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47201 Engineering thermodynamics

# Module 1a

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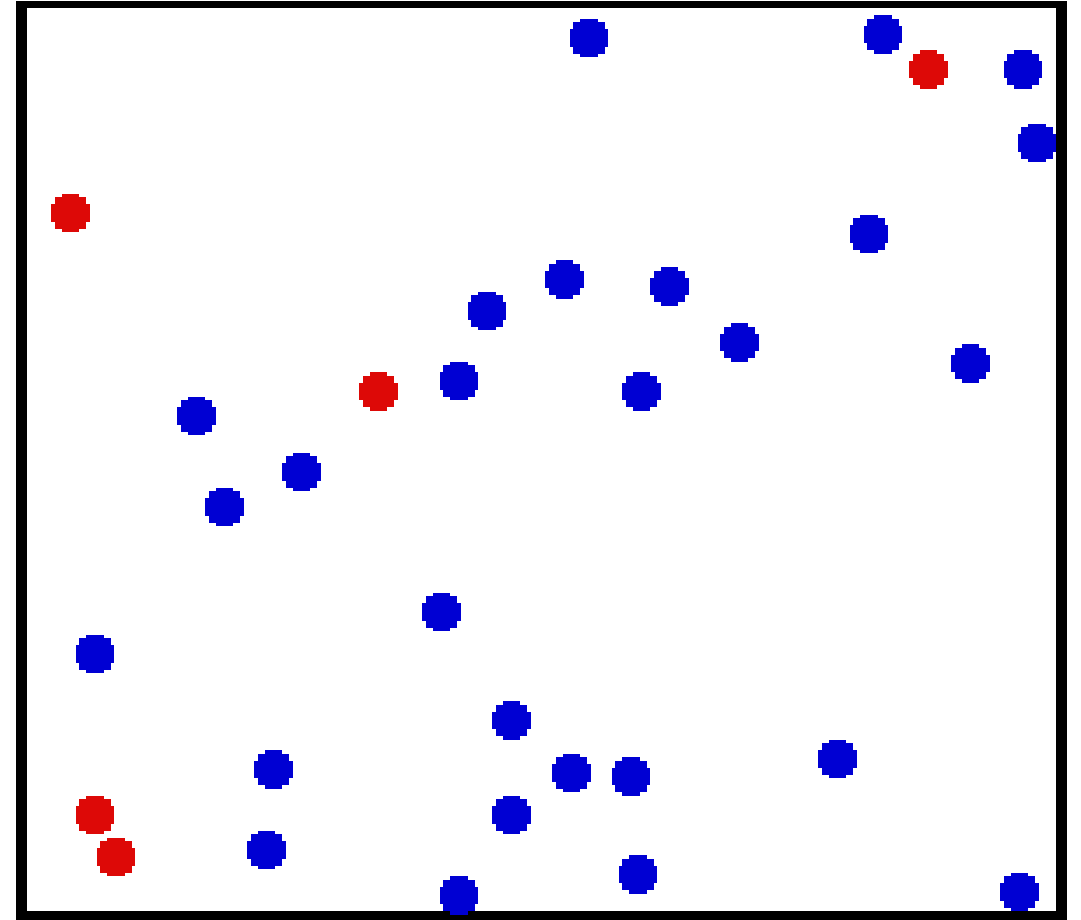
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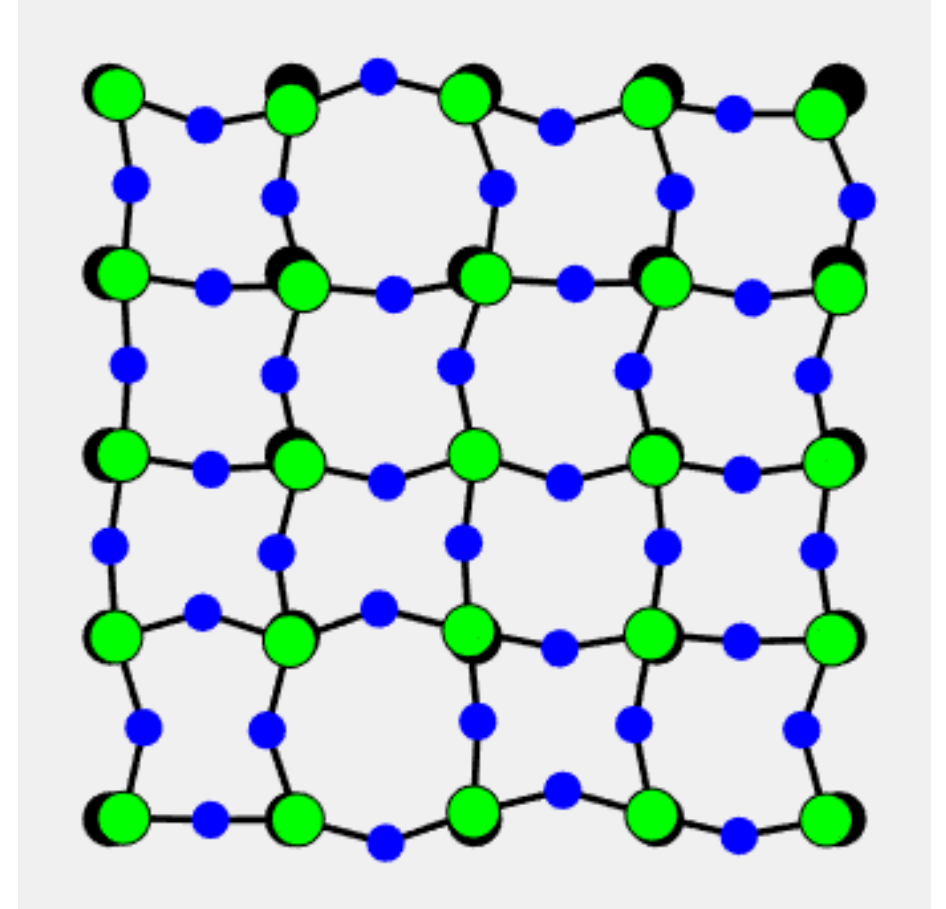
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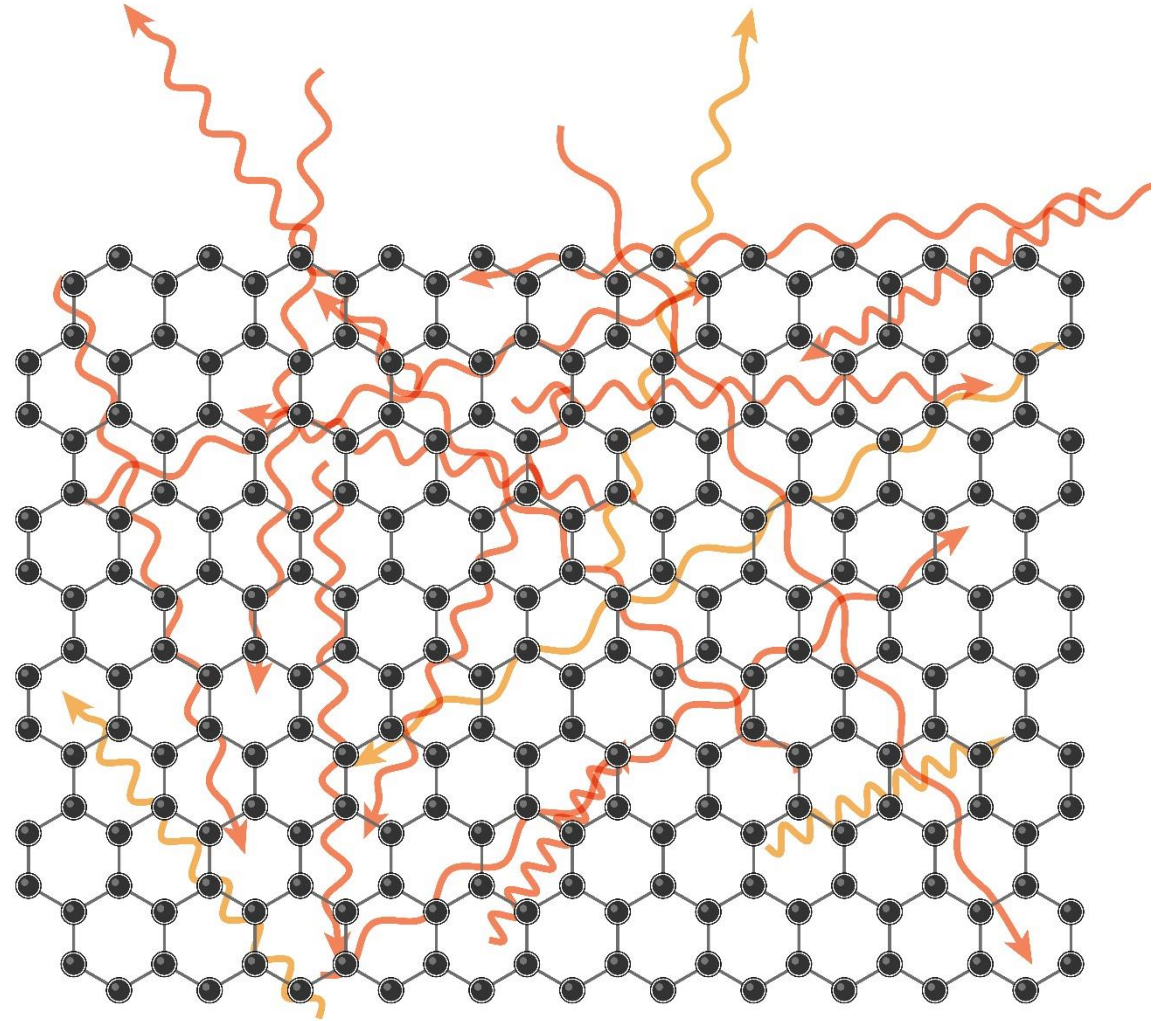
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Other examples:

- conduction electrons in a metal
- molecules undergoing a chemical reaction in a solution
- spins in a magnetic material
- ...

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Thermodynamics doesn't describe any specific kind of interaction, fundamental force, or physical phenomenon.

It is transversal: it's relevant and linked to many areas of physics. Probably all?

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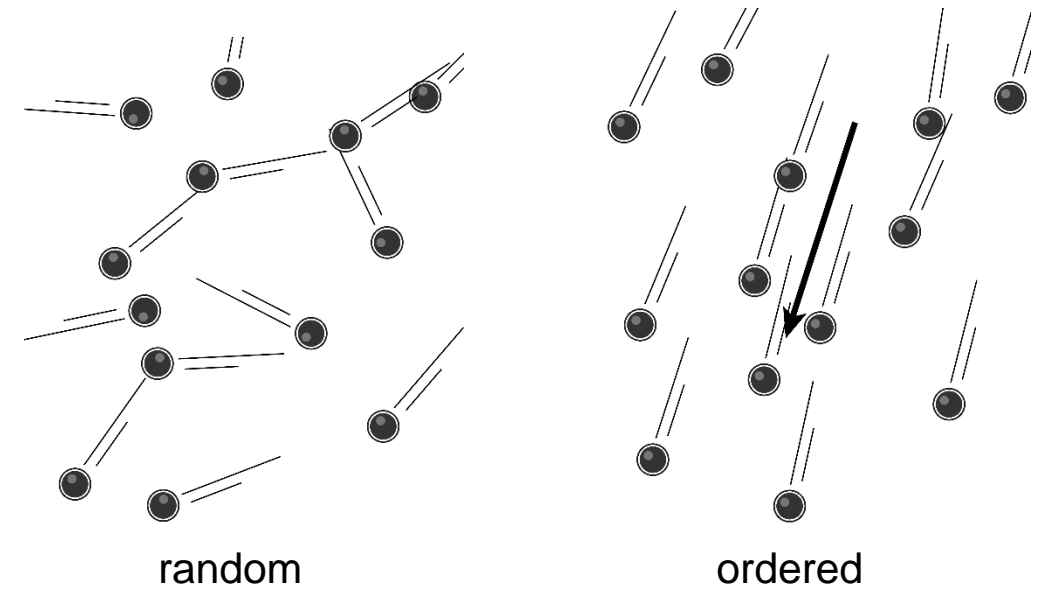
In all the examples we have seen:

- The specifics of the interaction between subsystems are not the main interest. E.g.: in a gas, it's enough to say that molecules bounce on each other.
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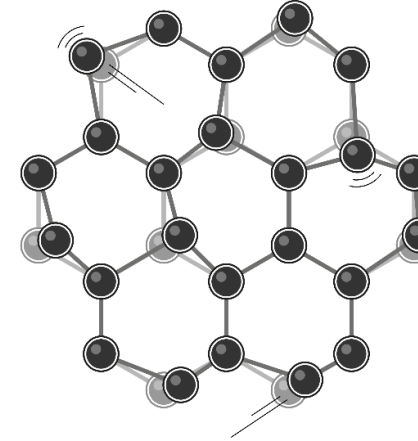
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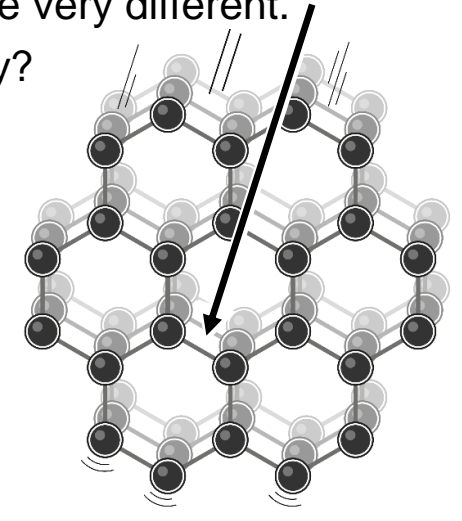
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The two situations are very different.

But why?



random



ordered

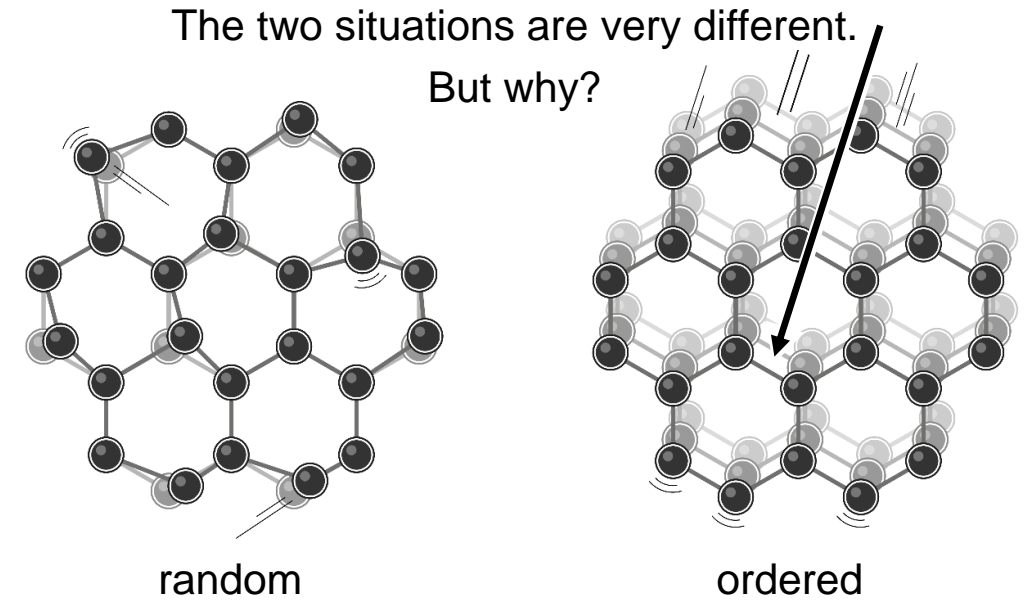
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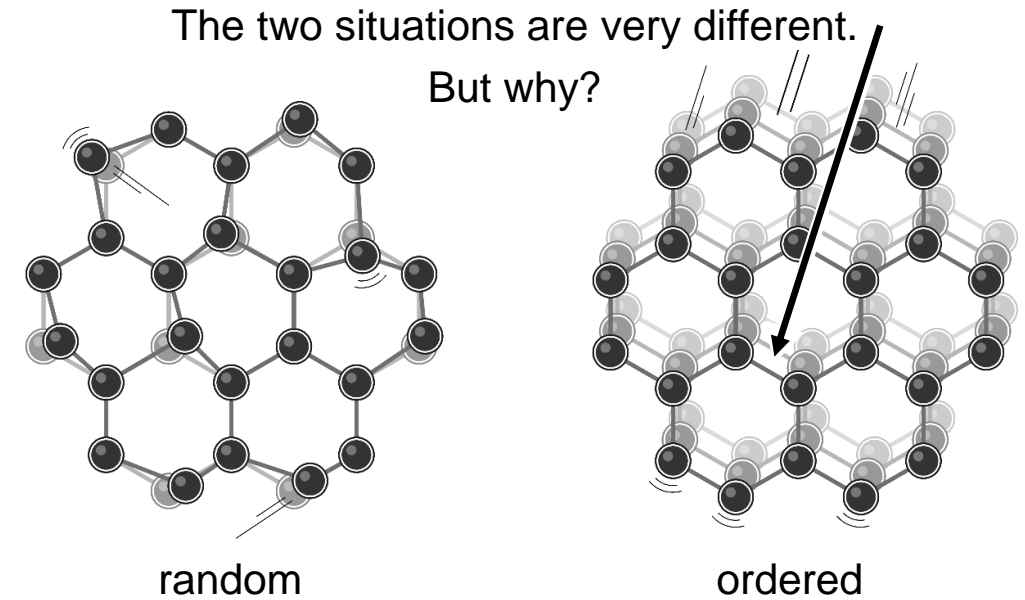
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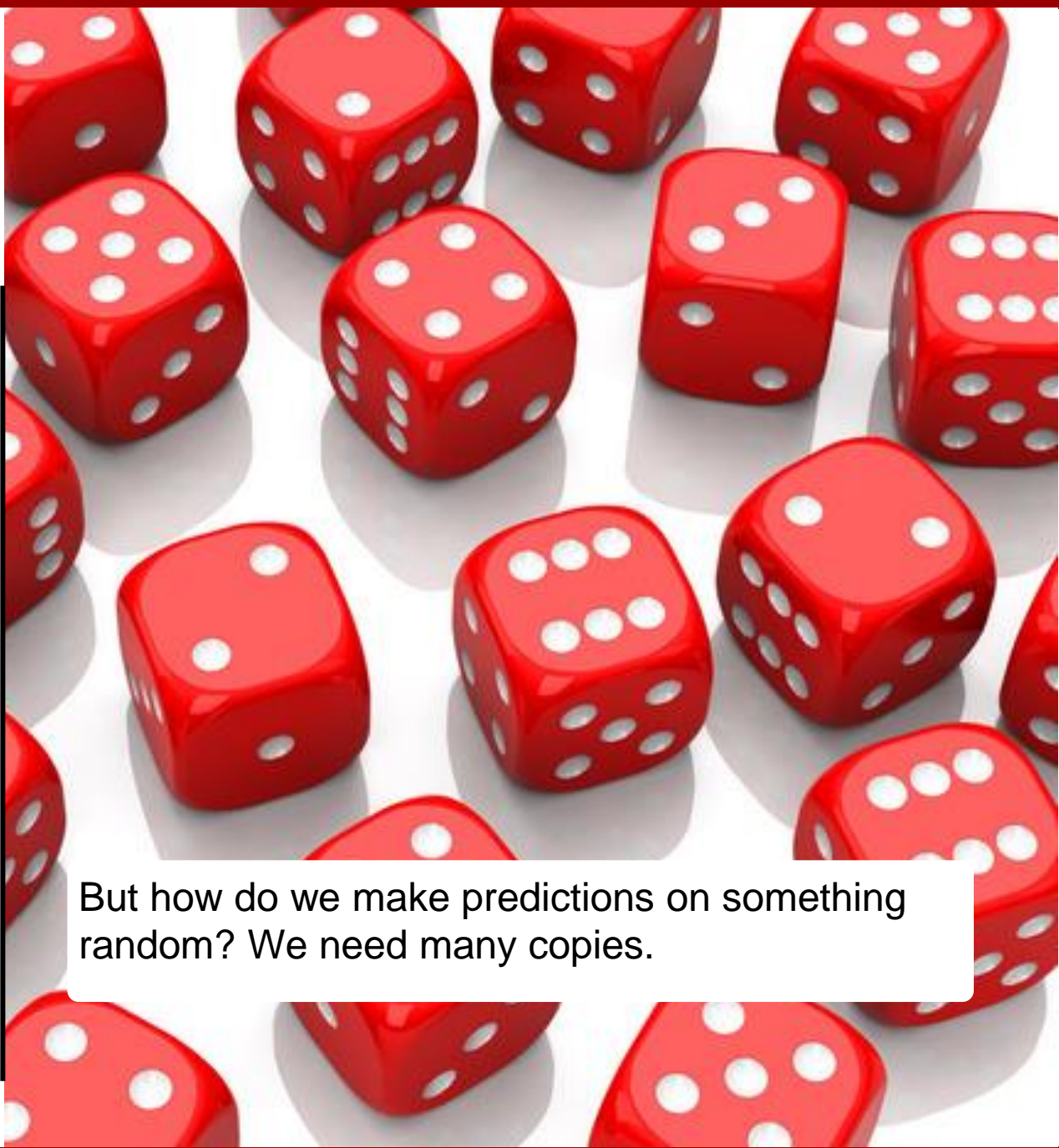
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This is the main subject of thermodynamics.

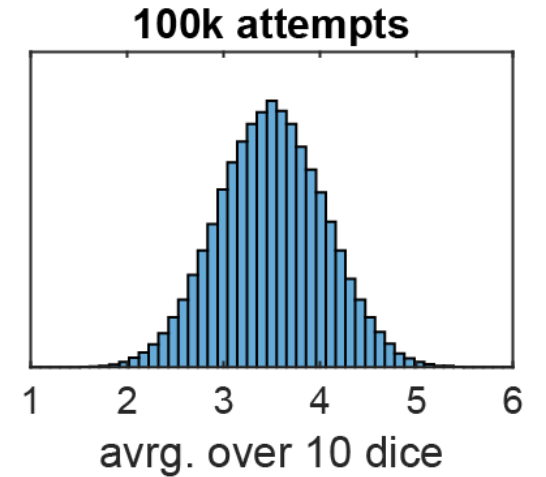
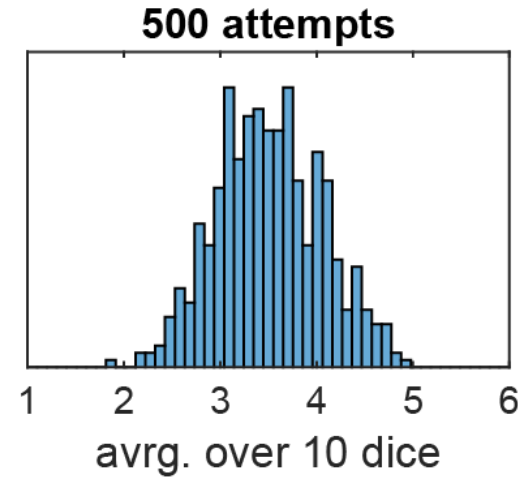
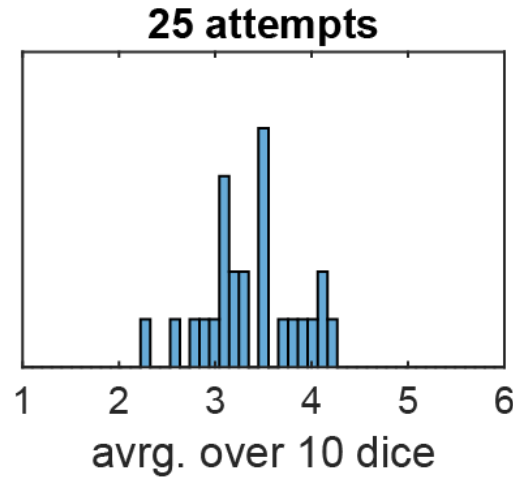
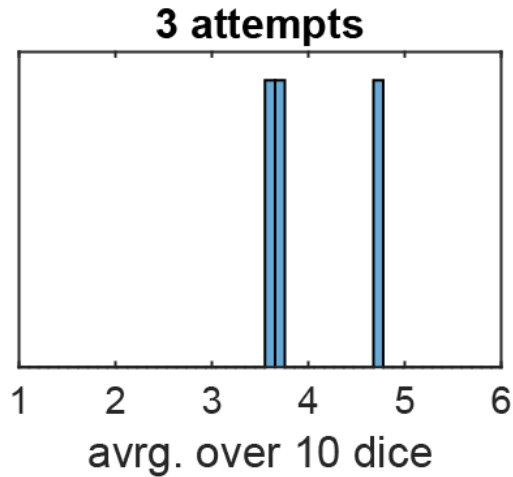
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# Large numbers

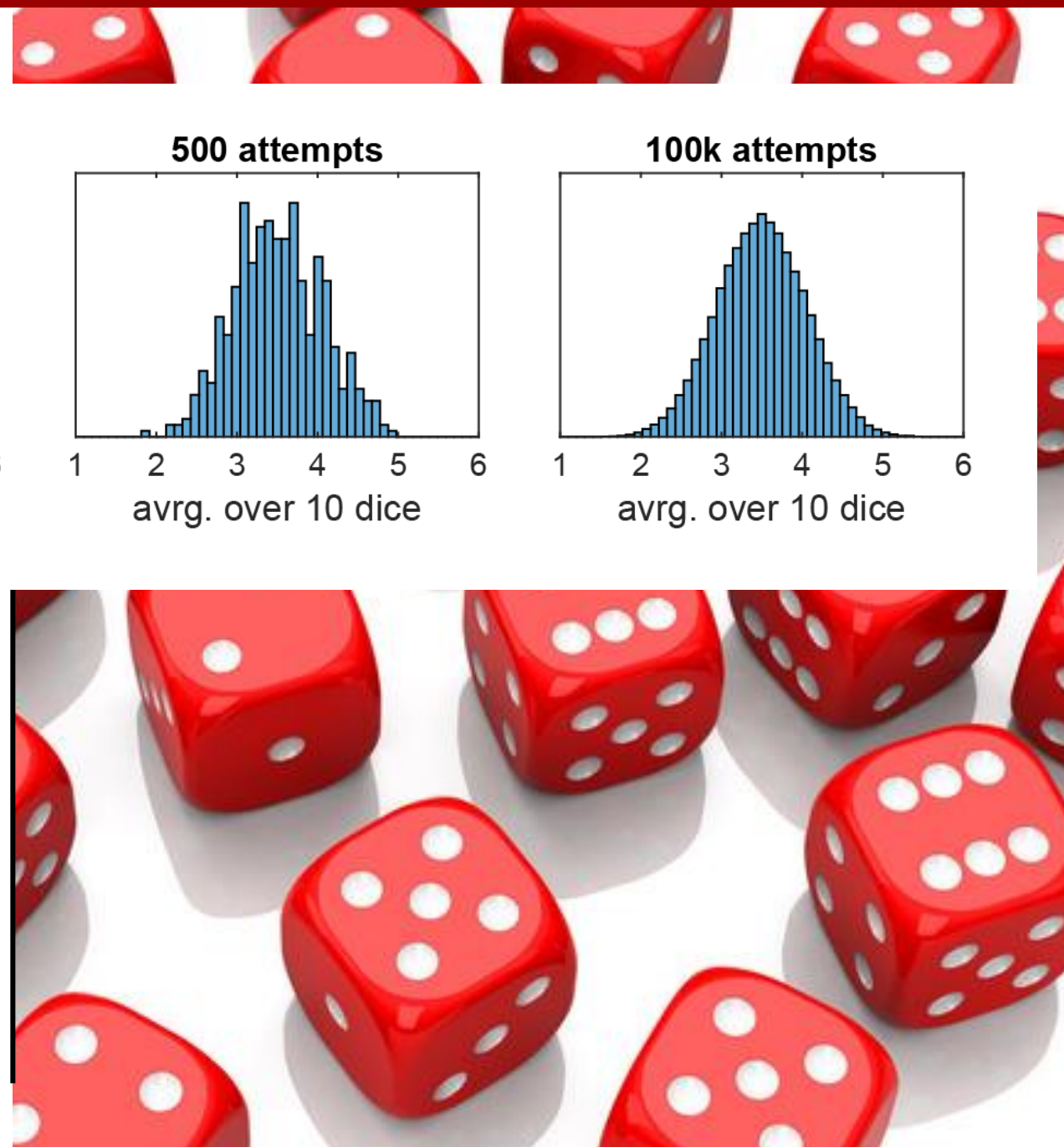
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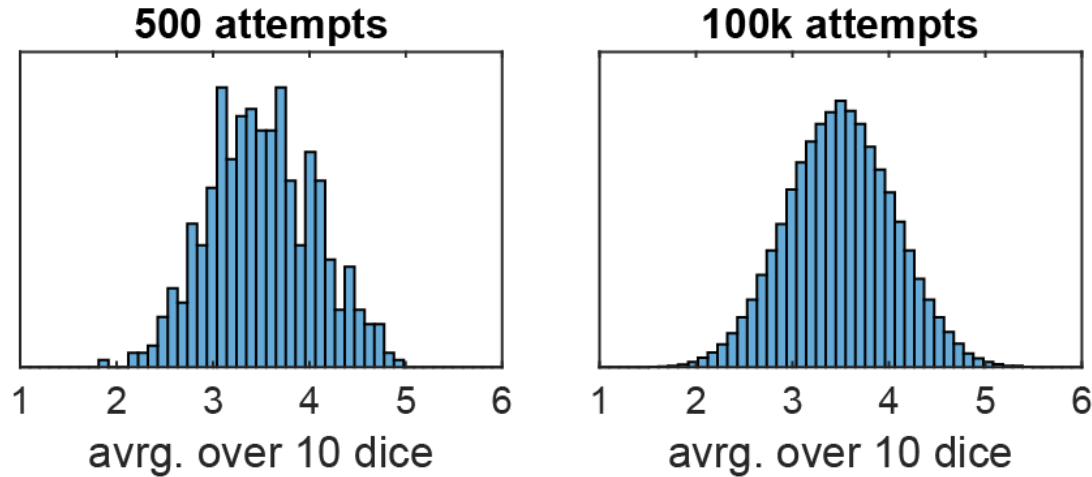


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This is why the second law of thermodynamics seems to be so hostile from our perspective.

It expresses the ungenerous laws of randomness and probability: things are very likely to go in the most likely way

This limits the efficiency of our attempts of converting energy from one form to another.



# Engineering applications of thermodynamics



# Which properties are we interested about?

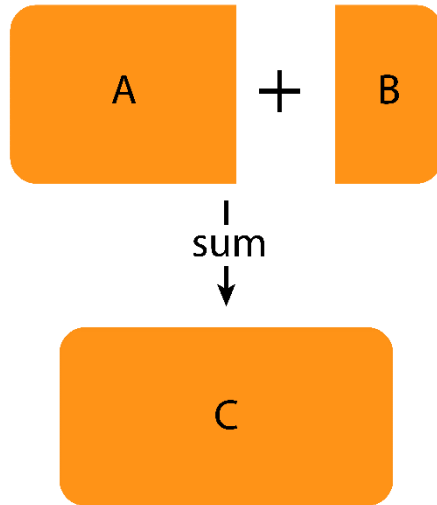
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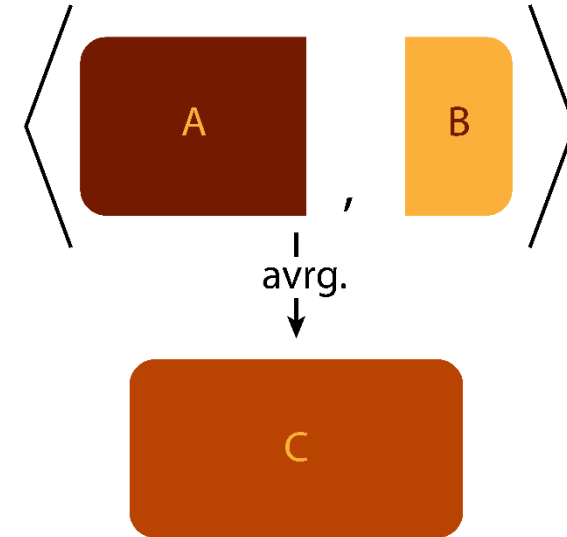
- Microscopic properties (not known):  
Examples:
  - velocity of each particle in a gas
  - frequency of each photon emitted by a body
- Macroscopic properties (predictable):  
Examples:
  - Total energy
  - Average temperature
  - Total amount of substance
  - ...



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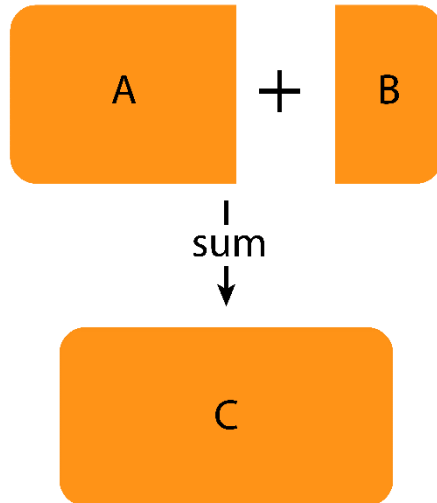


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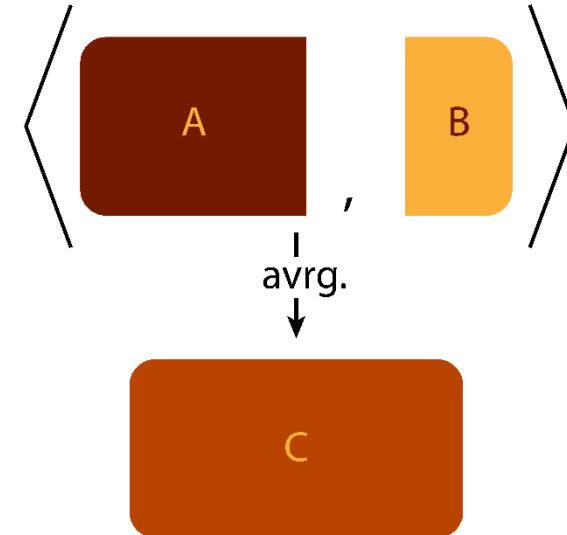
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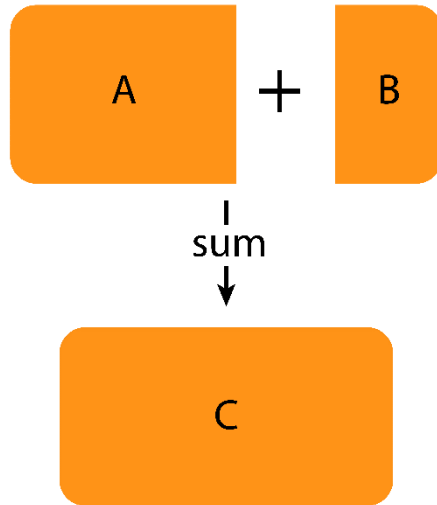
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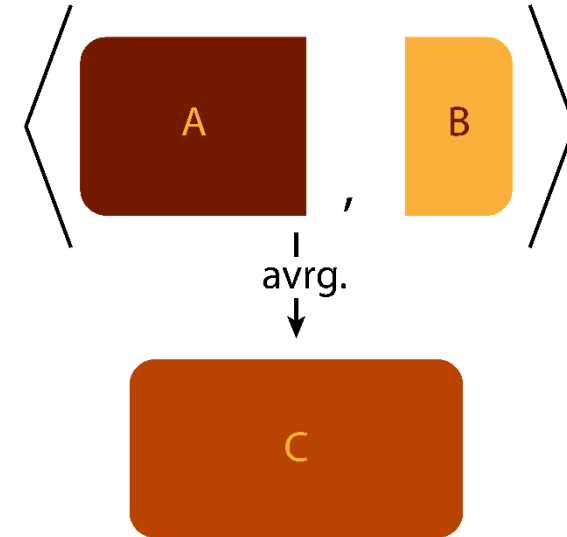
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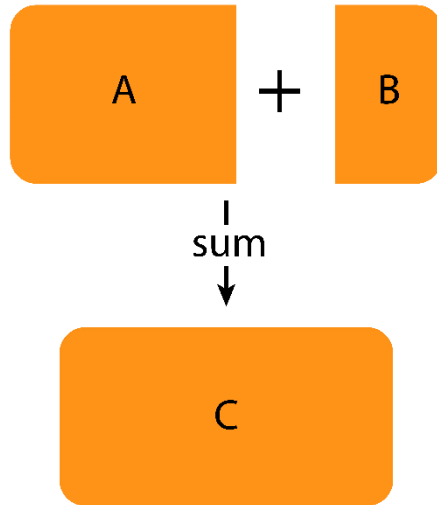


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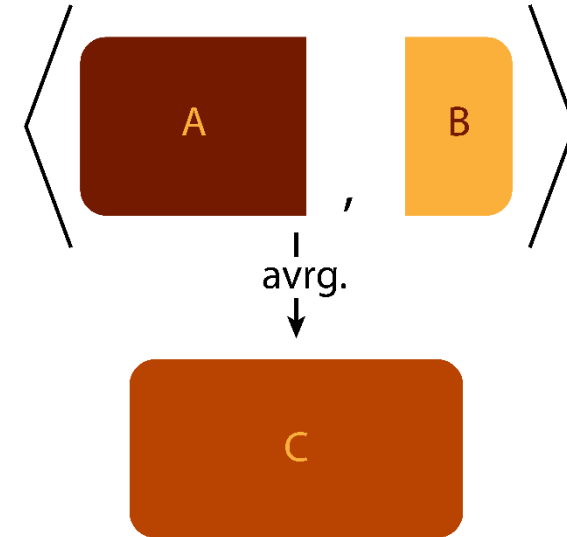
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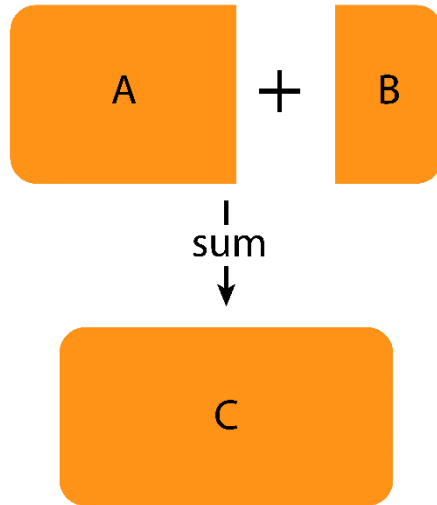
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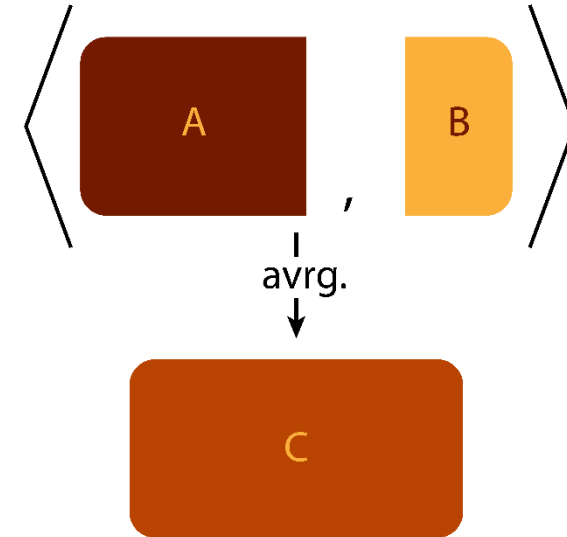
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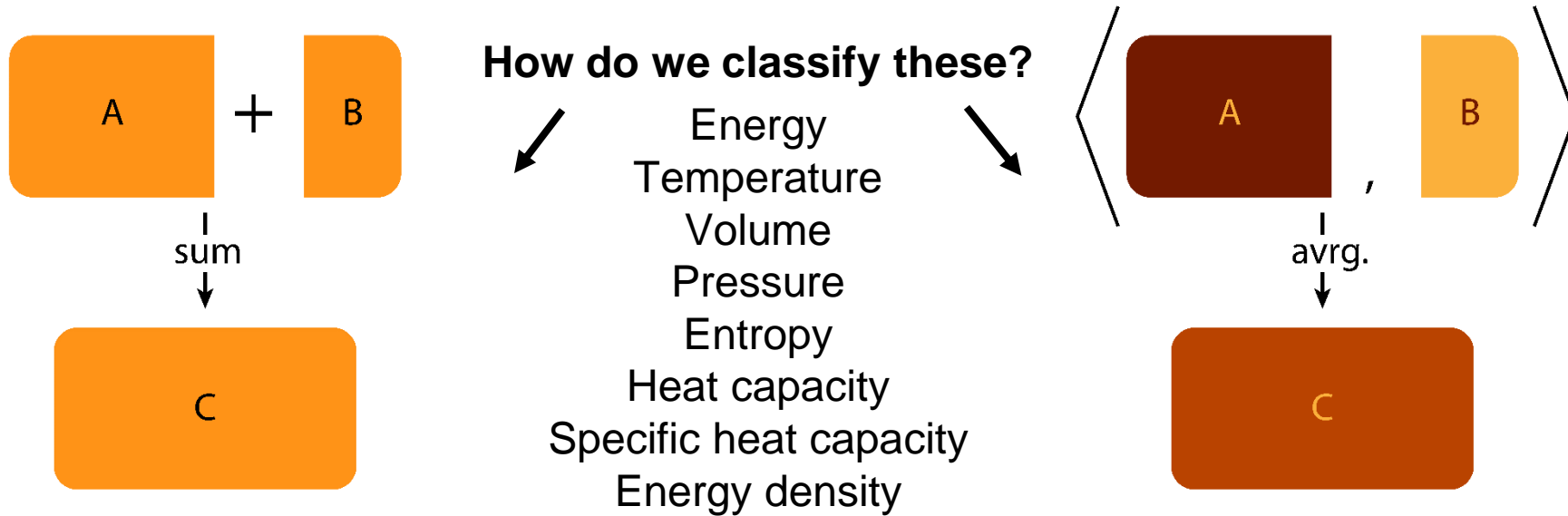


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For intensive properties, it is also relevant to  
consider the value in each point.

Example: charge density *at point x*

density

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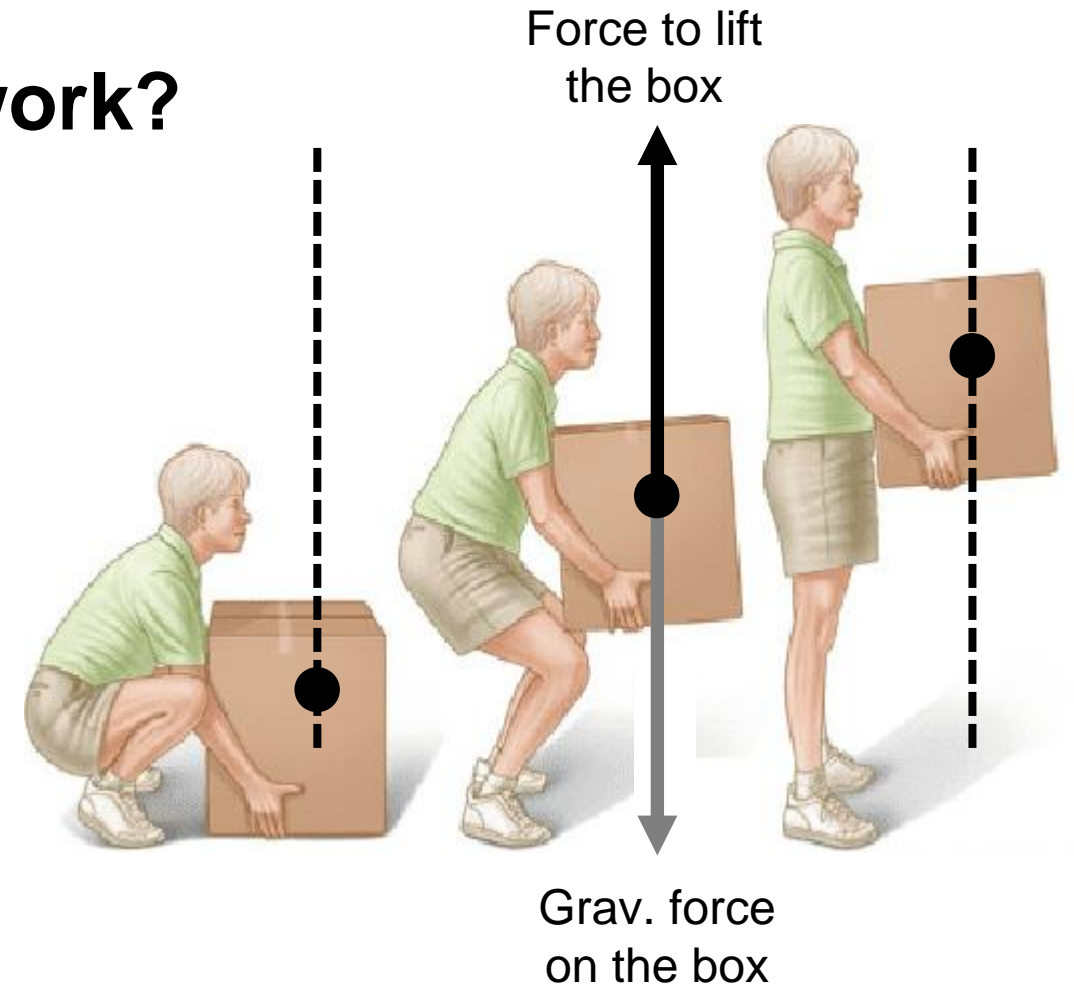
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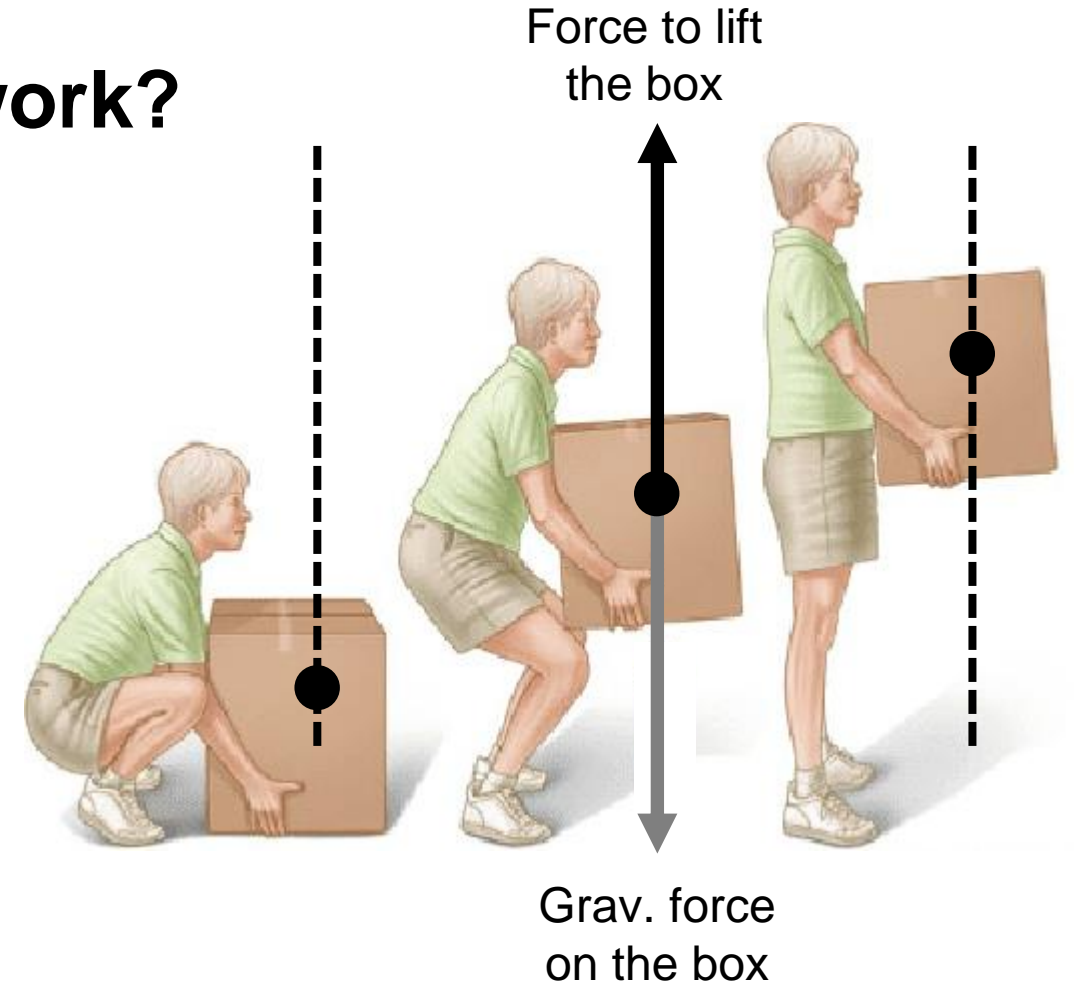
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- For 3D situations, we have to take into account the direction:

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The total force acting on a body is proportional to the acceleration

$$F = ma$$

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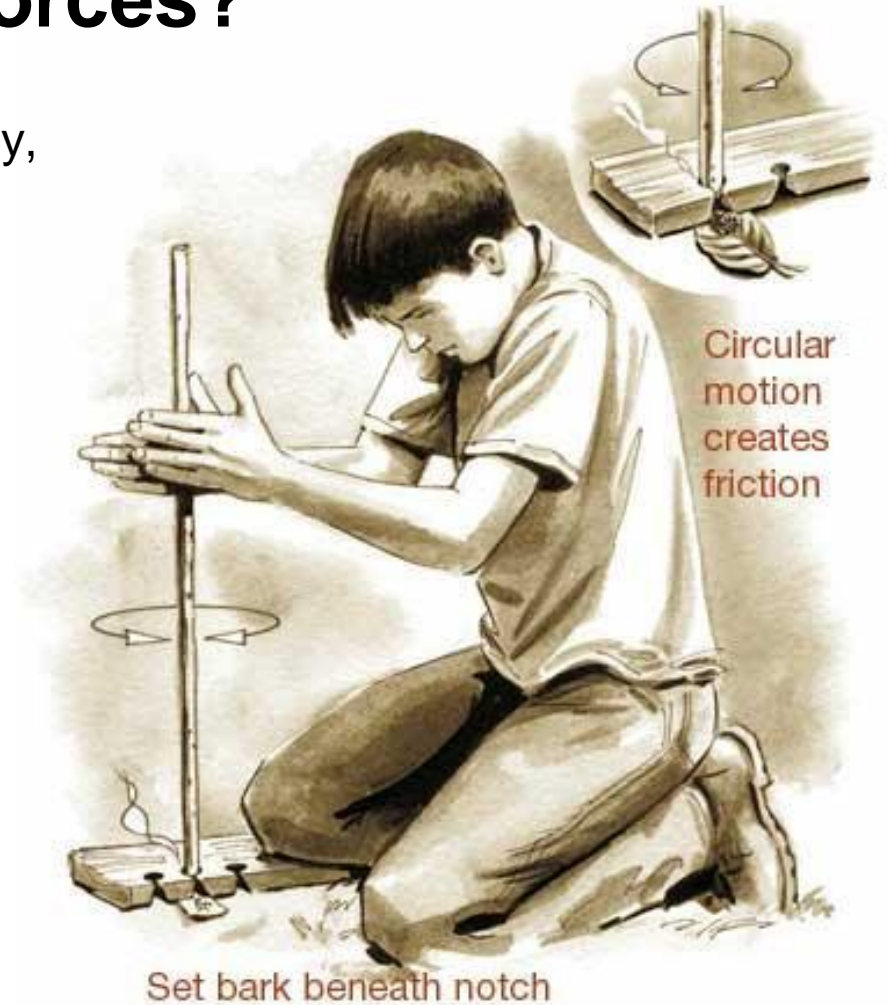
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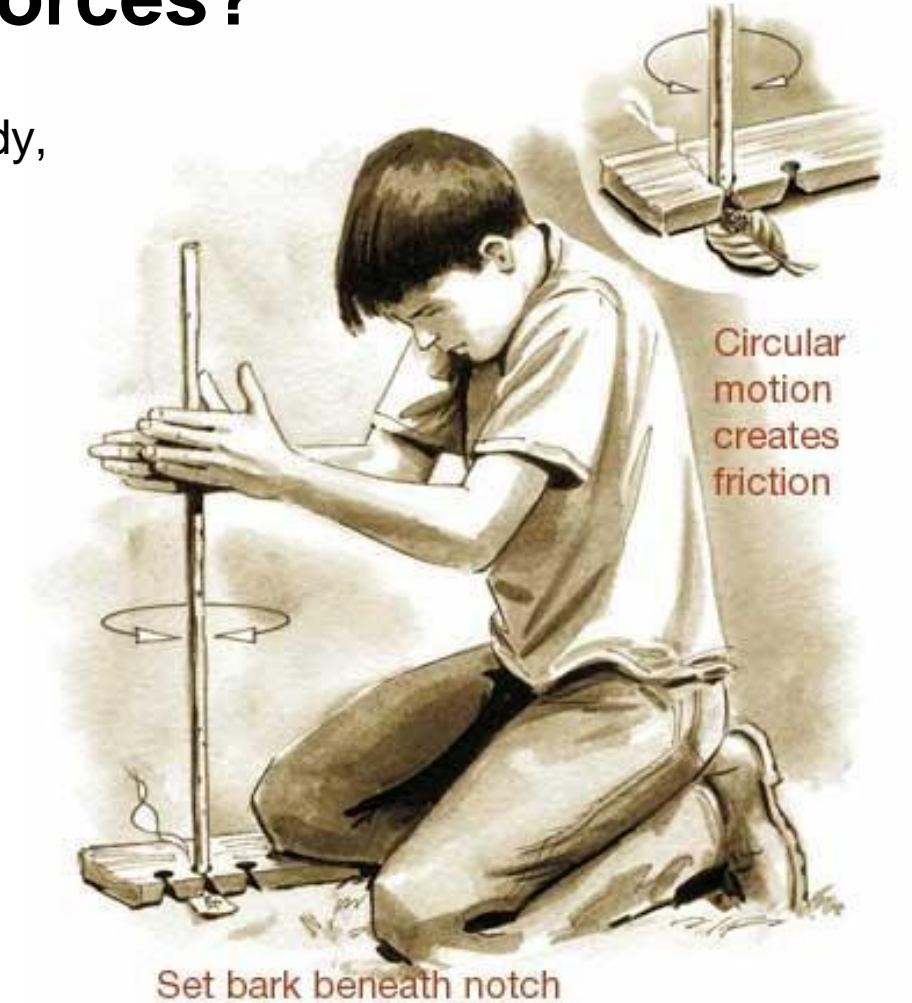
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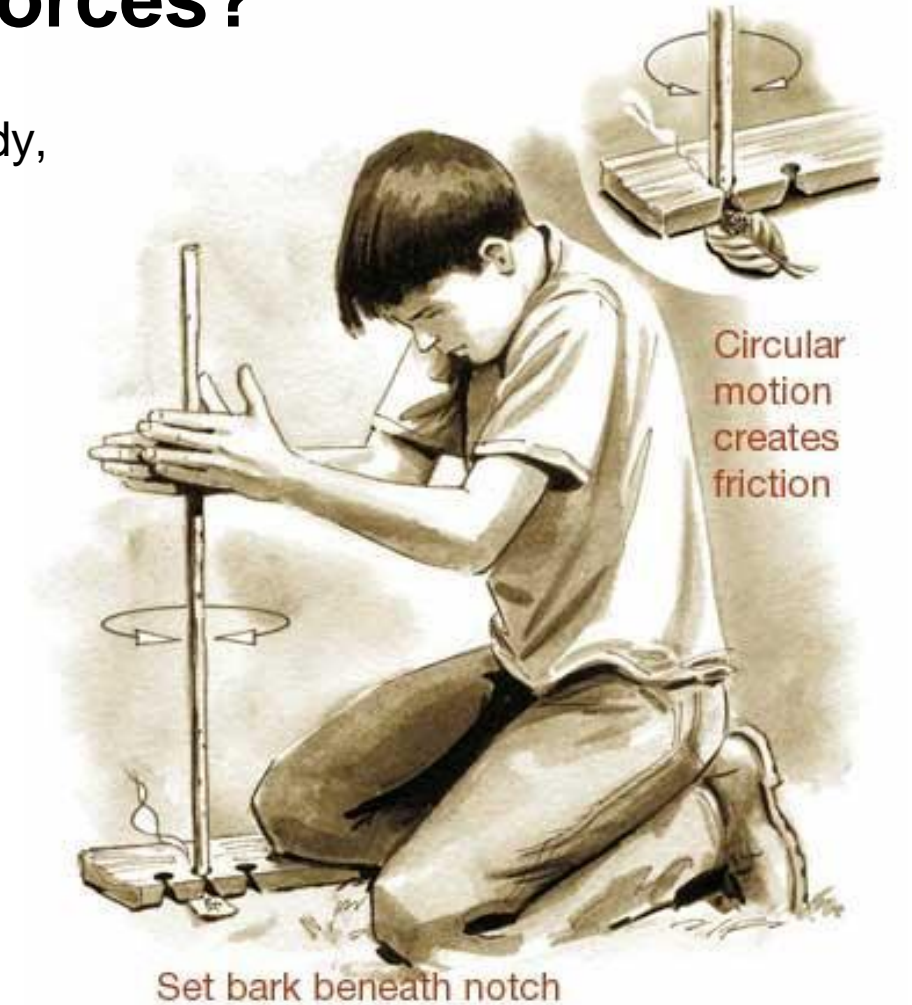
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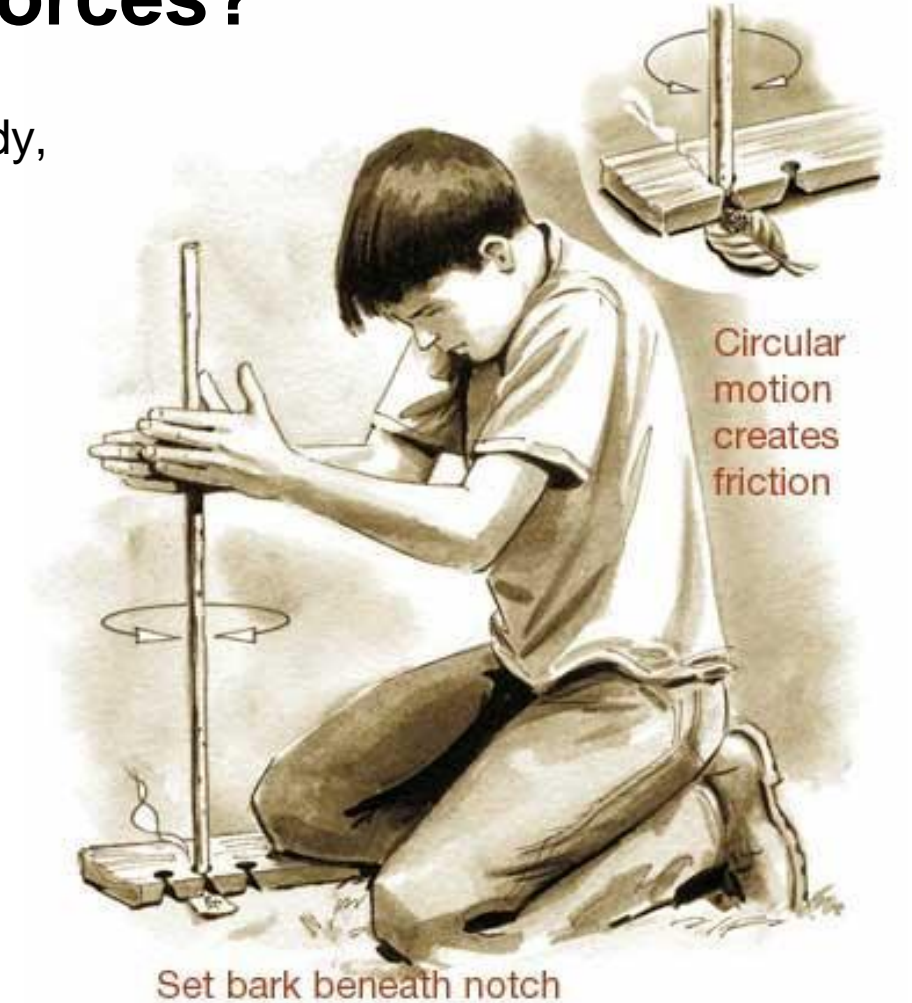
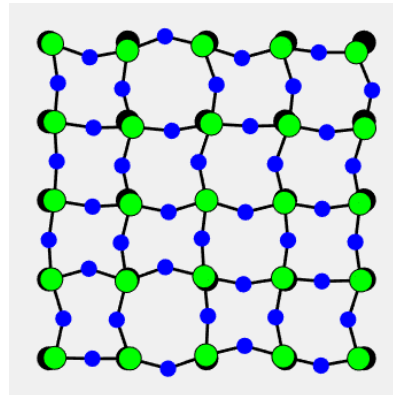
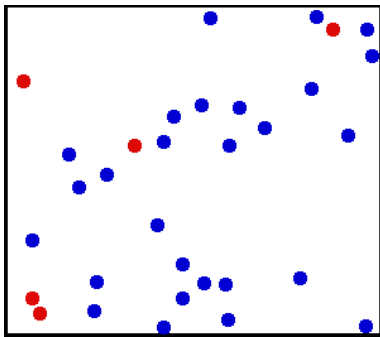


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$\Delta U$   
It increased the  
*internal* energy  
of something

Where did the  
energy go?



# Thermodynamic systems

- It can be anything. Whatever is relevant to our analysis.
- However, very often we concern ourselves with relatively simple cases:
  - A given amount of gas
  - A mixture of a liquid and the vapor of the same substance
  - A solid that can be considered homogeneous
- We define the system by delimiting from the rest of the universe. The boundary between the system and the universe can be
  - a real boundary (the walls of a container) or  $\longrightarrow$  matter cannot be exchanged (closed system)
  - an imaginary boundary (a region of space)  $\longrightarrow$  matter can be exchanged (open system)



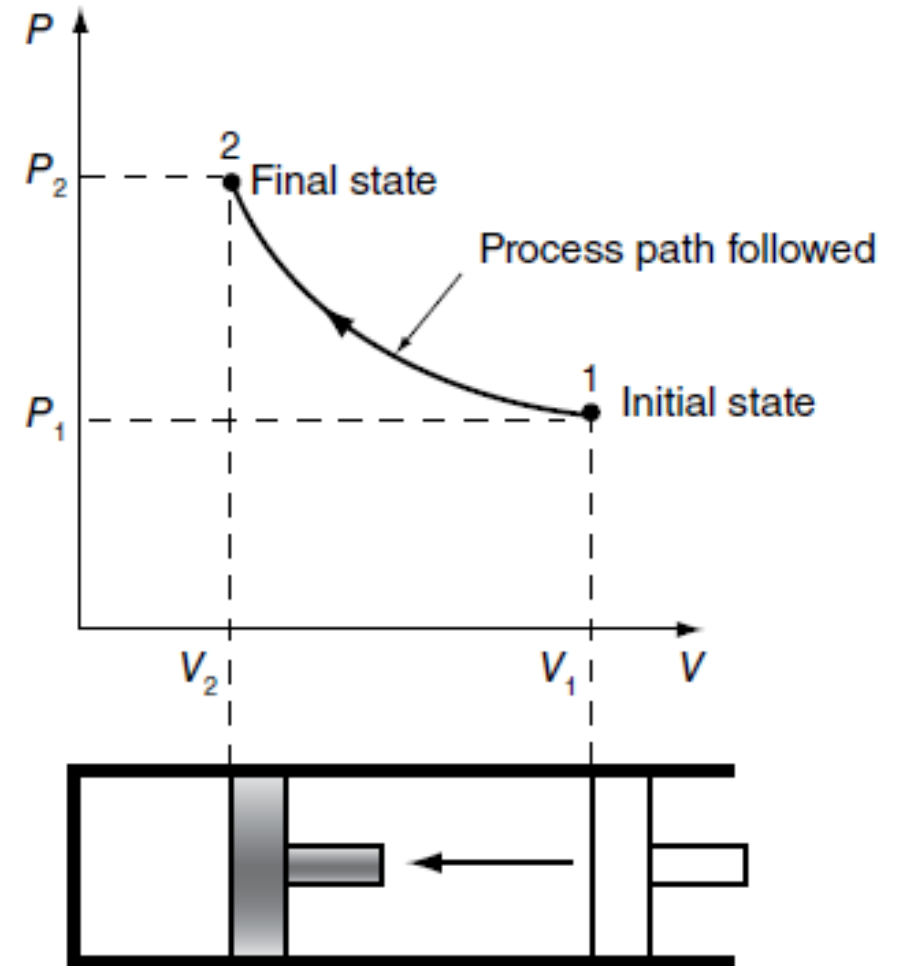
# Thermodynamic states

A state is the record of properties for a system. It can be described by a range of thermodynamic coordinates (properties)

Changing the properties of a system brings it to another state.

The journey from one state to another is called a *process*.

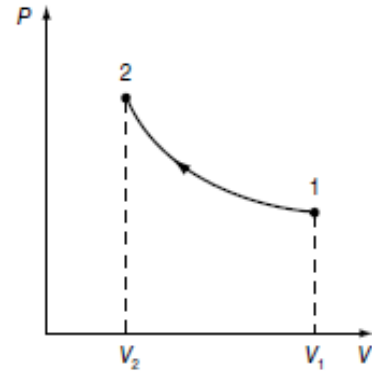
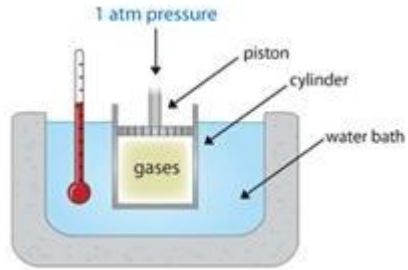
We will mostly concern ourselves with 4 types of processes: isothermal, isochoric, isobaric, adiabatic





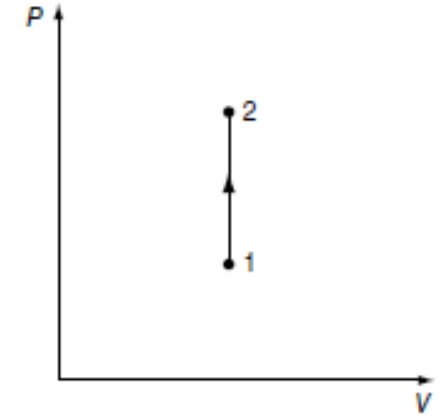
## Isothermal process

- Constant temperature



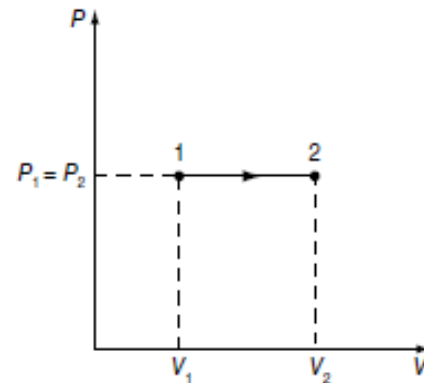
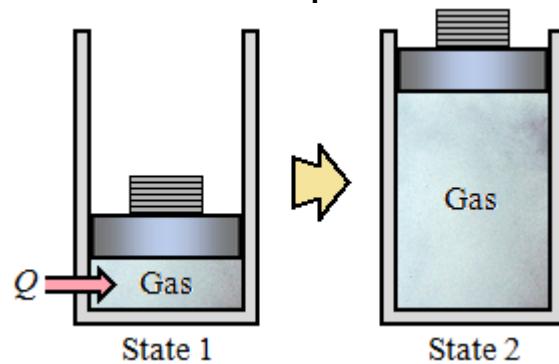
## Isochoric process

- Constant volume



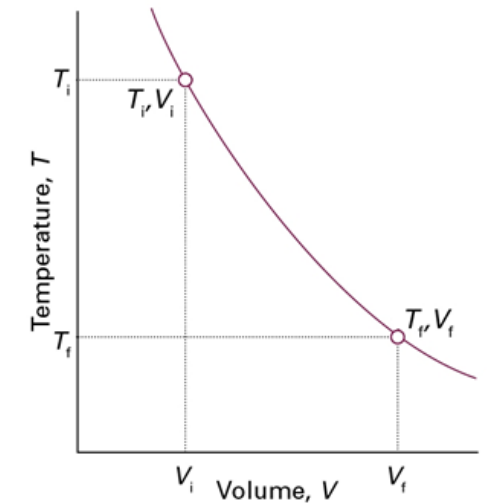
## Isobaric process

- Constant pressure



## Adiabatic process

- No heat exchange



# State functions and Path functions

## State Function

- Independent of path  $\gamma$  taken to establish property or value
- Can integrate using final and initial values
- Based on established state of system
  - Temperature
  - Pressure
  - Amount of substance

## Path Function

- Dependent of path  $\gamma$  taken to establish property or value
- Needs information on function and limits to integrate
- Based on *how* the state of the system was established
  - Heat
  - Work



# Cyclic processes

A cycle is a process or series of processes that restore a system to its initial state

This means that integrating a property over a cycle will always give zero, e.g.

It is true for any state functions!

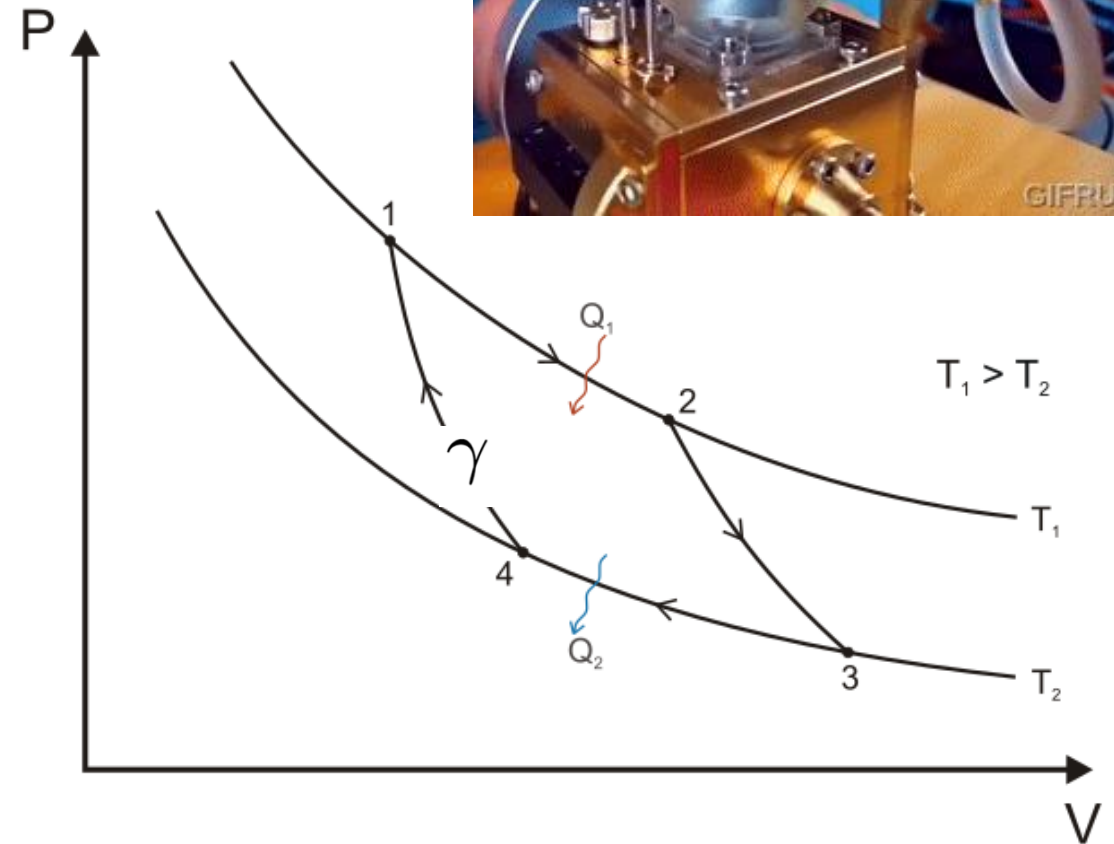
$$\oint_{\gamma} dV = 0$$

However, the transfer of energy in the form of heat or work will not be zero.

These are path functions!

$$\oint_{\gamma} dW = ?$$

All processes that do work *continuously* must be cycles. This makes the analysis of cycles immensely important!



## Example problem 2.7

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- The volume of a cylinder is:

$$V_{cyl} = \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 H = \frac{\pi}{4} (3 \text{ m})^2 3 \text{ m} = 21.21 \text{ m}^3$$

- Then the mass is:

$$m = \rho V = 1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} 21.21 \text{ m}^3 = 21210 \text{ kg}$$

- And the weight is

$$F_w = m a = 21210 \text{ kg} 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} = 208,030 \text{ N}$$

## Exercises chapter 2

- 2.5
- 2.8
- 2.12
- 2.27
- 2.28