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Temperature/Heat and the Ideal Gas Law.



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- Course information
- Topics to be discussed today:
 - Temperature (review).
 - The universal gas law.

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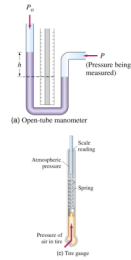
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- Homework set # 9 is now available and is due on Saturday morning, April 19, at 8.30 am.
- Midterm Exam # 3 will take place on Tuesday April 22 between 8.00 am and 9.30 am in Hubbell. The material to be covered is the material contained in Chapters 10, 11, 12, and 14.
- There will be extra office hours on Sunday and Monday. Details will be announced via email.

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Thermodynamic variables. Pressure.

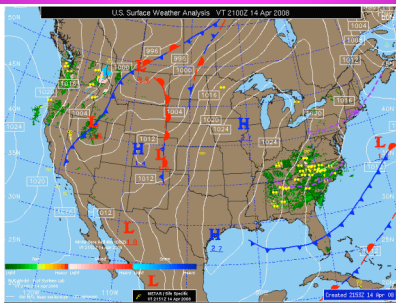
- Many devices that measure pressure, actually measure the pressure difference between the pressure of interest and the atmospheric pressure.
- Atmospheric pressure changes with altitude. The higher you go, the less air is pressing on your head! Airplanes use the atmospheric pressure to measure altitude.
- But keep into consideration that the atmospheric pressure at a fixed location and altitude is not constant!



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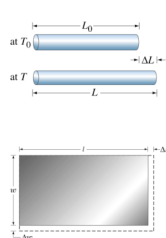
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Thermal expansion. Linear expansion.

- When the temperature of a material increases, its length will increase:

$$\Delta L = \alpha L \Delta T$$

- The coefficient α is the coefficient of linear expansion. Typical values are $0.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ and $10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ at room temperature.
- Note: a solid will expand in every direction!!!!



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Thermal expansion. Linear expansion.

- In everything we design we need to consider the effects of thermal expansion:

- Draw bridges must be able to open in summer and winter.
- Airplanes expand in flight due to friction with the air! The width of the Concorde increases by a few cm during its flight.



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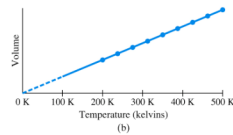
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Thermal expansion. Volume expansion.

- When we deal with liquids we usually talk about volume expansion:

$$\Delta V = \beta V \Delta T$$

- The coefficient β is the volume expansion coefficient.
- The coefficient of volume expansion β is related to the coefficient of linear expansion α .



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Relation between volume and linear expansion.

- Consider a volume V whose temperature is increased by ΔT :

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V &= (L + \Delta L)(W + \Delta W)(H + \Delta H) - LWH = \\ &= WH\Delta L + LH\Delta W + WL\Delta H = \\ &= V\left(\frac{\Delta L}{L} + \frac{\Delta H}{H} + \frac{\Delta W}{W}\right) = V(3\alpha\Delta T) \end{aligned}$$

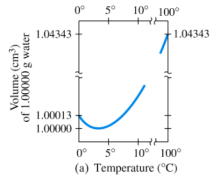
- We see that $\beta = 3\alpha$.

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Volume expansion. The water anomaly.

- Water has a very different thermal behavior from other liquids. It expands when it is cooled below 4°C.
- Its expansion continues even below the freezing point (frozen pipes). This is why ice cubes float!
- The anomalous behavior of water effects the way bodies of water freeze:
 - The body of water will cool down until it has a uniform temperature of 4°C.
 - Ice will form on top (life continues below).

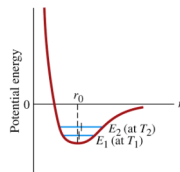


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Volume expansion. A microscopic view.

- The atoms in a solid are held together in a three-dimensional periodic lattice by spring-like interaction forces. The potential energy for a pair of neighboring atoms depends on their separation r , and has a minimum at $r = r_0$. The distance r_0 is the lattice spacing of a solid when the temperature approaches zero. The potential energy curve rises more steeply when the atoms are pushed together ($r < r_0$) than when they are pulled apart ($r > r_0$). The average separation distance at a temperature above the absolute zero will therefore be larger than r_0 . **A solid with a symmetric potential energy curve would not expand.**



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The equation of state of a gas.

- Thermal expansion of a gas is more complicated than thermal expansion of solids or liquids.
- The volume taken up by a gas is usually equal to the volume that is available.
- The volume expansion theory we just discussed applies only to a gas if its pressure is kept constant.
- In order to state of a gas, we need to specify its temperature, its volume, and its pressure. The relation between these variables and the mass of the gas is called **the equation of state**.

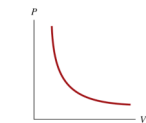
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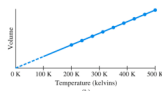
The equation of state of a gas.

- The equation of state of a gas was initially obtained on the basis of observations.

- Boyle's Law (1627 - 1691):
 $PV = \text{constant}$ for gases maintained at constant temperature.



- Charles's Law (1746 - 1823):
 $V/T = \text{constant}$ for gases maintained at constant pressure.



- Gay-Lussac's Law (1778 - 1850):
 $P/T = \text{constant}$ for gases maintained at constant volume.

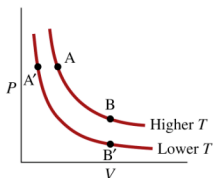
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The equation of state of a gas.

- Combining the various gas laws we can obtain a single more general relation between pressure, temperature, and volume: $pV \propto T$

- Another observation that needs to be included is the dependence on the amount of gas: if pressure and temperature are kept constant, the volume is proportional to the mass m : $pV \propto mT$



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The equation of state of a gas.

- The equation of state of a gas can be written as

$$pV = nRT$$

where

- p = pressure (in Pa).
- V = volume (in m^3).
- n = number of moles of gas (1 mole = 6.02×10^{23} molecules or atoms). Note the number of molecules in a mole is also known as Avogadro's number N_A .
- R = the universal gas constant ($R = 8.315 \text{ J}/(\text{mol K})$).
- T = temperature (in K).

- Note: the equation of state is the equation of state of an ideal gas. Gases at very high pressure and/or close to the freezing point show deviations from the ideal gas law.

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The equation of state of a gas.
Example problem.

- A cylinder contains oxygen at 20°C and a pressure of 15 atm at a volume of 12 l. The temperature is raised to 35°C , and the volume is reduced to 8.5 l. What is the final pressure of the gas?
- Since the amount of gas does not change, we can rewrite the ideal gas law in the following way: $pV/T = \text{constant}$. Since we know the initial state, we can determine the missing information about the final state:

$$p_i V_i / T_i = p_f V_f / T_f$$

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Example problem.

- The final pressure of the gas is equal to

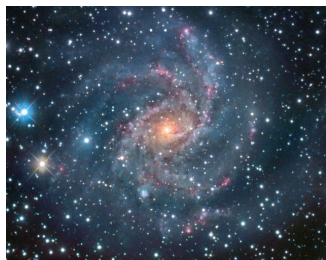
$$p_f = p_i (V_i / V_f) / (T_i / T_f)$$

- **Note:**
 - This relation will preserve the units of pressure.
 - The units of volume cancel, and we can keep the volume in units of liters. Note: for whatever we unit we choose, zero volume in SI units, correspond to zero volume in all other units.
 - The units of temperature must be in Kelvin. The temperature ratio $T_i / T_f = (273.15 + 20) / (273.15 + 35) = 0.951$ when T is expressed in Kelvin. The ratio would be 0.571 when T is expressed in Celsius.
- When we use the correct units, we find that $p_f = 22$ atm.

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Done for today!
On Thursday: The Kinetic Theory of Gases.



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