

Adiabatic processes PV-relation

From the ideal gas law:

$$PV = nRT \quad \parallel \quad P \text{ and } V \text{ are both functions of } T.$$

Take the derivative with respect to T on both sides:

$$\frac{d}{dT}(PV) = \frac{d}{dT}(nRT)$$

$$\Rightarrow P \frac{dV}{dT} + V \frac{dP}{dT} = nR$$

$$\Rightarrow PdV + VdP = nRdT \quad (*) \quad \parallel \quad \text{Since } \frac{dV}{dT} = \lim_{\Delta T \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta T}, \text{ etc.}$$

But

$$-PdV = nC_v dT \Rightarrow n dT = -\frac{P}{C_v} dV$$

Then, substituting into $(*)$, we find

$$PdV + VdP = -\frac{PR}{C_v} dV$$

We also know that $C_p = C_v + R \Rightarrow R = C_p - C_v$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow PdV + VdP &= \left(\frac{C_v - C_p}{C_v} \right) PdV \\ &= (1 - \gamma) PdV \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow VdP = -\gamma PdV$$

Now divide both sides by PV :

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dP}{P} = -\gamma \frac{dV}{V}$$

Now we can integrate from the initial state to the final state:

$$\int_{P_{ini}}^{P_{final}} \frac{dP}{P} = -\gamma \int_{V_{ini}}^{V_{final}} \frac{dV}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{P_{final}}{P_{ini}} = -\gamma \ln \frac{V_{final}}{V_{ini}} = \ln \left(\frac{V_{ini}}{V_{final}} \right)^\gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P_{final}}{P_{ini}} = \left(\frac{V_{ini}}{V_{final}} \right)^\gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{final} V_{final}^\gamma = P_{ini} V_{ini}^\gamma$$

or $PV^\gamma = \text{constant}$ ★

To get the T-V-relation, we can use the ideal gas law again:

$$P = \frac{nRT}{V}$$

Then substituting into (★) gives

$$nRT V^{\gamma-1} = \text{constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow TV^{\gamma-1} = \underline{\underline{\text{another constant}}}$$