

**Problem set 2, 20.01.2021:**

**(11.1)** One mole of ideal monatomic gas is confined in a cylinder by a piston and is maintained at a constant temperature  $T_0$  by thermal contact with a heat reservoir. The gas slowly expands from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$  while being held at the same temperature  $T_0$ . Why does the internal energy of the gas not change? Calculate the work done by the gas and the heat flow into the gas.

**(11.2)** Show that, for an ideal gas,

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

and

$$\frac{R}{C_p} = \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma},$$

where  $C_V$  and  $C_p$  are the heat capacities per mole.

**(12.2)** Assume that gases behave according to a law given by  $pV = f(T)$ , where  $f(T)$  is a function of temperature. Show that this implies

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_V = \frac{1}{V} \frac{df}{dT}$$
$$\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_p = \frac{1}{p} \frac{df}{dT}$$

Show also that

$$\left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial V}\right)_p = C_p \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_p$$
$$\left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial p}\right)_V = C_V \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_V.$$

In an adiabatic change, we have that

$$dQ = \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial p}\right)_V dp + \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial V}\right)_p dV = 0$$

Hence show that  $pV^\gamma$  is a constant.

**(12.3)** Explain why we can write

$$dQ = C_p dT + A dp$$

and

$$dQ = C_V dT + B dV$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants. Subtract these equations and show that

$$(C_p - C_V)dT = B dV - A dp$$

and that at constant temperature

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial V}\right)_T = \frac{B}{A}$$

In an adiabatic change, show that

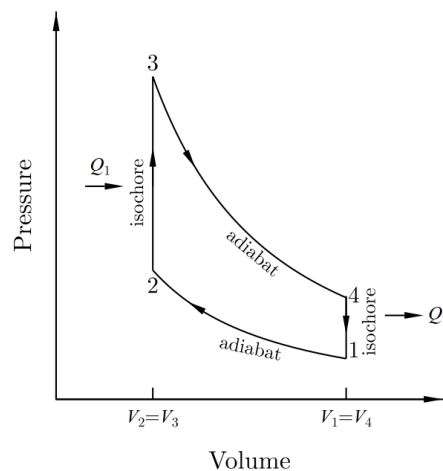
$$dp = -\left(\frac{C_p}{A}\right) dT$$

$$dV = -\left(\frac{C_V}{B}\right) dT$$

Hence show that in an adiabatic change, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial V}\right)_{\text{adiabatic}} &= \gamma \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial V}\right)_T \\ \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{\text{adiabatic}} &= \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_p \\ \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_{\text{adiabatic}} &= \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_V \end{aligned}$$

**(13.5)** Show that the efficiency of the standard Otto cycle (see below) is  $1 - r^{1-\gamma}$ , where  $r = V_1/V_2$  is the compression ratio. The **Otto cycle** is the four-stroke cycle in internal combustion engines in cars, lorries and electrical generators.



The number of the problem refers to the textbook.

**(Problem A)** The equation of state of a gas can be written in the form

$$p = nkT(1 + B_2 n)$$

where  $p$  is the mean pressure of the gas,  $T$  its absolute temperature,  $n \equiv N/V$  the number of molecules per unit volume, and  $B_2 = B_2(T)$  is the second virial coefficient.  $B_2$  is an increasing function of the temperature.

Find how the mean internal energy  $E$  of this gas depends on its volume  $V$ , i.e., find an expression for  $\left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial V}\right)_T$ . Is it positive or negative?

**Deadline for Problem set 2: 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10:00 a.m.**  
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