



**Thermodynamics**  
**Heat & Work**  
**The First Law of Thermodynamics**

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## Last time

- work, heat, and the first law of thermodynamics
- work done on a gas
- $P$ - $V$  diagrams

# Overview

- more  $P$ - $V$  diagrams
- new vocabulary for describing processes
- applying the first law in various cases

# First Law of Thermodynamics

Reminder:

## Internal energy, $E_{\text{int}}$ or $U$

The energy that a system has as a result of its temperature and all other molecular motions, effects, and configurations, when viewed from a reference frame at rest with respect to the center of mass of the system.

## 1st Law

The change in the internal energy of a system is equal to the sum of the heat added to the system and the work done on the system.

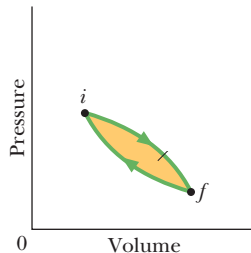
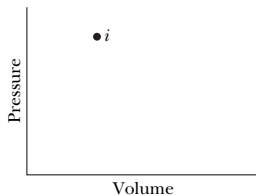
$$W + Q = \Delta E_{\text{int}}$$

This is just the conservation of energy assuming only the internal energy changes.

# Applying the 1st Law

Some special cases of interest:

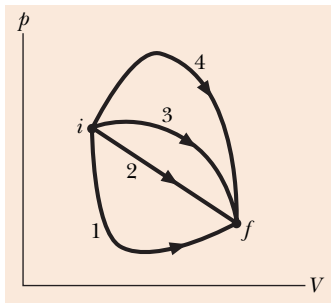
- for an isolated system,  
 $W = Q = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0$
- for a process  $(V_i, P_i)$  to  $(V_f, P_f)$ ,  
a **cycle**,  $\Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0 \Rightarrow Q = -W$



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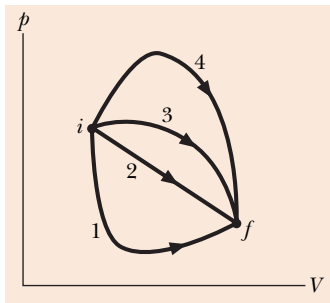
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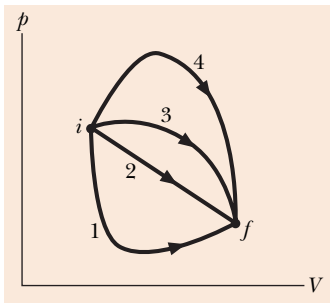
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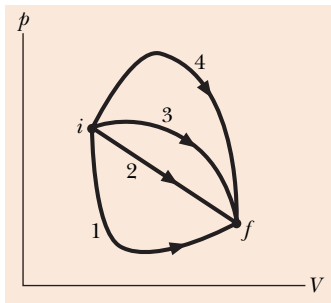
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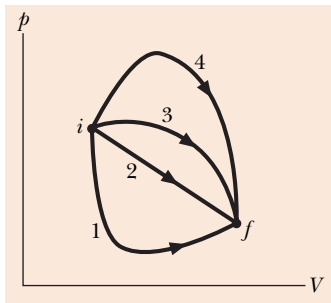
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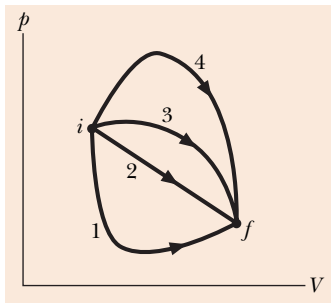
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There are infinitely many paths  $(V_i, P_i)$  to  $(V_f, P_f)$  that we might consider.

Ones that are of particular interest for modeling systems in engines, *etc.* are processes that keep one of the variables constant.

There is a technical name for each kind of process that keeps a variable constant.

# Applying the 1st Law: new Vocabulary

## Adiabatic process

is a process where no heat is transferred into or out of the system.

$$Q = 0$$

This type of transformation occurs when the gas is in a thermally insulated container, or the process is very rapid, so there is no time for heat transfer.

Since  $Q = 0$ :

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = W$$

# Applying the 1st Law: new Vocabulary

## Isobaric process

is a process that occurs at constant pressure.

$$P_i = P = P_f$$

This type of transformation occurs when the gas is free to expand or contract by coming into force equilibrium with a constant external environmental pressure.

In this case, the expression for work simplifies:

$$W = - \int_{V_i}^{V_f} P dV = -P(V_f - V_i)$$

# Applying the 1st Law: new Vocabulary

## Isovolumetric process

is a process that occurs at constant volume.

$$V_i = V = V_f$$

In an isovolumetric process the work done is zero, since the volume never changes.

$$W = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q$$

(An isovolumetric process can also be called an “isochoric process” .)

# Applying the 1st Law: new Vocabulary

## Isothermal process

is a process that occurs at constant temperature.

$$T_i = T = T_f$$

This kind of transformation is achieved by putting the system in thermal contact with a large constant-temperature reservoir.

In an isothermal process, assuming no change of phase (staying an ideal gas!):

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0$$



# Isothermal Expansion of an Ideal Gas

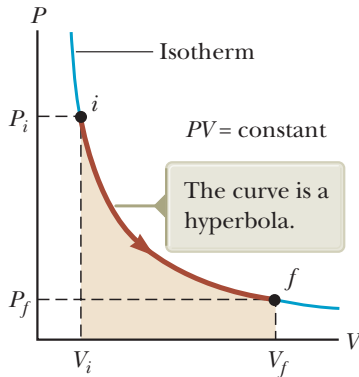
Since  $\Delta T = 0$ ,  $PV = nRT$  reduces to:

$$PV = a$$

where  $a$  is a constant. We could also write this as:

$$P = \frac{a}{V}$$

Plotting this function:



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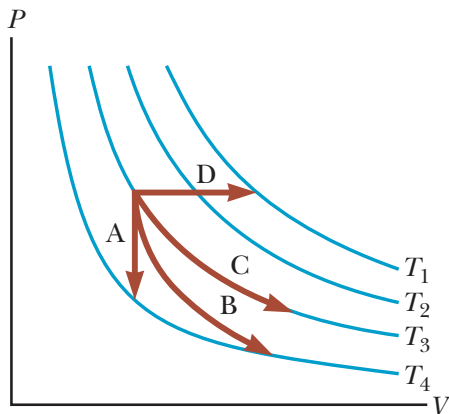
Since  $nRT$  is constant, the work done on the gas in an isothermal expansion is:

$$\begin{aligned}W &= - \int_{V_i}^{V_f} P dV \\&= - \int_{V_i}^{V_f} \frac{nRT}{V} dV \\&= -nRT \ln \left( \frac{V_f}{V_i} \right)\end{aligned}$$

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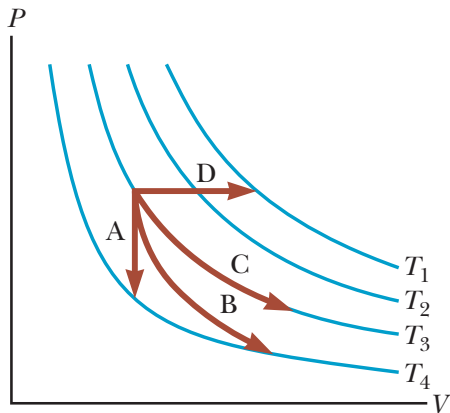


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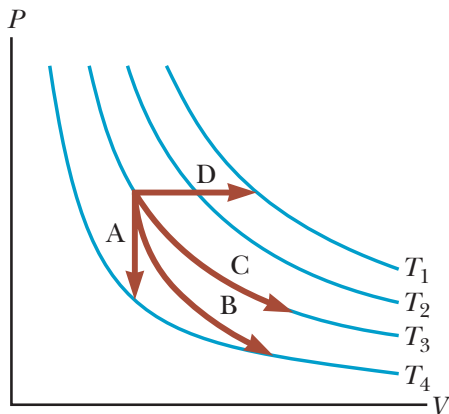
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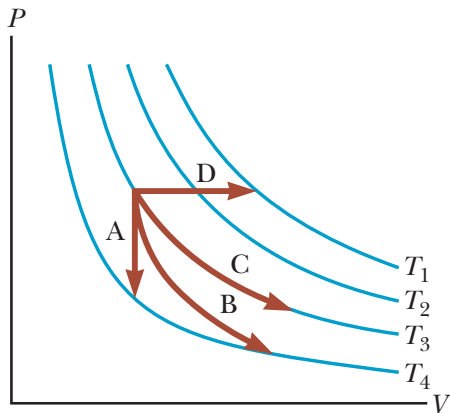


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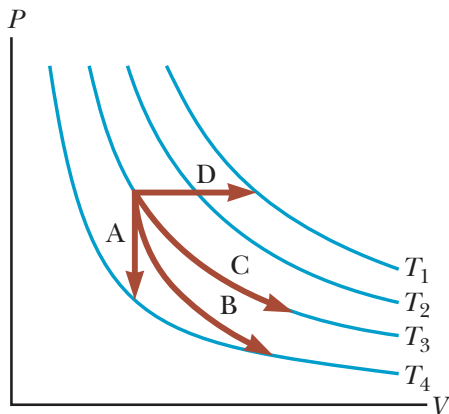
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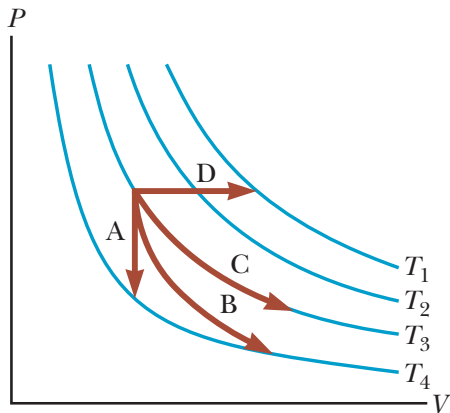


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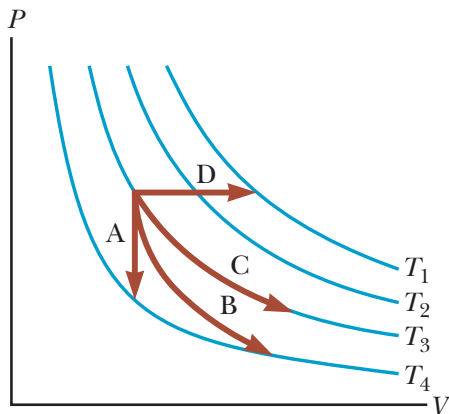
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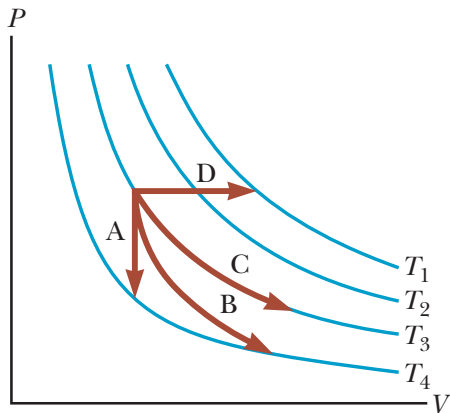


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## Example 20.6: Boiling water

This example illustrates how we can apply these ideas to liquids and solids also, and even around phase changes, as long as we are careful.

Suppose 1.00 g of water vaporizes isobarically at atmospheric pressure ( $1.013 \times 10^5$  Pa).

Its volume in the liquid state is  $V_i = V_{\text{liq}} = 1.00 \text{ cm}^3$ , and its volume in the vapor state is  $V_f = V_{\text{vap}} = 1671 \text{ cm}^3$ .

Find the work done in the expansion and the change in internal energy of the system. Ignore any mixing of the steam and the surrounding air; imagine that the steam simply pushes the surrounding air out of the way.

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Internal energy,  $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ ? Know  $W$ , must find  $Q$ :

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= L_v m \\ &= (2.26 \times 10^6 \text{ J/kg})(1^{-3} \text{ kg}) \\ &= 2260 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = W + Q = 2.09 \text{ kJ}$$

# Summary

- $P$ - $V$  diagrams

**Next Test** Tuesday, May 5 (? TBC), on Ch19, 20.

**Homework** Serway & Jewett:

- Read chapter 20 and look at the examples.