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The first law of thermodynamics

- Write an expression for the change in internal energy, ΔE , that occurs when a system outputs Δq worth of heat and does Δw worth of work.
- Write integrals for the changes in internal energy that occur during (i) an adiabatic transition and (ii) an isochoric transition.
- Give expressions that relate the pressure and temperature to partial derivatives of the internal energy.
- State the first law of thermodynamics