

## FIRST LAW- THERMODYNAMIC PROCESSES

For simplicity we are going to assume that our system consists of a perfect gas. Quantity will be  $n$  mols so

$$PV = nRT$$

First law tells us that

$$DQ = dU + DW$$

and  $u$  is a function of  $T$  only.

Monatomic gas

$$U = \frac{3}{2}nRT \quad (\text{MA})$$

Diatomic gas

$$U = \frac{5}{2}nRT \quad [\text{near } 300\text{K}] \quad (\text{DA})$$

### I: Constant Volume [ISOCHORE]

Here  $DW = 0$

So

$$\begin{aligned} DQ &= dU \\ &= \frac{3}{2}nR\Delta T \end{aligned}$$

Specific Heat (Quantity of heat required to change temperature by  $1^\circ\text{K}$ )

$$C_v = \left(\frac{DQ}{\Delta T}\right)_v = \frac{3}{2}nR$$

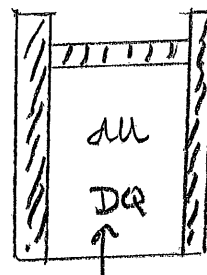
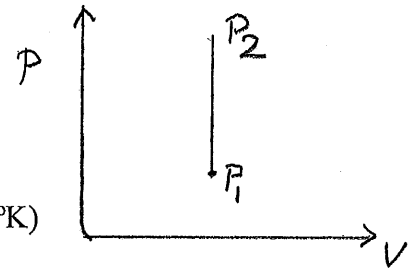
$$C_v \text{ per mol is } \frac{3}{2}R \quad (\text{MA})$$

$$\frac{5}{2}R \quad (\text{DA})$$

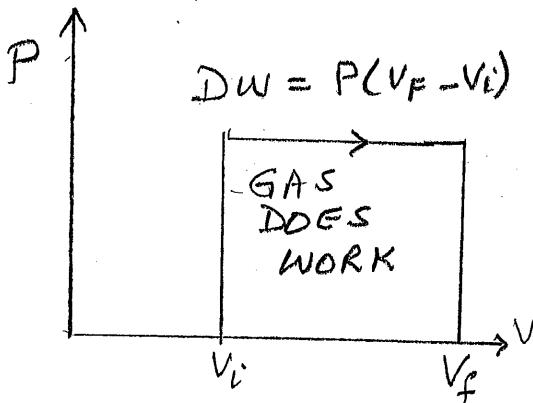
N.B. As  $V$  is const.  $\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{T_2}{T_1}$

### II: Constant Pressure [ $P = \text{Const.}$ ]

$$DQ = dU + P\Delta V = \frac{3}{2}nR\Delta T + P\Delta V$$



PISTON DOES NOT MOVE  
 $DW = 0$



PISTON MOVES

$$PV = nRT$$

$$(P + \Delta P)(V + \Delta V) = nR\Delta T$$

$$P\Delta V + V\Delta P = nR\Delta T$$

$$\Delta P = 0, \quad P\Delta V = nR\Delta T$$

[ $\Delta P\Delta V$  negligible]

$$\text{So } DQ = \frac{3}{2}nR\Delta T + nR\Delta T \quad (\text{MA})$$

Specific heat

$$C_p = \left( \frac{DQ}{\Delta T} \right)_p = \frac{5}{2}nR$$

$$C_p \text{ per mol} = \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) R \quad (\text{MA})$$

$$[C_p - C_v = R]$$

$$= \left( \frac{7}{2} \right) R \quad (\text{DA})$$

NOTE:  $C_p$  ALWAYS LARGER THAN  $C_v$ !

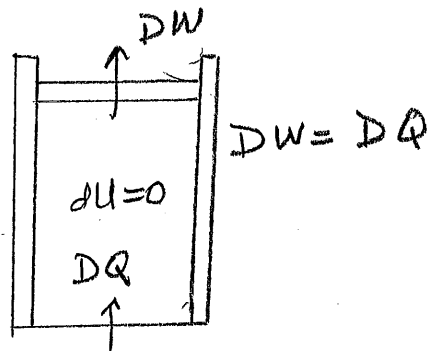
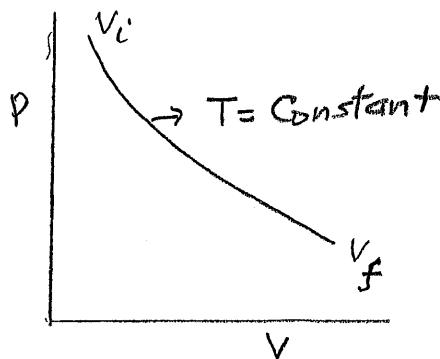
Define  $\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v}$ , always  $\geq 1$

III: ISOTHERM.

Temperature is const.

$$P \propto \frac{1}{V}$$

$$dU = 0$$



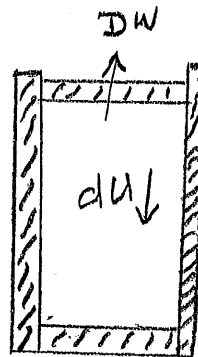
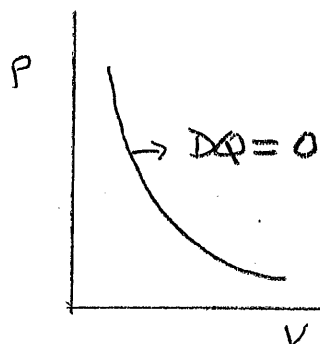
$$P \propto \frac{1}{V}$$

SO ISOTHERM MUST HAVE NEGATIVE SLOPE IN  $P$  vs  $V$

DIAGRAM.

$$DQ = \frac{3}{2}nRT \ln(V_f/V_i)$$

IV: ADIABATIC [ $DQ = 0$ .]



IF GAS EXPANDS IT MUST COOL DOWN BECAUSE DW COMES FROM dU

$$0 = dU + P \Delta V$$

Implies:

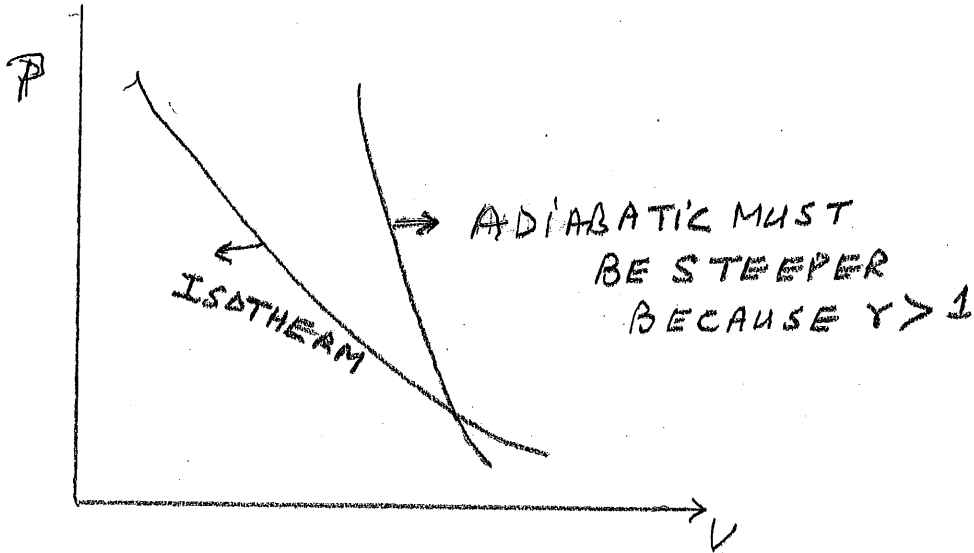
$$PV^\gamma = \text{Const.}$$

$$\underline{\gamma > 1}$$

or

$$TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{Const.}$$

N.B.



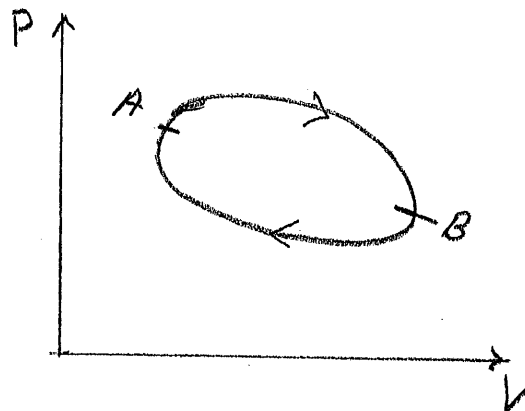
V: Cyclic Process

Since dU is independent of path

$$dU = 0$$

for a closed loop so

$$DQ = DW$$



For the cycle shown

A → B      Gas does work.

B → A      You do work.

Gas does more work than you do so you must ADD heat into the system to carry out this cycle.