

Quiz 2.1 – Internal energy

Name: Key

Ideal Gas Heat Capacities

○ Give the constant volume heat capacities (in the low temperature limit) for perfect gases with the following geometries:

1. Monoatomic

~~$\frac{3}{2}R$~~ $\frac{3}{2}R$

2. Linear Diatomic

$\frac{5}{2}R$

3. Non-linear Polyatomic

$3R$

○ Describe qualitatively what would happen to these heat capacities in the high temperature limit and why

They would increase as vibrations become thermally activated.

○ Explain why we must designate constant pressure or constant volume for heat capacities

Some heat is converted to work as a gas expands at constant pressure. This energy will not contribute to ΔT .

○ Predict qualitatively how C_V might compare to C_p for a gas at a given temperature

Because some heat is spent on work at constant pressure, more heat is required to change the temperature

$$C_p > C_v$$

Work

One mole of gas at 34°C undergoes an isothermal expansion in two stages:

1. From 5.0 L to 7.5 L

2. From 7.5 L to 10.0 L

$$W = -nRT \ln\left(\frac{V_f}{V_i}\right)$$

Find the work (w_{sys}) at each stage

$$1) W = -1 \text{ mol} \cdot 8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} \cdot 307.15 \text{ K} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{7.5 \text{ L}}{5.0 \text{ L}}\right) = -1040 \text{ J} \quad 2) W = -1 \text{ mol} \cdot 8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} \cdot 307.15 \text{ K} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{10.0 \text{ L}}{7.5 \text{ L}}\right) = -735 \text{ J}$$

Explain why the work done is not equal, even though the volume changes are the same

The pressure is lower throughout stage 2

The gas then undergoes an isothermal compression where $w_{sys} = 5500 \text{ J}$. What is the final volume?

$$5500 \text{ J} = -1 \text{ mol} \cdot 8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} \cdot 307.15 \text{ K} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{V_f}{10.0 \text{ L}}\right) \rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{V_f}{10.0 \text{ L}}\right) = -2.154$$

$$V_f = 0.116 \cdot 10.0 \text{ L} = 1.16 \text{ L}$$

Heat

10.0 g of He gas at 20.0°C are heated by 315 J at constant volume. What is the final temperature of the gas?

$$\rightarrow 2.498 \text{ moles} \quad C_v = \frac{3}{2} R$$

$$q = n C_v \Delta T \quad 315 \text{ J} = 2.498 \text{ moles} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot 8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} \cdot \Delta T \rightarrow 10.1^\circ\text{C} \quad T_f = 30.1^\circ\text{C}$$

10.0 g of N_2 gas at 20.0°C are heated by 315 J at constant volume. What is the final temperature of the gas?

$$\rightarrow 0.3570 \text{ moles} \quad C_v = \frac{5}{2} R$$

$$q = n C_v \Delta T \quad 315 \text{ J} = 0.3570 \text{ moles} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot 8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} \cdot \Delta T \rightarrow \Delta T = 42.5 \text{ K}$$

$$T_f = 62.5^\circ\text{C}$$

Find the heat (q_{sys}) required to cool 10.0 g of methane gas by 5°C at constant volume

$$\rightarrow 0.6234 \text{ moles} \quad C_v = 3 R$$

$$q = n C_v \Delta T = 0.6234 \text{ moles} \cdot 3 \cdot 8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} \cdot -5 \text{ K} = -77.7 \text{ J}$$