Physics 141. Lecture 24.



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- Course Information.
- Quiz
- Continue our discussion of Chapter 13:
 - Equation of state.
 - The energy distribution of an ideal gas and energy exchange with its environment.

Physics 141. Course information.

- Homework 10 is due on Friday December 8 at noon.
- Homework set 11 is due on Friday December 15 at noon.
- To calculate the final homework grade, I remove the lowest homework grade and then take the average of the remaining 10 homework grades. If you are happy with homework grades 1 – 10, you can consider homework 11 as optional.

- I will send a summary of all your grades in the course on Wednesday 12/13, including the results of a calculation that will show what grade you need to get on the final exam to get an A-, a B-, and a C- in this course.
- The final exam will take place on Wednesday 12/20 at 4 pm in Hoyt. The exam will take 3 hours and cover all the material discussed in Phy 141, except the error analysis.
- Extra office hours will be scheduled before the final exam. Details will be announced via email.

The real equation of state. Different points of view.



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The first law of thermodynamics. Adding/removing heat from a system.

- Consider a closed system:
 - Closed system
 - No change in mass
 - Change in energy allowed (exchange with environment)
 - Isolated system:
 - Closed system that does not allow an exchange of energy
- The internal energy of the system can change and will be equal to the heat added to the system minus the work done by the system: $\Delta U = Q W$ (note: this is the work-energy theorem).
- Note: keep track of the signs:
 - Heat: $Q \ge 0$ J means heat added, Q < 0 J means heat lost
 - Work: W > 0 J mean work done by the system, W < 0 J means work done on the system

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The first law of thermodynamics. Isothermal processes.

- An isothermal process is a process in which the temperature of the system is kept constant.
- This can be done by keeping the system in contact with a large heat reservoir and making all changes slowly.
- Since the temperature of the system is constant, the internal energy of the system is constant: $\Delta U = 0$ J.
- The first law of thermodynamics thus tells us that Q = W.



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The first law of thermodynamics. Adiabatic processes.

- An adiabatic process is a process in which there is no flow of heat (the system is an isolated system).
- Adiabatic processes can also occur in non-isolated systems, if *P* the change in state is carried out rapidly. A rapid change in the state of the system does not allow sufficient time for heat flow.
- The expansion of gases differs greatly depending on the process that is followed (see Figure).



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Work done during expansion/compression.

- Consider an ideal gas at pressure *p*.
- The gas exerts a force F on a moveable piston, and F = pA.
- If the piston moves a distance *dl*, the gas will do work:

dW = Fdl

Note: F and dl are parallel.

• The work done can be expressed in terms of the pressure and volume of the gas:





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Work done during expansion/compression. Isobaric and isochoric processes.

• Isobaric process:

- Processes in which the pressure is kept constant.
- $W_{\text{A}\rightarrow\text{B}} = pdV = p_A(V_B V_A)$

• Isochoric process:

- Processes in which the volume is kept constant.
- $W_{A->B} = p_A(V_B V_A) = 0$



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Work done during expansion/compression. Isothermal process.

• Isothermal process:

$$p = \frac{NkT}{V}$$

• The work done during the change from state *A* to state *B* is

$$W = \int_{V_A}^{V_B} p dV = NkT \int_{V_A}^{V_B} \frac{1}{V} dV$$
$$= NkT \ln\left(\frac{V_B}{V_A}\right)$$



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Work done during expansion/compression.

- The work done during the expansion of a gas is equal to the area under the *pV* curve.
- Since the shape of the *pV* curve depends on the nature of the expansion, so does the work done:
 - Isothermal: $W = NkT \ln(V_B / V_A)$
 - Isochoric: W = 0
 - Isobaric: $W = p_B (V_B V_A)$
- The work done to move state *A* to state *B* can take on any value!





2 Minute 48 Second Intermission.



- Since paying attention for 1 hour and 15 minutes is hard when the topic is physics, let's take a 2 minute 48 second intermission.
- You can:
 - Stretch out.
 - Talk to your neighbors.
 - Ask me a quick question.
 - Enjoy the fantastic music.
 - Solve a WeBWorK problem.



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First law of thermodynamics. Molecular specific heat.

- When we add heat to a system, its temperature will increase.
- For solids and liquids, the increase in temperature is proportional to the heat added, and the constant of proportionality is called the specific heat of the solid or liquid.
- When we add heat to a gas, the increase in temperature will depend on the other parameters of the system. For example, keeping the volume constant will results in a temperature rise that is different from the rise we see when we keep the pressure constant (the heat capacities will differ):
 - $Q = NC_V \Delta T$ (Constant Volume) • $Q = NC_P \Delta T$ (Constant Pressure)
 - Here, C_V and C_P are the molecular specific heats for constant volume and constant pressure.

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First law of thermodynamics. Molecular specific heat (p = constant).

- Consider what happens when we add Q_p to the system while keeping its pressure constant (p = NkT/V = constant).
- The work done by the gas will be $p\Delta V$.
- Using the ideal gas law, we can rewrite the work done by the gas as $W = p\Delta V = Nk\Delta T.$
- The change in the internal energy of the gas is thus equal to

$$\Delta U = Q_p - W = Q_p - Nk\Delta T$$

• Using the definition of C_P we can rewrite this relation as

 $\Delta U = NC_P \Delta T - Nk \Delta T = N(C_P - k) \Delta T$





First law of thermodynamics. Molecular specific heat (V = constant).

- Consider what happens when we add Q_V to the system while keeping its volume constant (V = NkT/p = constant).
- The work done by the gas will be $p\Delta V = 0$ J.
- The change in the internal energy of the gas is thus equal to $\Delta U = Q_V = NC_V \Delta T$
- Note: we also know from the Boltzmann distribution that $\Delta U = (3/2)Nk\Delta T$
- We thus conclude that

 $C_V = (3/2)k.$



Note: if the molecules have more than 3 degrees of freedom, C_V will increase!

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First law of thermodynamics. Molecular specific heat.



 $C_P = C_V + k = (3/2)k + k = (5/2)k$

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Adiabatic processes (Q = 0 J). What is the shape of the pV curve?

- The change in the internal energy of the gas is $N(3/2k) \Delta T = NC_V \Delta T$.
- The first law of thermodynamics thus tells us that

$$NC_{V}\Delta T = NC_{V}\int_{V_{A}}^{V_{B}} dT = -\int_{V_{A}}^{V_{B}} pdV$$

• Comparing the integrands we must require that

$$NC_V dT = -pdV = -\frac{NkT}{V}dV$$

$$V$$

 P
 P
 $A diabatic$
 V
 V
What is the shape of the pV curve?

or

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$$\frac{C_V}{k}\frac{dT}{T} + \frac{dV}{V} = 0$$

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Adiabatic processes (Q = 0 J).

• Integrating each term in the previous expression shows that

$$\frac{C_V}{k}\ln T + \ln V = \ln T^{\frac{C_V}{k}} + \ln V = \ln V T^{\frac{C_V}{k}} = \text{constant}$$

or

$$VT^{\frac{C_V}{k}} = \left(TV^{\frac{k}{C_V}}\right)^{\frac{C_V}{k}} = \text{constant}$$

• This expression can also be written in terms of the pressure and volume (which is of course what we need to defined the curve in the pressure versus volume graph):

$$TV^{\frac{k}{C_{v}}} = \left(\frac{pV}{Nk}\right)V^{\frac{k}{C_{v}}} = \frac{pV^{\frac{C_{v}+k}{C_{v}}}}{Nk} = \frac{pV^{\frac{C_{v}}{C_{v}}}}{Nk} = \frac{pV^{\gamma}}{Nk} = \text{constant}$$

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What do we conclude?



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Done for today!



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