

Adiabatic transitions ($Q_{in} = 0$)

First law of Thermodynamics: $\Delta U = Q_{in} + W_{on}$

$$dU = dQ_{in} - dW_{on}$$

$$dU = 0 - PdV$$

$$\therefore \frac{dU}{dT} dT = -PdV$$

$$C_V dT = -PdV$$

$$PV = nRT$$

$$d(PV) = nR dT$$

$$nR dT = PdV + VdP$$

$$\therefore dT = \frac{PdV + VdP}{nR}$$

$$\therefore 0 = C_V \left(\frac{PdV + VdP}{nR} \right) + PdV$$

$$\times nR \Rightarrow 0 = C_V (PdV + VdP) + nR PdV$$

$$0 = PdV \underbrace{(C_V + nR)}_{= C_P \text{ [Mayer's]}} + C_V VdP$$

$$0 = C_P PdV + C_V VdP$$

$$0 = \boxed{\frac{C_P}{C_V}}^{=\gamma} PdV + VdP = \gamma \frac{dV}{V} + \frac{dP}{P}$$

Separate the variables $\Rightarrow \int \gamma \frac{dV}{V} = - \int \frac{dP}{P}$

$$\therefore \gamma \ln(V) + \text{const}_1 = -\ln(P) + \text{const}_2$$

$$-(\text{const}_1 + \text{const}_2) = \ln(\text{const})$$

arbitrarily
as they're just constants
and the actual values
don't matter for the
above to still apply

$$\gamma \ln(V) + \ln(P) = \ln(\text{const})$$

$$\boxed{PV^\gamma = \text{const}}$$

Also, $\frac{nRT}{V} V^\gamma = \text{const}$

also
constant

$$\boxed{T V^{\gamma-1} = \text{const}}$$

so $\frac{\text{const}}{nR}$
is still
constant!