

**ASSIGNMENT 3:**

First Law of Thermodynamics,  
Heat and Work in Gas Processes  
Kinetic Theory of Gases

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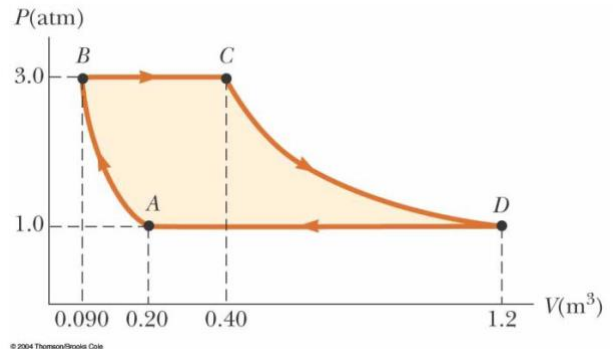
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A sample of a gas goes through the process shown in Figure P20.32. From A to B, the process is adiabatic; from B to C, it is isobaric with 100 kJ of energy entering the system by heat. From C to D, the process is isothermal; from D to A, it is isobaric with 150 kJ of energy leaving the system by heat. Determine the difference in internal energy  $E_{int,B} - E_{int,A}$ .



2

A) One mole of an ideal gas is heated slowly so that it goes from the  $PV$  state  $(P_0, V_0)$ , to  $(3P_0, 3V_0)$ , in such a way that the pressure is directly proportional to the volume. How much work is done on the gas in the process?

B) As a 1.00-mol sample of a monatomic ideal gas expands adiabatically, the work done on it is  $-2\,500$  J. The initial temperature and pressure of the gas are 500 K and 3.60 atm. Calculate (iii) the final temperature, and (iv) the final pressure.

3

Use the ideal gas equation to fill the alternative expressions for work and heat below:

| Process | Work                                    |   | Heat                      |   |
|---------|---|---|---------------------------|---|
|         |   |   |                           |   |
| V=const | 0                                       | 0 | $nC_V\Delta T$            |   |
| P=const | $-p(V_f - V_i)$                         |   | $nC_p\Delta T$            |   |
| T=const | $-nRT \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i}$              |   | $nRT \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i}$ |   |
| Q=0     | $\frac{1}{\gamma-1}(p_f V_f - p_i V_i)$ |   | 0                         | 0 |

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Using the approach demonstrated during the lecture show that for  $pV^\gamma = \text{const.}$  for adiabatic gas process. (Present your derivation on the opposite site of this page). DETAILS OF THIS CALCULATION WERE GIVEN IN LECTURE.

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- 5 A 4 liter sample of a diatomic gas with  $\gamma = 1.4$  confined to a cylinder, is carried through a closed cycle. The gas is initially at 1.00atm. and 200K. First, its pressure is tripled under constant volume. Then it expands adiabatically to its original pressure. Finally the gas is compressed isobarically to its original volume.
- draw pV diagram of this cycle
  - determine the volume of the end of the adiabatic expansion
  - find the temperature of the gas at the start of the adiabatic expansion
  - find the temperature at the end of the cycle
  - what was the net work done on the gas for this cycle

- 6 Given is distribution of speeds of cars at 417 Highway as measured by OPP.

a) Is this a discrete or continuous distribution?

b) Find the  $V_{mp}$ ,  $V_{rms}$ ,  $V_{avg}$ .

c) Find the probability that a randomly picked car will have speed larger than 125km/h.

d) Find the probability that a randomly picked car will have speed larger than 85km/h and less than 115km/h.

Answers:

- a
- b)
- c)
- d)

