

## Reversible Adiabatic Expansion (or compression) of an Ideal Gas

$$1 \text{ mole gas } (V_1, T_1) = 1 \text{ mole gas } (V_2, T_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{adiabatic} &\Rightarrow \delta q = 0 & \text{Reversible} &\Rightarrow \delta w = -pdV \\ \text{Ideal gas} &\Rightarrow dU = C_V dT \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{From 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ Law } dU = -pdV \Rightarrow C_V dT = -pdV \text{ along path}$$

$$C_V dT = -pdV \xrightarrow{p = \frac{RT}{V}} C_V \frac{dT}{T} = -R \frac{dV}{V}$$

$$C_V \int_{T_1}^{T_2} \frac{dT}{T} = -R \int_{V_1}^{V_2} \frac{dV}{V} \Rightarrow \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right) = \left( \frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^{R/C_V} \xrightarrow{C_p - C_V = R \text{ for i.g.}} \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right) = \left( \frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^{\frac{C_p}{C_V} - 1}$$

$$\text{Define } \gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_V} \Rightarrow \left[ \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right) = \left( \frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^{\gamma - 1} \right]$$

$$\text{For monatomic ideal gas: } \left. \begin{aligned} C_V &= \frac{3}{2}R \\ C_p &= \frac{5}{2}R \end{aligned} \right\} \gamma = \frac{5}{3} \text{ (> 1 generally)}$$

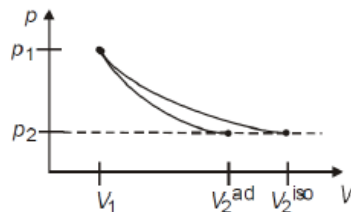
In an adiabatic expansion ( $V_2 > V_1$ ), the gas cools ( $T_2 < T_1$ ).  
And in an adiabatic compression ( $V_2 < V_1$ ), the gas heats up.

$$\text{For an ideal gas (one mole) } T = \frac{pV}{R} \Rightarrow \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1} \right) = \left( \frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^\gamma \Rightarrow \boxed{p_1 V_1^\gamma = p_2 V_2^\gamma}$$

$pV^\gamma$  is constant along a reversible adiabat

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left( \frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^{\gamma - 1} = \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma}}$$

$$\text{For an isothermal process } T = \text{constant} \Rightarrow pV = \text{constant}$$



$V_2^{\text{adiabat}} < V_2^{\text{isotherm}}$   
because the gas  
cools during reversible  
adiabatic expansion

$$\gamma = \frac{C_P}{C_V} = \frac{C_V + R}{C_V} = 1 + \frac{R}{C_V}$$

Whence, 
$$C_V = \frac{R}{\gamma - 1}$$

Therefore 
$$W = C_V \Delta T = \frac{R \Delta T}{\gamma - 1}$$

Since  $RT_1 = P_1 V_1$  and  $RT_2 = P_2 V_2$ , this expression may be written:

$$W = \frac{RT_2 - RT_1}{\gamma - 1} = \frac{P_2 V_2 - P_1 V_1}{\gamma - 1}$$

### Irreversible Adiabatic Expansion of an ideal gas against a constant external pressure

$$1 \text{ mol gas } (p_1, T_1) = 1 \text{ mol gas } (p_2, T_2) \quad (p_{\text{ext}} = p_2)$$

adiabatic  $\Rightarrow dq = 0$

Constant  $p_{\text{ext}} = p_2 \Rightarrow dw = -p_2 dV$

Ideal gas  $\Rightarrow dU = C_V dT$

1<sup>st</sup> Law  $\Rightarrow dU = -p_2 dV$

$$\therefore C_V dT = -p_2 dV$$

Integrating:  $C_V (T_2 - T_1) = -p_2 (V_2 - V_1)$

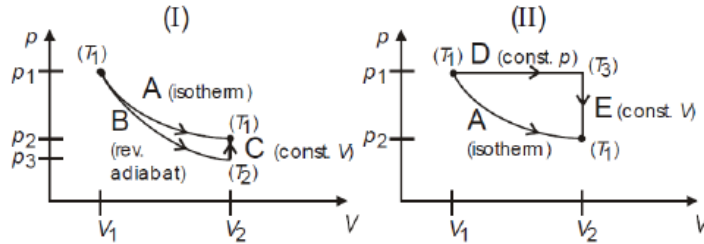
Using  $pV = RT$   $T_2 (C_V + R) = T_1 \left( C_V + \frac{p_2}{p_1} R \right)$

Note  $p_2 < p_1 \Rightarrow T_2 < T_1$  Again, expansion cools

Note also  $(-w_{\text{rev}}) > (-w_{\text{irrev}})$  Less work is recovered through an irreversible process

**Some Thermodynamic Cycles**

- Reversible Ideal Gas processes: Find  $\Delta U, \Delta H, q, w, \int \frac{dq}{T}$



[A] 1 mol gas  $(p_1, V_1, T_1) \xrightarrow{\text{const. } T} 1 \text{ mol gas } (p_2, V_2, T_1)$

Ideal gas isotherm:

$$\Delta U_A = 0 \quad \Delta H_A = 0$$

$$w_A = -RT_1 \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1} \quad q_A = RT_1 \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1} \quad \int \frac{dq}{T} = R \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1}$$

[B] 1 mol gas  $(p_1, V_1, T_1) \xrightarrow{\text{rev. adiabat}} 1 \text{ mol gas } (p_3, V_3, T_2)$

Adiabat:

$$q_B = 0$$

Ideal gas:

$$\Delta U_B = C_V (T_2 - T_1)$$

$$\Delta H_B = C_P (T_2 - T_1)$$

1<sup>st</sup> Law:

$$w_B = C_V (T_2 - T_1)$$

$$\int \frac{dq_B}{T} = 0$$

[C] 1 mol gas  $(p_3, V_2, T_2) \xrightarrow[\text{const. } V]{\text{reversible}} 1 \text{ mol gas } (p_2, V_2, T_1)$

Constant  $V$ :

$$w_C = 0$$

Ideal gas:

$$\Delta U_C = C_V (T_1 - T_2)$$

$$\Delta H_C = C_P (T_1 - T_2)$$

1<sup>st</sup> Law:

$$q_C = C_V (T_1 - T_2)$$

$$\int \frac{dq_C}{T} = C_V \ln \left( \frac{T_1}{T_2} \right)$$

This result suggests that  $\left(\int \frac{dq_{rev}}{T}\right)$  is a state function!

$$[D] \quad \begin{array}{|l} \Delta U_b = C_V(T_3 - T_1) \\ \Delta H_b = C_p(T_3 - T_1) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|l} q_b = C_p(T_3 - T_1) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{|l} w_b = -R(T_3 - T_1) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|l} \int \frac{dq_b}{T} = C_p \ln\left(\frac{T_3}{T_1}\right) \end{array}$$

$$[E] \quad \begin{array}{|l} \Delta U_E = C_V(T_1 - T_3) \\ \Delta H_E = C_p(T_1 - T_3) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|l} w_E = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|l} q_E = C_V(T_1 - T_3) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{|l} \int \frac{dq_E}{T} = C_V \ln\left(\frac{T_1}{T_3}\right) \end{array}$$

EX/ One mole of an ideal gas with  $C_p = (7/2)R$  and  $C_V = (5/2)R$  expands from  $P_1 = 8$  bar and  $T_1 = 600$  K to  $P_2 = 1$  bar by each of the following paths:

(a) Constant volume; (b) Constant temperature; (c) Adiabatically.

Assuming mechanical reversibility, calculate  $W$ ,  $Q$ ,  $\Delta U$ , and  $\Delta H$  for each process.

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$$P_1 := 8 \cdot \text{bar} \quad P_2 := 1 \cdot \text{bar} \quad T_1 := 600 \cdot \text{K} \quad C_p := \frac{7}{2} \cdot R \quad C_V := \frac{5}{2} \cdot R$$

$$(a) \text{ Constant } V: \quad W = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta U = Q = C_V \cdot \Delta T$$

$$T_2 := T_1 \cdot \frac{P_2}{P_1} \quad \Delta T := T_2 - T_1 \quad \Delta T = -525 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta U := C_V \cdot \Delta T \quad \mathbf{Q \text{ and } \Delta U = -10.91 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}} \quad \text{Ans.}}$$

$$\Delta H := C_p \cdot \Delta T \quad \mathbf{\Delta H = -15.28 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}} \quad \text{Ans.}}$$

**(b) Constant T:**

$$\Delta U = \Delta H = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Q = W$$

$$\text{Work} := R \cdot T_1 \cdot \ln\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)$$

$$Q \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Work} = -10.37 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**(c) Adiabatic:**

$$Q = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta U = W = C_V \cdot \Delta T$$

$$\gamma := \frac{C_p}{C_v} \quad T_2 := T_1 \cdot \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \quad T_2 = 331.227 \text{ K} \quad \Delta T := T_2 - T_1$$

$$\Delta U := C_V \cdot \Delta T$$

$$\Delta H := C_p \cdot \Delta T$$

$$W \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta U = -5.586 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}} \quad \text{Ans.} \quad \Delta H = -7.821 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

EX/An ideal gas initially at 600 K and 10 bar undergoes a four-step mechanically reversible cycle in a closed system. In step 12, pressure decreases isothermally to 3 bar; in step 23, pressure decreases at constant volume to 2 bar; in step 34, volume decreases at constant pressure; and in step 41, the gas returns adiabatically to its initial state (2 bar). Calculate Q, W, ΔU, and ΔH for each step of the cycle.  $C_p = (7/2)R$  and  $C_v = (5/2)R$ .

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$$P_4 := 2 \text{ bar} \quad C_p := \frac{7}{2}R \quad C_v := \frac{5}{2}R$$

$$P_1 := 10 \text{ bar} \quad T_1 := 600 \text{ K} \quad V_1 := \frac{R \cdot T_1}{P_1} \quad V_1 = 4.988 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\text{Step 41: Adiabatic} \quad T_4 := T_1 \cdot \left(\frac{P_4}{P_1}\right)^{\frac{R}{C_p}} \quad T_4 = 378.831 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta U_{41} := C_v \cdot (T_1 - T_4) \quad \Delta U_{41} = 4.597 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\Delta H_{41} := C_p \cdot (T_1 - T_4) \quad \Delta H_{41} = 6.436 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$Q_{41} := 0 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}} \quad Q_{41} = 0 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$W_{41} := \Delta U_{41} \quad W_{41} = 4.597 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$P_2 := 3\text{bar} \quad T_2 := 600\text{K} \quad V_2 := \frac{R \cdot T_2}{P_2} \quad V_2 = 0.017 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\text{Step 12: Isothermal} \quad \Delta U_{12} := 0 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}} \quad \Delta U_{12} = 0 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\Delta H_{12} := 0 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}} \quad \Delta H_{12} = 0 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$Q_{12} := -R \cdot T_1 \cdot \ln\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right) \quad Q_{12} = 6.006 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$W_{12} := -Q_{12} \quad W_{12} = -6.006 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$P_3 := 2\text{bar} \quad V_3 := V_2 \quad T_3 := \frac{P_3 \cdot V_3}{R} \quad T_3 = 400\text{K}$$

$$\text{Step 23: Isochoric} \quad \Delta U_{23} := C_V \cdot (T_3 - T_2) \quad \Delta U_{23} = -4.157 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\Delta H_{23} := C_P \cdot (T_3 - T_2) \quad \Delta H_{23} = -5.82 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$Q_{23} := C_V \cdot (T_3 - T_2) \quad Q_{23} = -4.157 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$W_{23} := 0 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}} \quad W_{23} = 0 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$P_4 = 2\text{bar} \quad T_4 = 378.831\text{K} \quad V_4 := \frac{R \cdot T_4}{P_4} \quad V_4 = 0.016 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\text{Step 34: Isobaric} \quad \Delta U_{34} := C_V \cdot (T_4 - T_3) \quad \Delta U_{34} = -439.997 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\Delta H_{34} := C_P \cdot (T_4 - T_3) \quad \Delta H_{34} = -615.996 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$Q_{34} := C_P \cdot (T_4 - T_3) \quad Q_{34} = -615.996 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$W_{34} := -R \cdot (T_4 - T_3) \quad W_{34} = 175.999 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}$$