

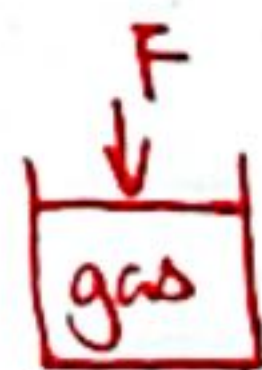
- Quasistatic

- * a quasistatic process is a sequence of equilibrium states.
- small changes are made slowly enough compared with thermal relaxation time such that a system can reach equilibrium.
- a process can be quasistatic from one point of view, but not from another.

- Reversible

- * a thermodynamically reversible process is defined as a process such that a system can be restored to its initial state without any net change in the rest of the universe.
 - * the direction of the process can be reversed by an infinitesimal change in the conditions.
- No hysteresis.

eg.



piston

$$F = pA + \epsilon \quad \text{piston goes down}$$

$$F = pA - \epsilon \quad \text{piston goes up.}$$

Tiny change. process reversed.

eg.



Energy flow reversed.

NB: if a process is thermodynamically irreversible, it doesn't mean it's irreversible in the daily sense.

eg. sliding a book on a desk.