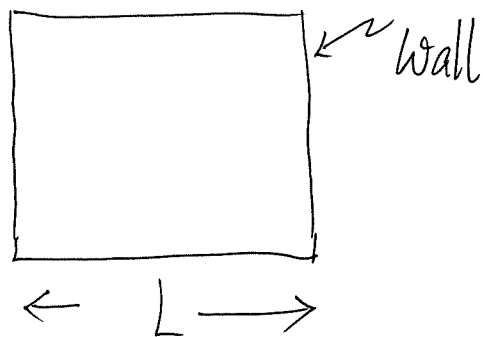
N particles moving around in every possible direction, collide, hit the walls and bounce back, ...
($N \sim 10^{23}$ for a small cube)

How about this?

• Particles just move along x, y, z directions

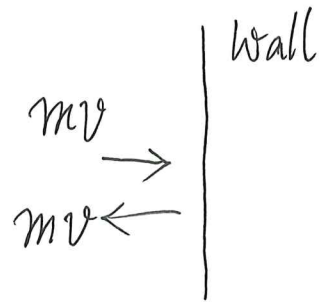
$\frac{N}{3}$ of them along each direction (e.g. x -direction, left-right)

• There is a representative speed v (or rougher - they all move with v)



$\frac{2L}{v}$ = time to travel and hit wall on RHS (one particle)

$\frac{v}{2L}$ = # times a particle hits wall in one second



change of momentum per hit = $2mv$ (one particle)

change of momentum per second = $2mv \cdot \frac{v}{2L}$ (one particle)

Force = $2mv \cdot \frac{v}{2L}$ (due to one particle)

Pressure = $2mv \cdot \frac{v}{2L} \left(\frac{1}{L^2} \right) = \frac{2mv^2}{2V}$
 due to one particle
 Area

$V = L^3 = \text{Volume}$

$N/3$ particles together

U (Total K.E.)

$$\text{Pressure } P = \frac{N}{3} \cdot \frac{mv^2}{V} \Rightarrow PV = \frac{N}{3} mv^2 = \frac{2}{3} N \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} mv^2 \right)$$

$$\therefore PV = \frac{2}{3} U \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{U = \frac{3}{2} PV = \frac{3}{2} NkT} \quad \text{Done! (1)}$$

Q: Can you trace the origin of that "3" and that "2"?

$$U = \text{Total k.e.} = N \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2}mv^2\right)}_{\substack{\text{typical k.e.} \\ \text{of a particle}}} = N \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2}kT\right)$$

∴ Temperature (or kT) is associated with the average kinetic energy due to the random motion of molecules in a system

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• You may say that particles move in $\underbrace{E, S, W, N, NE, NW, SW, SE}_{8 \text{ directions}}$

and $N/8$ in each direction

or even finer divisions

Then you need to resolve component

You will get the same answer!

