

Work, Heat, and the First Law

- Work:

Expansion work: $w = -(p_{ext}A)\ell = -p_{ext}\Delta V$

If p_{ext} is not constant, then we have to look at infinitesimal changes

$$\delta w = -p_{ext}dV \quad \delta \text{ means this is not an exact differential}$$

Integral $w = -\int_1^2 p_{ext}dV$ depends on the path!!!

Other kinds of work

Surface work: $\delta w = \gamma_{ext}dA$... where γ_{ext} is the surface tension (J/m^2) and dA is the differential change in area. This is the work to change surface area.

Elongation work: $\delta w = fd\ell$ where f is the force per unit length and $d\ell$ is the length differential. This is important for discussing changing the length of polymers or DNA.

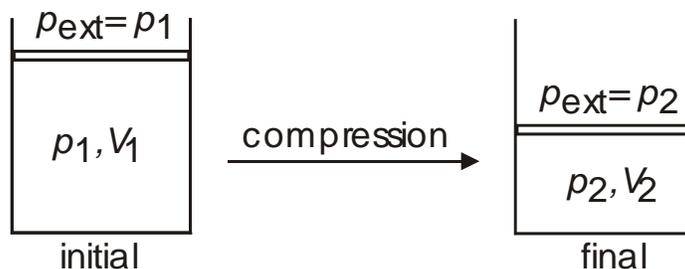
Electrostatic work: $\delta w = Vde$ where V is a fixed potential and de is the change in charge.

- Path dependence of w

Example: assume a reversible process so that $p_{ext} = p$

$$Ar(g, p_1, V_1) = Ar(g, p_2, V_2)$$

Compression $V_1 > V_2$ and $p_1 < p_2$

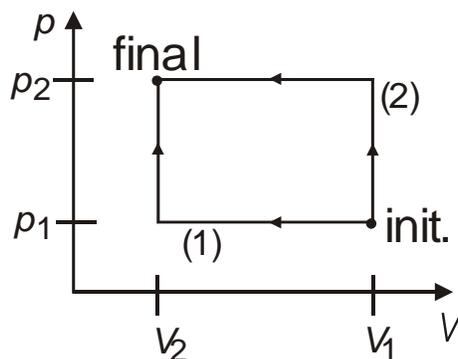


Two paths:

- (1) First $V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ at $p = p_1$ then $p_1 \rightarrow p_2$ at $V = V_2$
- (2) First $p_1 \rightarrow p_2$ at $V = V_1$ then $V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ at $p = p_2$

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$$w_{(1)} = -\int_{V_1}^{V_2} p_{ext} dV - \int_{V_2}^{V_2} p_{ext} dV$$

$$= -\int_{V_1}^{V_2} p_1 dV = -p_1(V_2 - V_1)$$

$$w_{(2)} = -\int_{V_1}^{V_1} p_{ext} dV - \int_{V_1}^{V_2} p_{ext} dV$$

$$= -\int_{V_1}^{V_2} p_2 dV = -p_2(V_2 - V_1)$$

$$w_{(1)} = p_1(V_1 - V_2)$$

$$w_{(2)} = p_2(V_1 - V_2)$$

(Note $w > 0$, work done to system to compress it)

$$w_{(1)} \neq w_{(2)} !!!$$

Note for the closed cycle [path (1)] - [path (2)], $\oint dw \neq 0$

closed cycle

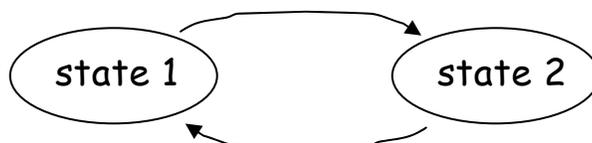
w is not a state function

cannot write $w = f(p, V)$

WORK

Work (w) is not a function of state.

For a cyclic process, it is possible for $\oint dw \neq 0$



HEAT

Heat (q), like w , is a function of path. Not a state function

It is possible to have a change of state

$$(p_1, V_1, T_1) = (p_2, V_2, T_2)$$

adiabatically (without heat transferred)

or nonadiabatically.

Historically measured in calories

[1 cal = heat needed to raise 1 g H₂O 1°C,
from 14.5°C to 15.5°C]

The modern unit of heat (and work) is the Joule.

$$1 \text{ cal} = 4.184 \text{ J}$$

Heat Capacity

\underline{C} - connects heat with temperature

$$dq = C_{\text{path}} dT \quad \text{or} \quad C_{\text{path}} = \left(\frac{dq}{dT} \right)_{\text{path}}$$

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heat capacity is path dependent

Constant volume: C_V

Constant pressure: C_p

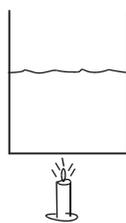
$$\therefore q = \int_{path} C_{path} dT$$

Equivalence of work and heat

[Joule (1840's)]

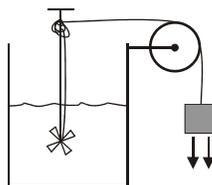
Joule showed that it's possible to raise the temperature of H_2O

(a) with only heat



$T_1 \rightarrow T_2$

(b) with only work
(weight falls &
churns propeller)



$T_1 \rightarrow T_2$

Experimentally it was found that

$$\oint (\delta w + \delta q) = 0$$

⇒ The sum ($w + q$) is independent of path

⇒ This implies that there is a state function whose differential is $\delta w + \delta q$

We define it as U , the "internal energy" or just "energy"

$$\therefore dU = \delta w + \delta q$$

For a cyclic process $\oint dU = 0$

For a change from state 1 to state 2,

$$\Delta U = \int_1^2 dU = U_2 - U_1 = q + w \quad \text{does not depend on path}$$


each depends on path individually, but not the sum

For fixed n , we just need to know 2 properties, e.g. (T, V), to fully describe the system.

$$\text{So } U = U(T, V)$$

U is an extensive function (scales with system size).

$$\bar{U} = \frac{U}{n} \quad \text{is molar energy (intensive function)}$$



THE FIRST LAW

Mathematical statement:

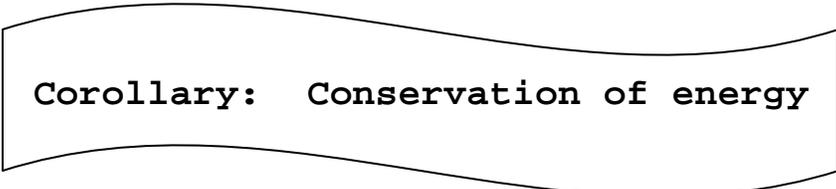
$$dU = \delta q + \delta w$$

or

$$\Delta U = q + w$$

or

$$-\oint \delta q = \oint \delta w$$



Corollary: Conservation of energy

$$\Delta U_{system} = q + w$$

$$\Delta U_{surroundings} = -q - w$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta U_{universe} = \Delta U_{system} + \Delta U_{surroundings} = 0$$

Clausius statement of 1st Law:



The energy of the universe is conserved.