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Statistical Mechanics I

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1) (a)

~~$x(r, \theta) = r \cos \theta$~~
 $r(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$

$y(r, \theta) = r \sin \theta$
 $\theta(x, y) = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

$\therefore \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}\right)_\theta = \cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$

When we do the same operation to

$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$, we should have

$2x\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}\right)_\theta + 2y\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial r}\right)_\theta = 2r$

\Rightarrow ~~$2x \cos \theta$~~ $\frac{2x^2}{r} + \frac{2y^2}{r} = \frac{2r^2}{r} = 2r$, which is consistent.

~~consistent~~

When we keep y constant in differentiation,

we then get

$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (x^2 + y^2) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2$

$\Rightarrow 2x\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}\right)_y = 2r$

$\therefore \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}\right)_y = \frac{r}{x}$, this is different from $\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}\right)_\theta = \frac{x}{r}$

\therefore there is no contradiction.

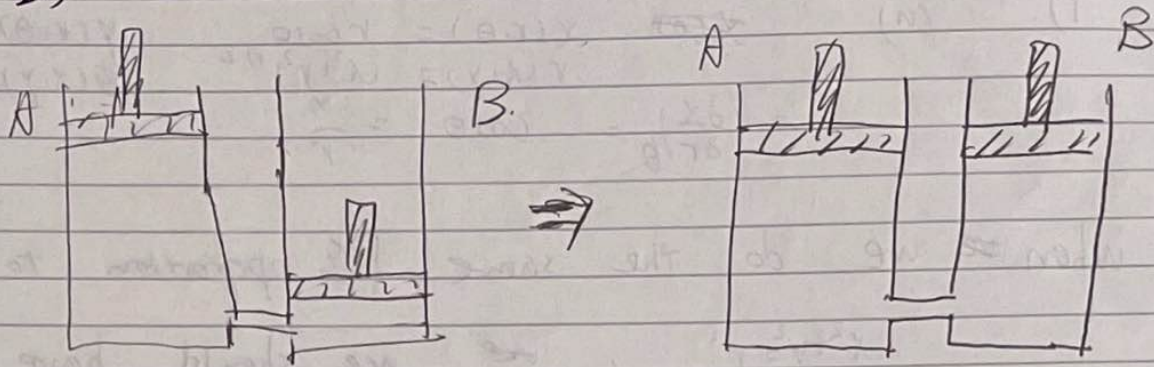
(b) $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ $\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}\right)_y = \frac{r}{x}$

$\Rightarrow 2r\left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial y}\right)_x = 2y \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial y}\right)_x = \frac{y}{r}$

$\Rightarrow 0 = 2x + 2y\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_r \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_r = -\frac{x}{y}$

$\therefore \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial y}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_r = \left(\frac{r}{x}\right) \left(\frac{y}{r}\right) \left(-\frac{x}{y}\right) = \boxed{-1}$

2.)



Initial state : $V = V_i$, $T = T_i$

Final state : $V = 2V_i$, $T = T_f$

This is an ideal gas undergoing adiabatic process

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

$$\gamma = \frac{5}{3} \Rightarrow TV^{\frac{2}{3}} = \text{constant.}$$

$$\therefore T_i V_i^{2/3} = T_f (2V_i)^{2/3}$$

$$\therefore T_f = T_i \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T_f = \frac{T_i}{2^{2/3}}}$$

process

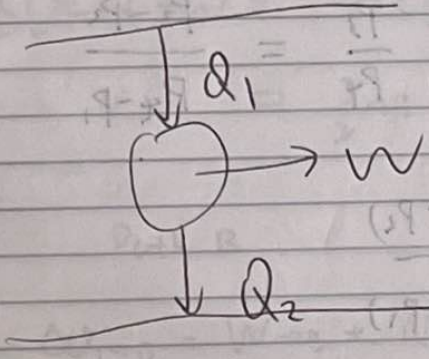
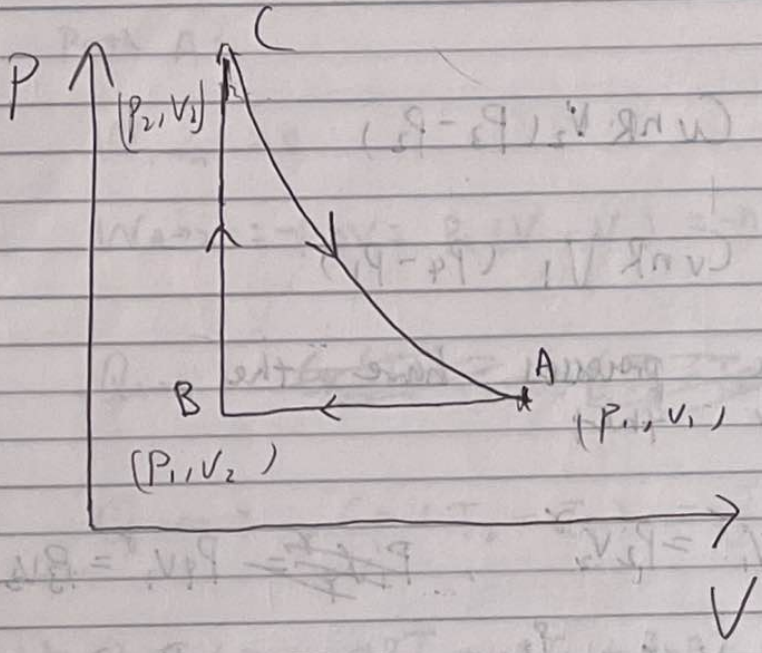
slow \rightarrow reversible

+ ~~adiabatic~~

thermally isolated \rightarrow ~~adiabatic~~ adiabatic

= adiabatic

3)



The efficiency of a heat engine is

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{Q_2}{Q_1} \quad \cdot PV = nRT$$

$$Q_1 = \text{heat put in} = C_V \Delta T_1 = C_V V_2 (P_2 - P_1) / nR$$

$$Q_2 = \text{heat give out} = C_P \Delta T_2 = C_P P_1 (V_1 - V_2) / nR$$

$$\therefore \eta = 1 - \frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = 1 - \frac{C_P P_1 (V_1 - V_2) / nR}{C_V V_2 (P_2 - P_1) / nR}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\left(\frac{C_P}{C_V}\right) \left(\frac{V_1}{V_2} - 1\right)}{\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} - 1\right)}$$

$$= 1 - \gamma \frac{(V_1/V_2) - 1}{(P_2/P_1) - 1}$$

4)

$$Q_1 = C_v n R V_2 (P_3 - P_2)$$

$$Q_2 = C_v n R V_1 (P_4 - P_1)$$

Adiabatic processes have the property that

$$P_1 V_1^\gamma = P_2 V_2^\gamma, \quad P_1 V_1^\gamma = P_4 V_1^\gamma = P_3 V_2^\gamma$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{V_1}{V_2}\right)^\gamma = \frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{P_3}{P_4} = \frac{P_3 - P_2}{P_4 - P_1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = \frac{C_v n R V_2 (P_3 - P_2)}{C_v n R V_1 (P_4 - P_1)}$$

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

$$= \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right)^{1-\gamma} = r^{1-\gamma}$$

$$\therefore \eta = 1 - \frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = 1 - r^{1-\gamma}$$

5) Path A:

$$W_{1 \rightarrow A} = 0$$

$$W_{A \rightarrow 2} = -p \Delta V = p_2 (V_2 - V_1) = -nR(T_2 - T_A)$$

$$Q_{1 \rightarrow A} = \cancel{C_V(T_2 - T_1)} - \cancel{C_V(T_2 - T_A)} + C_V(T_A - T_1) = \frac{3}{2}nR(T_A - T_1)$$

$$Q_{A \rightarrow 2} = C_p(T_2 - T_A) = \frac{5}{2}nR(T_2 - T_A)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta U = Q + W &= -nRT_2 + nRT_A + \frac{3}{2}nRT_A - \frac{3}{2}nRT_1 + \frac{5}{2}nRT_2 - \frac{5}{2}nRT_A \\ &= \frac{3}{2}nR(T_2 - T_1) = C_V(T_2 - T_1) \end{aligned}$$

Path B:

$$Q_{1 \rightarrow B} = W_{1 \rightarrow B} + Q_{1 \rightarrow B} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{isothermal expansion}$$

$$W_{B \rightarrow 2} = 0$$

$$Q_{B \rightarrow 2} = C_V(T_2 - T_B) = C_V(T_2 - T_1)$$

$$T_B = T_1$$

Path C:

$$Q_{1 \rightarrow C} = 0$$

$$W_{1 \rightarrow C} = - \int p dV = - \int_{V_1}^{V_2} \frac{p_1 V_1^\gamma}{V^\gamma} dV$$

$$pV^\gamma = \text{const.}$$

$$\equiv - \frac{p_1 V_1^\gamma}{\gamma} \left(\frac{1}{V_2^{\gamma-1}} - \frac{1}{V_1^{\gamma-1}} \right)$$

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

$$= -P_1 V_1^\gamma \int_{V_1}^{V_2} V^{-\gamma} dV$$

$$= -P_1 V_1^\gamma \frac{1}{1-\gamma} (V_2^{1-\gamma} - V_1^{1-\gamma})$$

$$\therefore \gamma = \frac{5/2}{3/2} = \frac{5}{3} \quad \therefore 1-\gamma = -\frac{2}{3}$$

~~$$W = \frac{3}{2} P_1 V_1 \left(V_2^{-\frac{2}{3}} - V_1^{-\frac{2}{3}} \right)$$~~

$$\therefore W_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \frac{3}{2} P_1 V_1^{\frac{5}{3}} (V_2^{-\frac{2}{3}} - V_1^{-\frac{2}{3}})$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} P_1 V_1 \left[\left(\frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1 \right] = \frac{3}{2} n R T_1 \left[\left(\frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1 \right]$$

$$W_{C \rightarrow 2} = 0$$

$$Q_{C \rightarrow 2} = C_V (T_2 - T_C)$$

~~$$T_C V_2^{\gamma-1} = T_1 V_1^{\gamma-1}$$~~

$$\therefore T_C V_2^{\frac{2}{3}} = T_1 V_1^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad \therefore \frac{T_C}{T_1} = \left(\frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\therefore \Delta U = W_{1 \rightarrow C} + Q_{C \rightarrow 2}$$

$$= C_V T_1 \left[\frac{T_C}{T_1} - 1 \right] + C_V [T_2 - T_C]$$

$$= C_V [T_2 - T_1]$$

6)

The efficiency of ideal heat pump is

$$\eta = \frac{T}{T - T_0} \quad \therefore \text{power input to the house} \\ = \frac{TW}{T - T_0}$$

This is equal to the rate at which the building loses heat for the building to keep constant temperature.

$$\therefore \alpha(T - T_0) = \frac{TW}{T - T_0}$$

$$\therefore \alpha(T - T_0)^2 - WT = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha(T - T_0)^2 - W(T - T_0) - WT_0 = 0$$

$$\therefore T - T_0 = \frac{1}{2\alpha} [W \pm \sqrt{W^2 + 4\alpha T_0 W}]$$

$$\therefore T - T_0 = \frac{W}{2\alpha} (1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\alpha T_0 / W})$$

$$\therefore T = T_0 + \frac{W}{2\alpha} (1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\alpha T_0 / W})$$