

Homework: 25, 28, 32, 33, 40 (page 532)

25. Determine the average value of the translational kinetic energy of the molecules of an ideal gas at (a) 0.00°C and (b) 100°C. What is the translational kinetic energy per mole of an ideal gas at (c) 0.00°C and (d) 100°C?

(a) The translational kinetic energy per molecule:

$$\overline{K} = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

$$T = 0 + 273 = 273 \text{ K} :$$

$$\overline{K} = \frac{3}{2} \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 273 = 5.65 \times 10^{-21} \text{ (J)}$$

(b) see (a): $\overline{K} = \frac{3}{2} \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 373 = 7.72 \times 10^{-21} \text{ (J)}$

(c) The translational kinetic energy per mole: $K_{mole} = \overline{K} \times N_A$

$$K_{mole} = 5.65 \times 10^{-21} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 3.4 \times 10^3 \text{ (J)}$$

(d) $K_{mole} = 4.7 \times 10^3 \text{ (J)}$

Note: If a sample of gas has n moles (or N molecules), its total translational kinetic energy is:

$$K_{total} = n \times K_{mole} = n \times N_A \times \overline{K}$$

$$K_{total} = n \times K_{mole} = n \times N_A \times \frac{3}{2} kT = \frac{3}{2} nRT$$

$$K_{total} = \frac{3}{2} nRT$$

28. At what frequency would the wavelength of sound in air be equal to the mean free path of oxygen molecules at 1.0 atm pressure and 0.0°C? take the diameter of an oxygen molecule to be 3.0×10^{-8} cm.

Mean Free Path:
$$\lambda_{\text{MFP}} = \frac{kT}{\sqrt{2}\pi d^2 p}$$

$$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}; T = 273 \text{ K}; p = 1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa};$$

$$d = 3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} = 3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

Frequency of sound in air:
$$f_{\text{sound}} = \frac{v_{\text{sound in air}}}{\lambda_{\text{sound}}} = \frac{v_{\text{sound in air}}}{\lambda_{\text{MFP}}}$$

$$v_{\text{sound in air}} = 343 \text{ m/s}:$$

$$\lambda_{\text{MFP}} = 9.33 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}$$

$$f_{\text{sound}} = \frac{343}{9.33 \times 10^{-8}} \approx 3.68 \times 10^9 \text{ (Hz) or } 3.68 \text{ GHz}$$

32. At 20°C and 750 torr pressure, the mean free paths for argon gas (Ar) and nitrogen (N₂) are $\lambda_{Ar}=9.9\times 10^{-6}$ cm and $\lambda_{N_2}=27.5\times 10^{-6}$ cm. (a) Find the ratio of the diameter of an Ar atom to that of an N₂ molecule. What is the mean free path of Ar at (b) 20°C and 150 torr, and (c) -40°C and 750 torr?

Mean Free Path:

$$\lambda = \frac{kT}{\sqrt{2}\pi d^2 p}$$

(a) The ratio d_{Ar} to d_{N_2} :

$$\frac{d_{Ar}}{d_{N_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{N_2}}{\lambda_{Ar}}}$$

(b):

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{kT_1}{\sqrt{2}\pi d^2 p_1}; \lambda_2 = \frac{kT_2}{\sqrt{2}\pi d^2 p_2}$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{T_2}{T_1} \times \frac{p_1}{p_2} \times \lambda_1$$

33. The speeds of 10 molecules are 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, ..., 11 km/s. What are their (a) average speed and (b) rms speed?

$$(a) \quad \bar{v} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N v_i}{N} = \frac{2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + 11}{10} = \frac{65}{10} = 6.5 \text{ (km/s)}$$

$$(b) \quad v_{rms} = \sqrt{(v^2)_{avg}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N v_i^2}{N}} = 7.1 \text{ (km/s)}$$

40. Two containers are at the same temperature. The first contains gas with pressure p_1 , molecular mass m_1 , and rms speed v_{rms1} . The second contains gas with pressure $1.5p_1$, molecular mass m_2 , and average speed $v_{avg2}=2.0v_{rms1}$. Find the mass ratio m_1/m_2 .

RMS speed: $v_{rms1} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT_1}{m_1}}$

Average speed: $\bar{v}_2 = \sqrt{\frac{8RT_2}{\pi m_2}}$

$$T_1 = T_2 \Rightarrow \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{3\pi}{8} \left(\frac{\bar{v}_2}{v_{rms1}} \right)^2 = 4.71$$

Chapter 3 The Kinetic Theory of Gases

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3.4. The Molar Specific Heats of an Ideal Gas

Let's consider our ideal gas of n moles that is a monatomic gas, which has individual atoms, e.g. helium, argon, neon.

For a single atom, the average translational KE:

$$\overline{K} = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

The internal energy E_{int} of the gas (no rotational KE for monatomic gases):

$$E_{\text{int}} = \sum_1^N \overline{K} = \frac{3}{2} kT \times nN_A = \frac{3}{2} nRT$$

Recall molar specific heat: $Q = Cn\Delta T$

a. Molar specific heat at constant volume:

- Consider n moles of an ideal gas at state i: p , T , and fixed $V \rightarrow$ state f: $p+\Delta p$, $T+\Delta T$

$$Q = nC_V \Delta T$$

C_V is a constant and called the molar specific heat at constant volume.

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q - W = nC_V\Delta T - W = \frac{3}{2}nR\Delta T$$

Since $W = 0 \Rightarrow C_V = \frac{3}{2}R = 12.5 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$

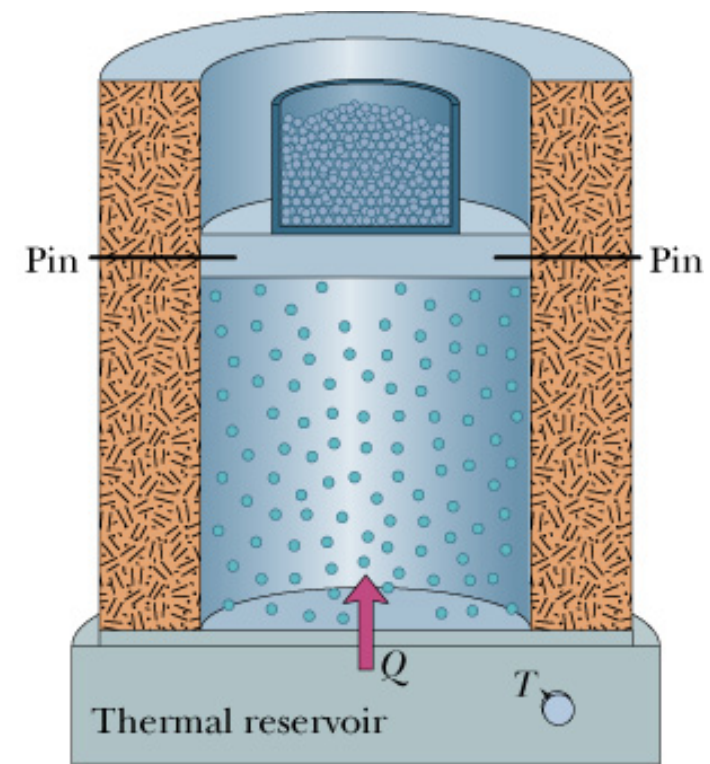
Note: For diatomic and polyatomic gases, their C_V is greater than that of monatomic gases.

So, the change in internal energy can be calculated by:

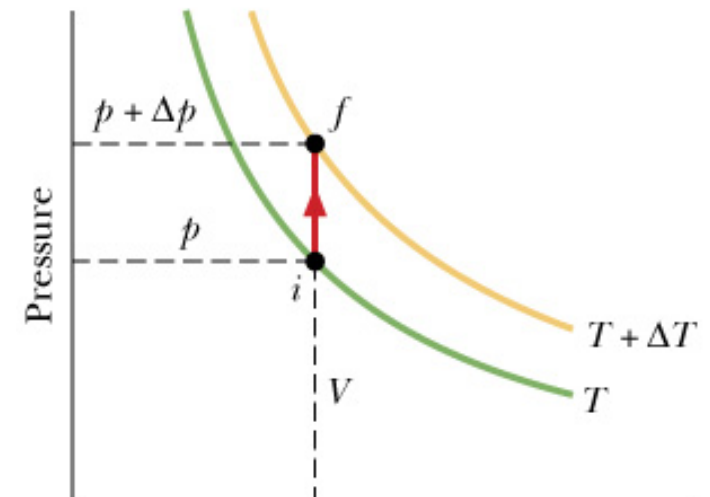
$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = \frac{3}{2}nR\Delta T$$

or

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = nC_V\Delta T$$



(a)



(b)

b. Molar specific heat at constant pressure:

$$Q = nC_p \Delta T$$

C_p is the molar specific heat at constant pressure.

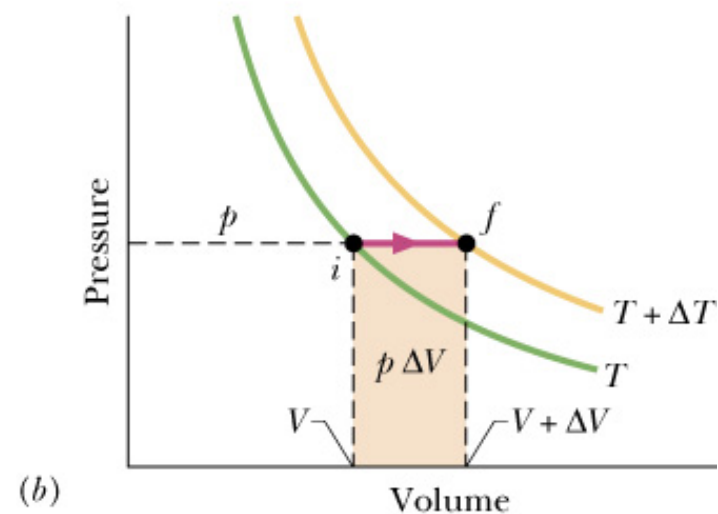
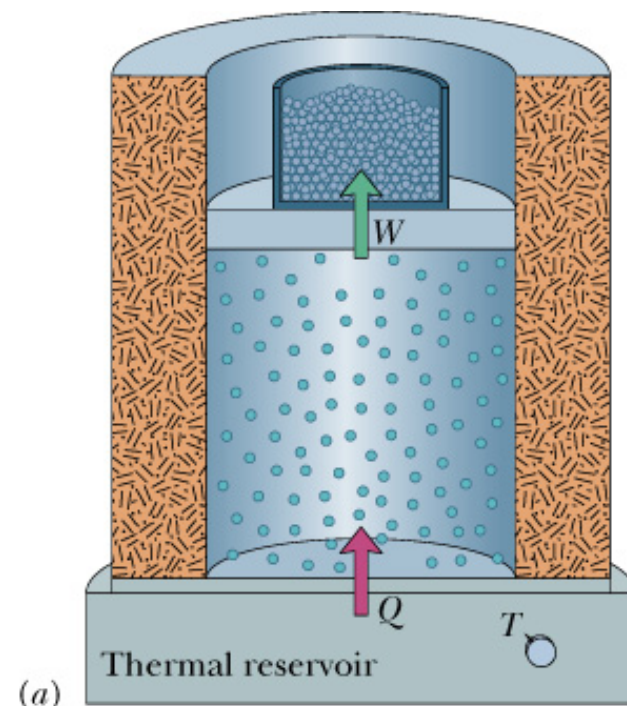
$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q - W$$

$$W = p\Delta V = nR\Delta T$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2}nR\Delta T = nC_p\Delta T - nR\Delta T$$

$$C_p = \frac{3}{2}R + R = \frac{5}{2}R$$

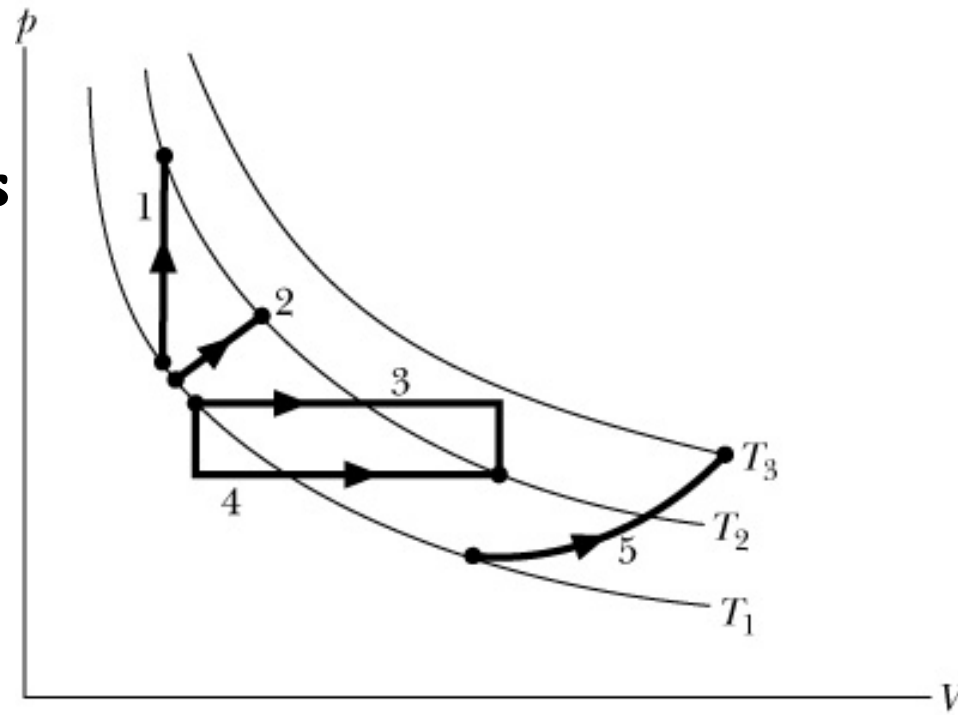
$$C_p = C_V + R$$



Checkpoint 4 (p. 522): The figure here shows 5 paths traversed by a gas on a p-V diagram. Rank the paths according to the change in internal energy of the gas, greatest first.

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = \frac{3}{2} nR\Delta T$$

$$T_3 > T_2 > T_1$$



Example: (Problem 8, page 530) Suppose 1.8 mol of an ideal gas is taken from a volume of 3.0 m³ to a volume of 1.5 m³ via an isothermal compression at 30°C. (a) How much energy is transferred as heat during the compression, and (b) is the transfer to or from the gas?

(a) We have:
$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q - W = nC_V\Delta T$$

An isothermal process: $T = \text{constant}$

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

Work done by the gas for isotherm:

$$W = nRT \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i}$$

$$Q = W = 1.8 \times 8.31 \times (30 + 273) \times \ln \frac{1.5}{3.0} \approx -3142 \text{ (J)}$$

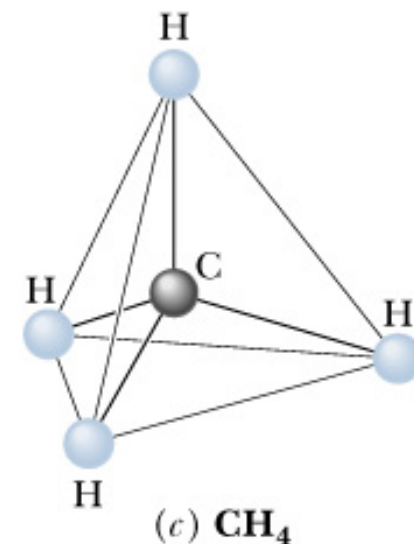
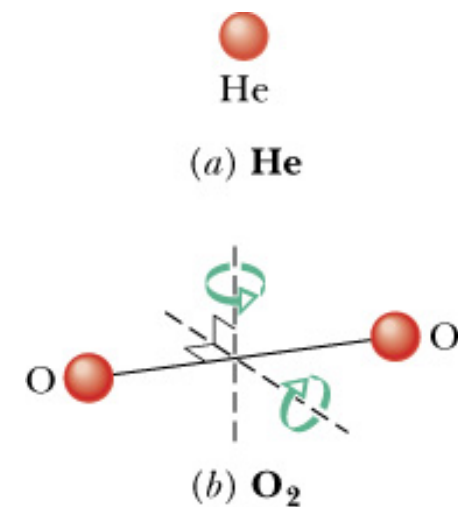
(b) $Q < 0$: heat transferred from the gas

3.5. The Equipartition-of-Energy Theorem

Every kind of molecule has a certain number f of *degrees of freedom*. For each degree of freedom in which a molecule can store energy, the average internal energy is $\frac{1}{2}kT$ per molecule.

Molecule	Example	Degrees of freedom		
		Translational	Rotational	Total (f)
Monatomic	He	3	0	3
Diatomic	O ₂	3	2	5
Polyatomic	CH ₄	3	3	6

$$C_V = \left(\frac{f}{2}\right)R$$
$$C_p = C_V + R$$



3.6. The Adiabatic Expansion of an Ideal Gas

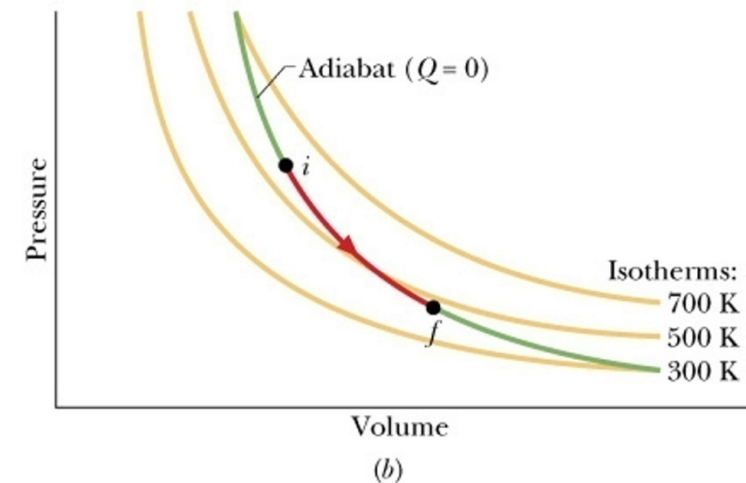
What is an adiabatic process?: a process for which $Q = 0$

$$pV^\gamma = \text{constant}$$

where $\gamma = C_p/C_V$

Equation of state: $pV = nRT$

$$TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{constant}$$



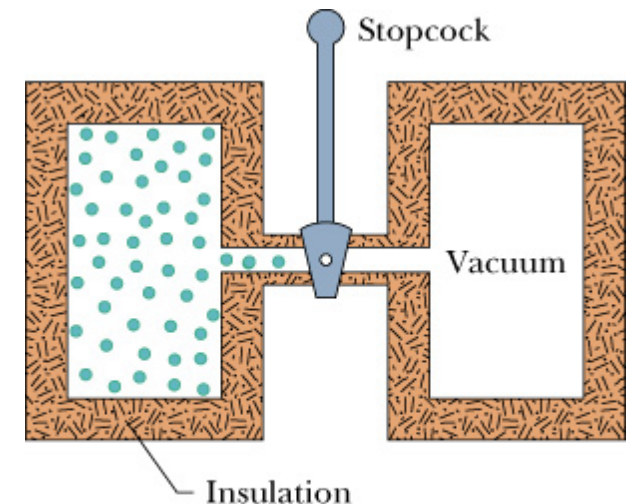
Proof of the equations above, see p. 526-527 (homework)

Free expansions:

Recall: $Q = W = 0$

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0 \Rightarrow T_i = T_f$$

$$p_i V_i = p_f V_f$$



Homework: 42, 44, 46, 54, 56, 78 (p. 533-535)