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Thermodynamics focuses on state functions: P, V, M, S, \dots

Nature often gives us response functions (derivatives):

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P \quad \kappa_T \equiv -\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_T \quad \kappa_S \equiv -\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_{\text{adiabatic}}$$
$$\chi_T \equiv \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial H} \right)_T$$

Example Non-ideal gas

Given

- Gas \rightarrow ideal gas for large T & V

- $$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V = \frac{Nk}{V - Nb}$$

- $$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_T = -\frac{NkT}{(V - Nb)^2} + \frac{2aN^2}{V^3}$$

Find P

$$dP = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_T dV + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V dT$$

$$P = \int \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V dT + f(V) = \int \left(\frac{Nk}{V - Nb}\right) dT + f(V)$$

$$= \frac{NkT}{(V - Nb)} + f(V)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_T = -\frac{NkT}{(V - Nb)^2} + \underbrace{f'(V)} = -\frac{NkT}{(V - Nb)^2} + \underbrace{\frac{2aN^2}{V^3}}$$

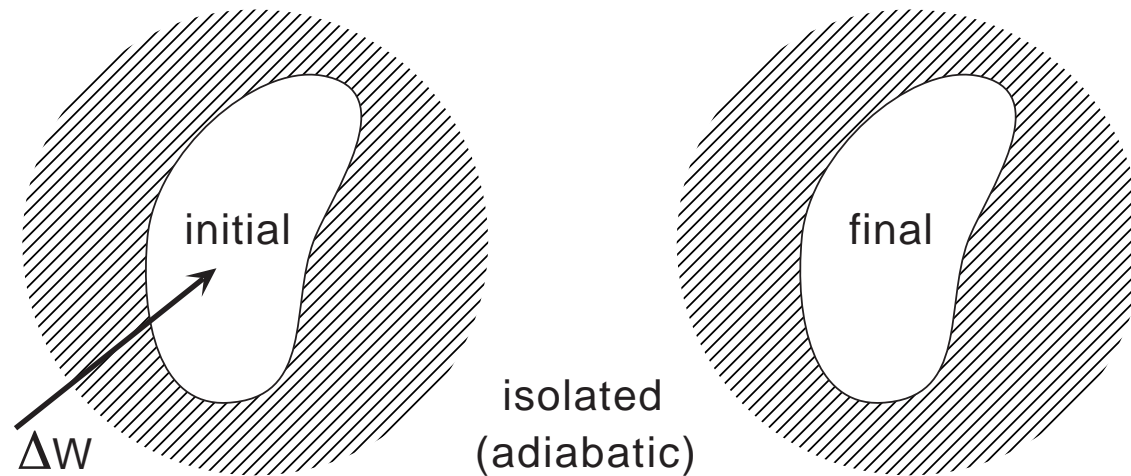
$$f(V) = \int \frac{2aN^2}{V^3} dV = -\frac{aN^2}{V^2} + c$$

$$P = \frac{NkT}{(V - Nb)} - \frac{aN^2}{V^2} + c$$

but $c = 0$ since $P \rightarrow NkT/V$ as $V \rightarrow \infty$

Internal Energy U

Observational fact



Final state is independent of how ΔW is applied.

Final state is independent of which adiabatic path is followed.

⇒ a state function U such that

$$\Delta U = \Delta W_{\text{adiabatic}}$$

$U = U(\text{independent variables})$

$= U(T, V)$ or $U(T, P)$ or $U(P, V)$ for a simple fluid

Heat

If the path is not adiabatic, $dU \neq \delta W$

$$\delta Q \equiv dU - \delta W$$

δQ is the heat added to the system.

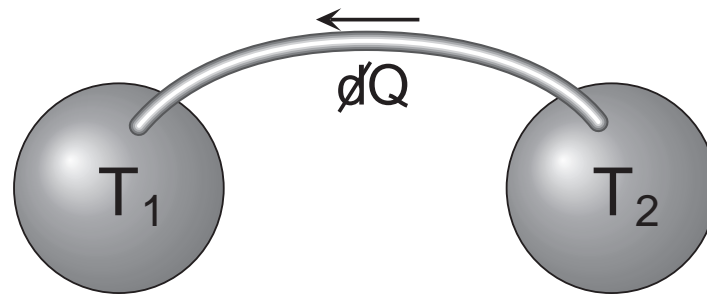
It has all the properties expected of heat.

First Law of Thermodynamics

$$dU = \delta Q + \delta W$$

- U is a state function
- Heat is a flow of energy
- Energy is conserved

Ordering of temperatures



When $dW = 0$, heat flows from high T to low T .

Example Hydrostatic System: gas, liquid or simple solid

Variables (with N fixed): P, V, T, U .

Only 2 are independent.

$$C_V \equiv \left(\frac{dQ}{dT} \right)_V \quad C_P \equiv \left(\frac{dQ}{dT} \right)_P$$

Examine these heat capacities.

$$dU = \delta Q + \delta W = \delta Q - PdV$$

$$\delta Q = dU + PdV$$

We want $\frac{d}{dT}$. We have dV .

$$dU = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T}\right)_V dT + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_T dV$$

$$dQ = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V dT + \left(\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_T + P \right) dV$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dQ}{dT} = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V + \left(\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_T + P \right) \frac{dV}{dT}$$

$$C_V \equiv \left(\frac{dQ}{dT} \right)_V = \underline{\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V}$$

$$C_P \equiv \left(\frac{dQ}{dT} \right)_P = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V}_{C_V} + \left(\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_T + P \right) \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P}_{\alpha V}$$

$$C_P - C_V = \underline{\left(\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_T + P \right) \alpha V}$$

The 2nd law will allow us to simplify this further.

Note that $C_P \neq \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_P$.