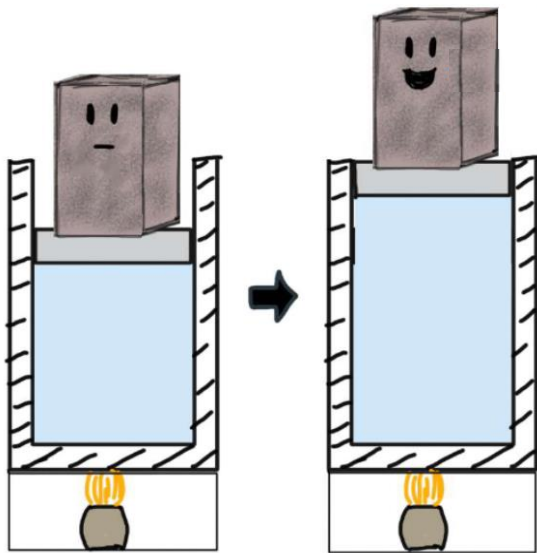


## Lecture 16.

### Internal energy.

### Isochoric and Isobaric processes.



From  
before

- Ideal Gas Law

$$PV = nRT$$

- 1<sup>st</sup> Law of Thermodynamics

$$\Delta U = Q - W$$

net change in  
the **internal  
energy** of the  
object

heat supplied to  
the object  
(thermodynamics)

work done  
by the object  
(mechanics)

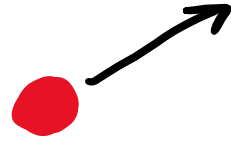
$$W = P \cdot \Delta V$$

# Internal energy of a gas, $U(T, n)$ *↪ ideal gas*

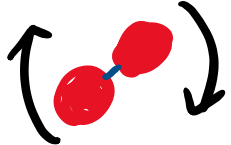
$$\Delta U = Q - W$$

- Internal energy of an object (including gas) is a sum of:

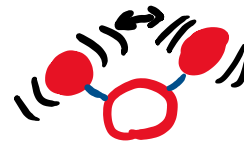
➤ Translational motion of molecules



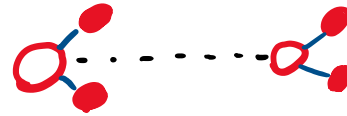
➤ Their rotational energy



➤ Their vibrational energy



➤ Electrostatic potential energy of their interaction



}  $E_{kin}$

⇐ Internal energy of ideal gas is determined only by its temperature  $T$

$$E_{kin} = E_{kin}^{trans} + E_{kin}^{vib} + E_{kin}^{rot}$$

⇐ Neglect in an ideal gas (it's a part of ideal gas model)

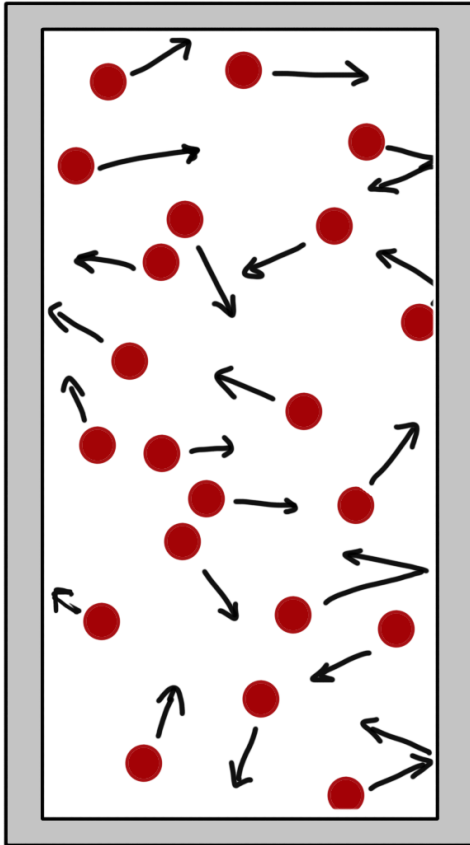
- Main equation:

$$\Delta U = nC_v \Delta T$$

- $C_v$  is molar specific heat measured at  $V = \text{const}$
- Larger for more complex molecules

## Example: Internal energy of a monatomic ideal gas

$$PV = nRT$$



- $U = N \cdot E_{kin}^{avg}$  is total kinetic energy of molecules (ideal gas!)
- $E_{kin}^{avg} = \text{const} \cdot T$
- $\text{const} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{R}{N_A}$ , where
  - $R$  is the ideal gas constant
  - $N_A$  is Avogadro's number
  - **3** comes from the number of degrees of freedom (dof)

Translations: 3 dof



Result:

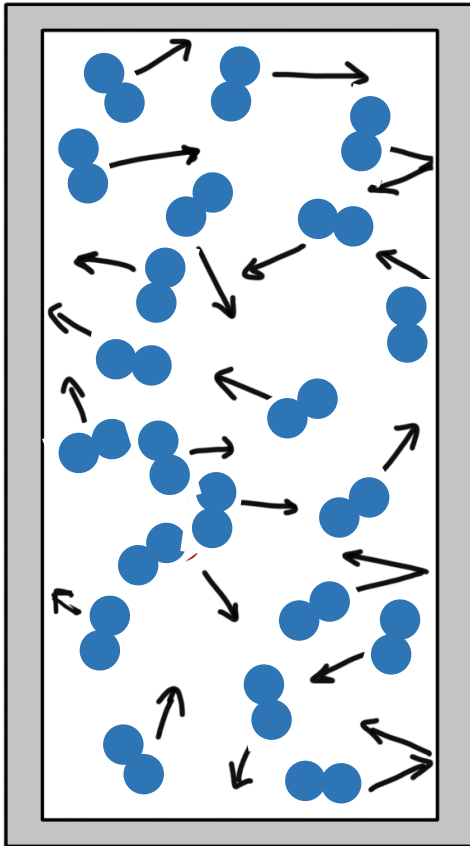
$$U = \frac{3}{2} nRT$$

From previous slide:

$$\Delta U = nC_v \Delta T \Rightarrow$$

$$C_v = \frac{3}{2} R$$

## Example: Internal energy of a diatomic ideal gas

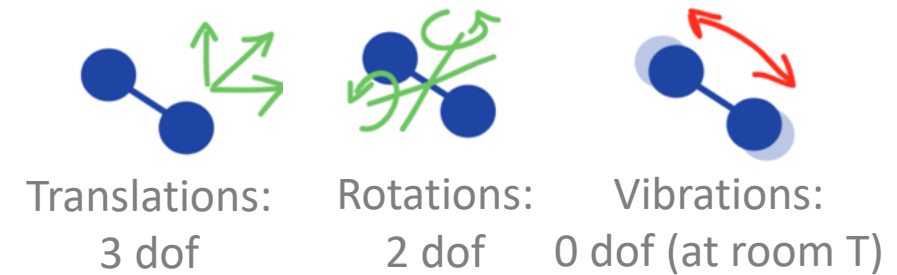


- $U = N \cdot E_{kin}^{avg}$  is total kinetic energy of molecules (ideal gas!)

- $E_{kin}^{avg} = \text{const} \cdot T$

- $\text{const} = \frac{5}{2} \frac{R}{N_A}$ , where

- $R$  is the ideal gas constant
- $N_A$  is Avogadro's number
- **5** comes from the number of degrees of freedom (dof)



Result:

$$U = \frac{5}{2} nRT$$

From previous slide:

$$\Delta U = nC_v \Delta T \Rightarrow$$

$$C_v = \frac{5}{2} R$$

# Internal Energy: Summary

- Important equations:

$$\Delta U = Q - W$$

$$\Delta U = nC_v \Delta T$$

$$U = \frac{\text{dof}}{2} nRT$$

$W = \int P dV$   
• Add to that

$$W = P \cdot \Delta V$$

$$PV = nRT$$

- Ideal Gas:  $U$  determined from  $T$  and  $n$  only

- $U$  is a “state variable”:

➤ Determined from  $P, V, T, n$  (for non-ideal gas)

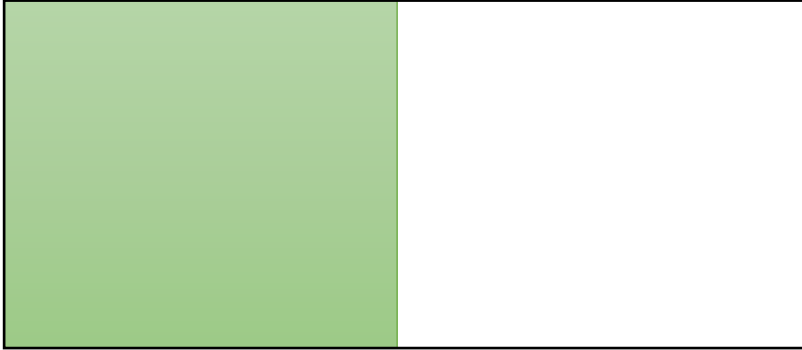
➤  $\Delta U$  only depends on initial & final state (not on the path)

❖  $Q$  and  $W$  do depend on the path, but not their difference,  $\Delta U$ !

to find various  
characteristics  
of ideal gas  
under various  
circumstances



Q: A container with a partition in the middle is filled halfway with an ideal monatomic gas. If the partition is removed instantaneously so that the gas is allowed to fill the box, the final temperature of the gas will be:



$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Delta U & = & Q & - & W \\ \text{"} & & \text{"} & & \text{"} \\ 0 & & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

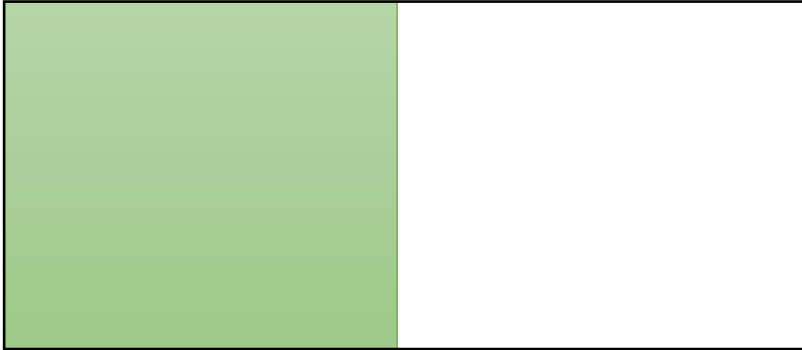
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \downarrow & & \Delta U = n C_V \Delta T \\ \Delta T = 0 & & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

“Free expansion”

- A. lower than the original temperature
- ☒ B. the same as the original temperature
- C. higher than the original temperature
- D. I have no idea how to think about this



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Energy conserved:

$$W = 0 \quad Q = 0 \quad \Delta U = Q - W = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Kinetic energy per molecule doesn't change,  
(or you can use  $\Delta U = nC_v \Delta T$ )

$\Rightarrow$  Temperature doesn't change

- A. lower than the original temperature
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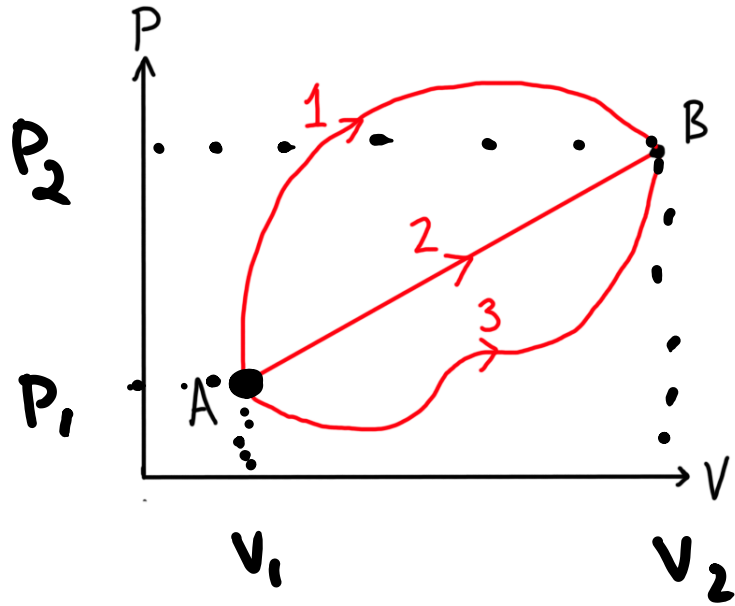


“Free expansion”





Q: The graph shows three possible processes for an ideal gas going from A to B. For which path is the change  $\Delta U$  largest?



$$\Delta U = ? \quad \Delta T = ?$$
$$T_1 = \frac{P_1 V_1}{nR} \quad T_2 = \frac{P_2 V_2}{nR}$$

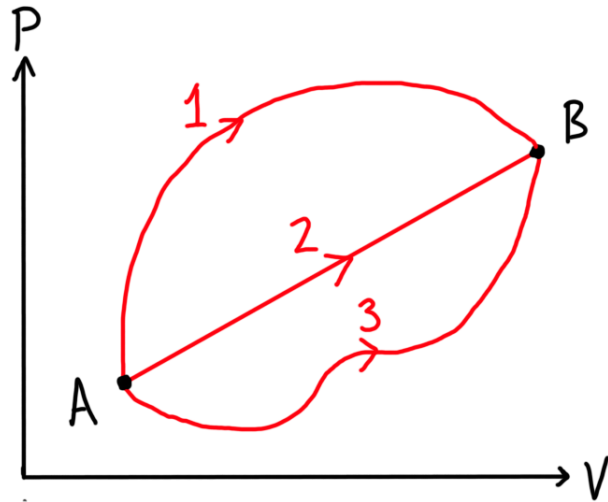
$$PV = nRT$$

same  $\Delta T \rightarrow$  same  $\Delta U$

- A. Path 1
- B. Path 2
- C. Path 3
- ☒ D. They are all the same
- E. We don't have enough information to answer



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$$\Delta U = nC_v\Delta T$$

$T$  is determined by  $P, V$  via  $PV = nRT$

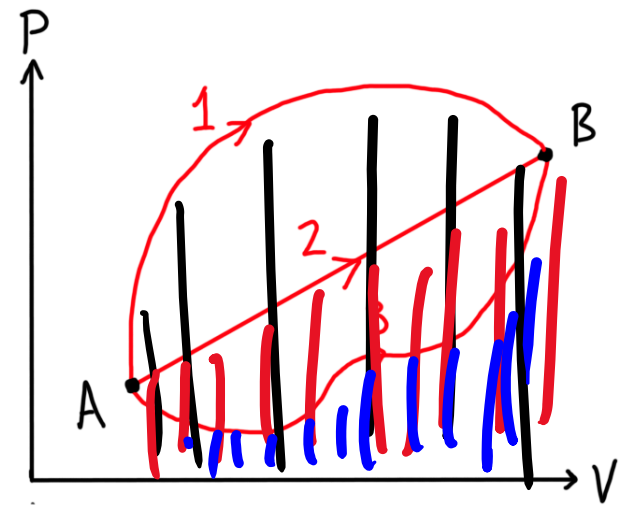
Same change in  $P, V \Rightarrow$  same change in  $T$

So,  $\Delta U$  is the same

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- B. Path 2
- C. Path 3
- D. They are all the same ✓
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Q: The graph shows three possible processes for an ideal gas going from A to B. For which path is  $Q$  (the heat added) the largest?



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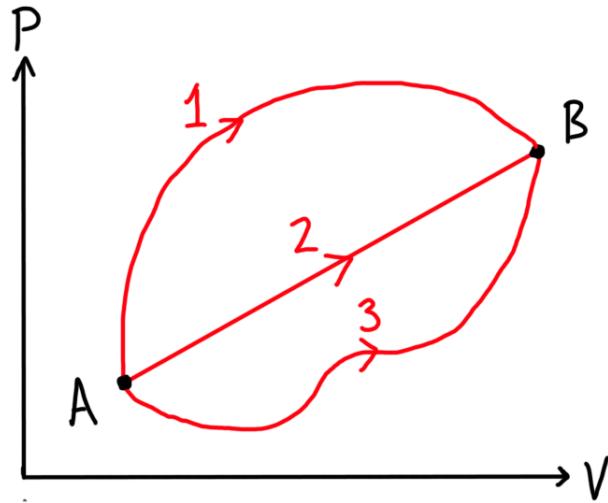
$$\Delta U = Q - W \quad \rightarrow$$

$$Q = \Delta U + W$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$   
same area  
under graph



Q: The graph shows three possible processes for an ideal gas going from A to B. For which path is  $Q$  (the heat added) the largest?



$$Q = \Delta U + W$$

$\Delta U$  is the same for all paths

$$\Delta U = nC_v\Delta T$$

$T$  is determined by  $P, V$  via  $PV = nRT$

Same change in  $P, V \Rightarrow$  same change in  $T$

So,  $\Delta U$  is the same

$W$  largest for path 1 (largest area under graph)

$\Rightarrow Q$  largest for path 1

A. Path 1



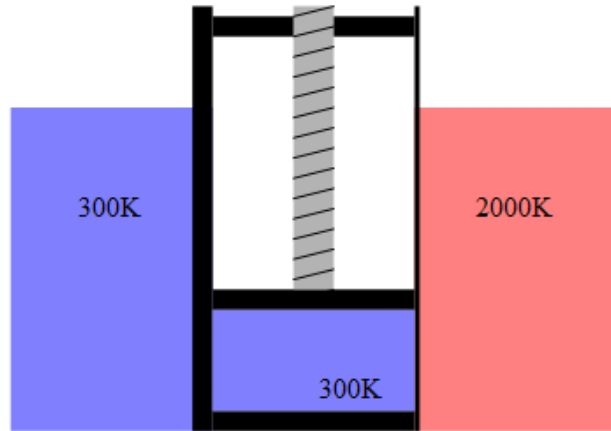
B. Path 2

C. Path 3

D. They are all the same

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# Analyzing thermodynamic processes

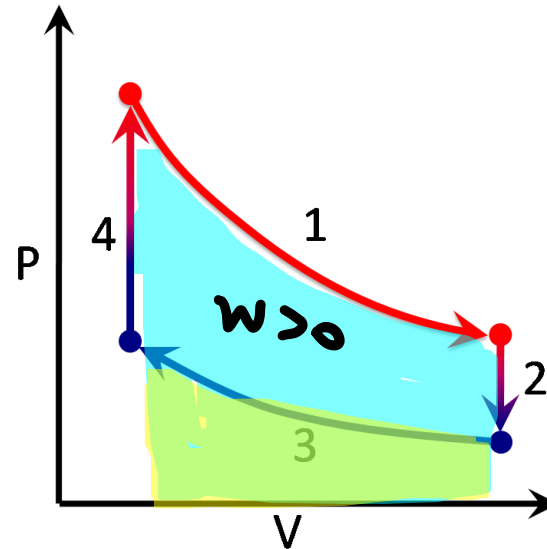


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- Want to:
  - Calculate temperature, pressure, volume: **Ideal Gas Law:  $PV = nRT$**
  - Calculate work:  **$W = P\Delta V$**  (or area under  $P$ - $V$  curve)
  - Calculating change in  $U$ :  **$\Delta U = nC_v\Delta T$**
  - Calculate heat added:  
**First Law:  $Q = \Delta U + W$**

- We'll understand these for:

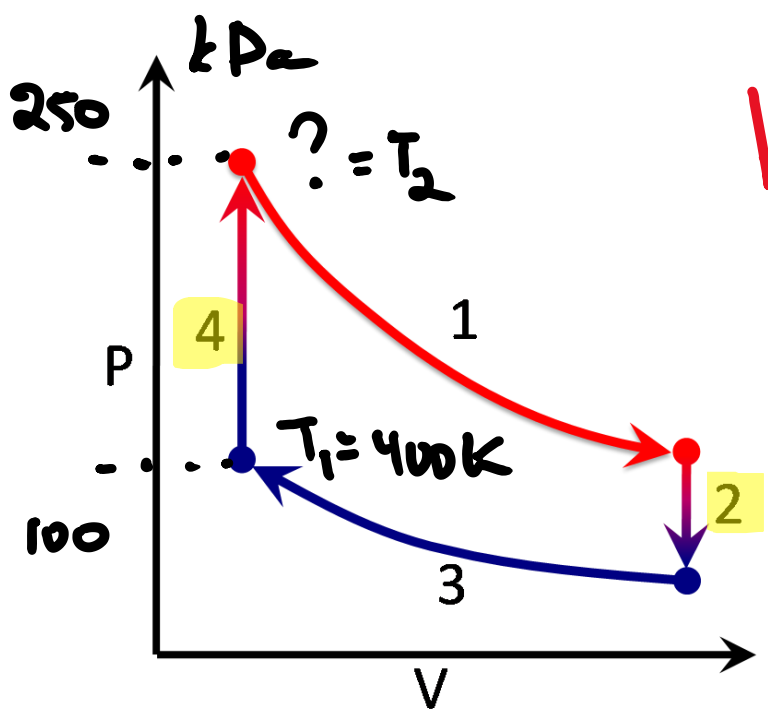
- isochoric:  **$V$  constant**
- isobaric:  **$P$  constant**
- isothermal:  **$T$  constant**
- adiabatic:  **$Q = 0$**



Note: You don't need to memorize the formulas that we will derive for each process, rather understand how it all works!



Q: In the process 4, the pressure of an ideal gas increases from 100 kPa to 250 kPa.  
If the initial temperature is 400 K, the final temperature is



Kelvin!!!

$$P V = n R T$$

$$\frac{T}{P} = \text{const} = \frac{V}{n R}$$

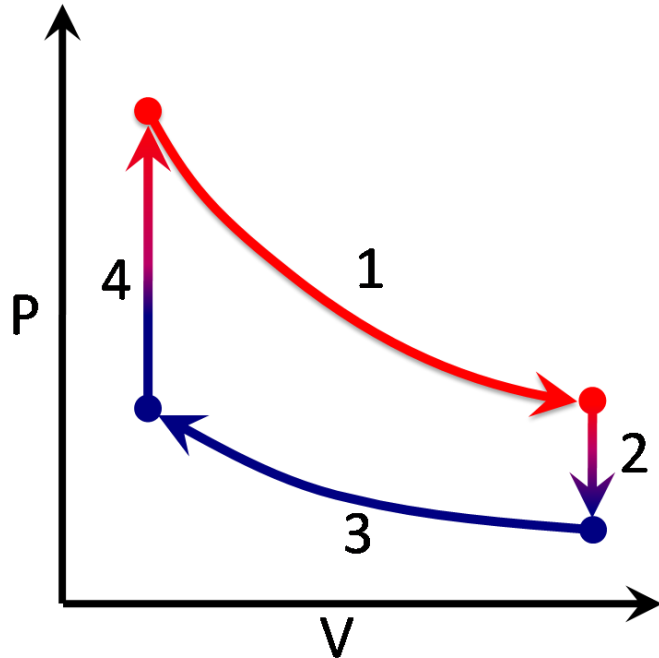
$$\frac{T_2}{P_2} = \frac{T_1}{P_1} \rightarrow T_2 = T_1 \frac{P_2}{P_1} = \dots$$

- A. 160 K
- B. 400 K
- C. 600 K
- D. 800 K
- ☒ E. 1000 K

➤ isochoric:  $V$  constant



Q: In the process 4, the pressure of an ideal gas increases from 100 kPa to 250 kPa. If the initial temperature is 400 K, the final temperature is



$T$  in Kelvin !!!

Ideal Gas law:  $PV = nRT \Rightarrow \frac{P}{T} = \frac{nR}{V}$

$n, V, R$  are constant  $\Rightarrow P/T$  is constant

$$\frac{P_2}{T_2} = \frac{P_1}{T_1} \Rightarrow T_2 = T_1 \frac{P_2}{P_1} = 1000 \text{ K}$$

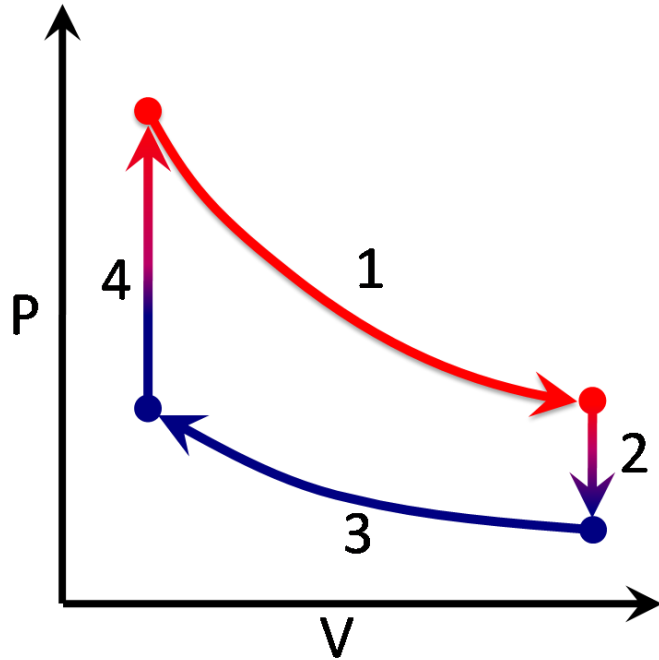
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Q: During process 4, we can say that



$$\Delta U = Q - \cancel{W}$$

3  
0

area under  
4 is zero

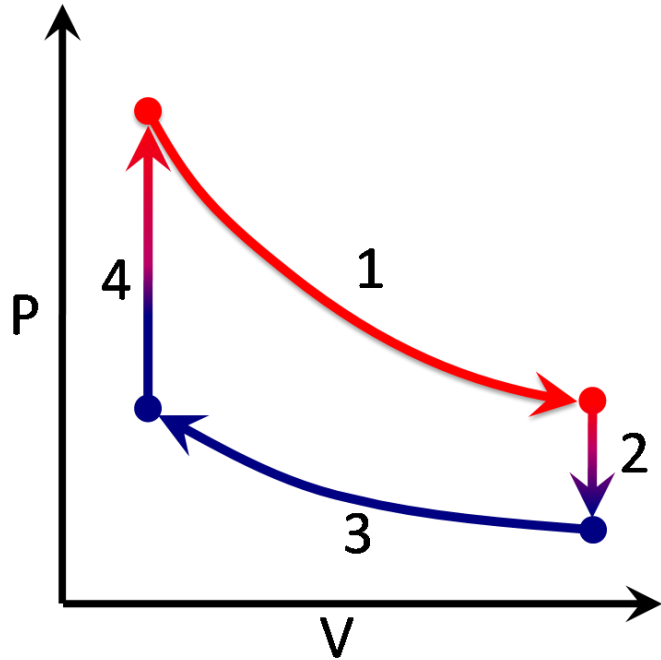
- A.  $Q = W$
- B.  $Q = \Delta U$
- C.  $\Delta U = -W$
- D. None of the above

➤ isochoric:  $V$  constant





Q: During process 4, we can say that



First Law:  $\Delta U = Q - W$

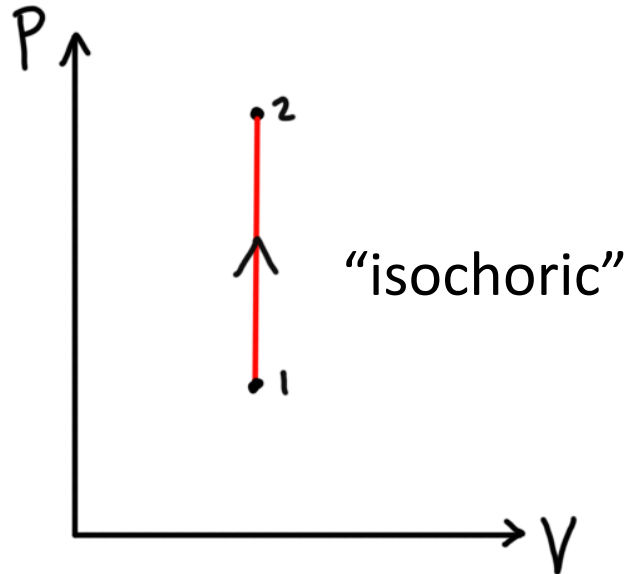
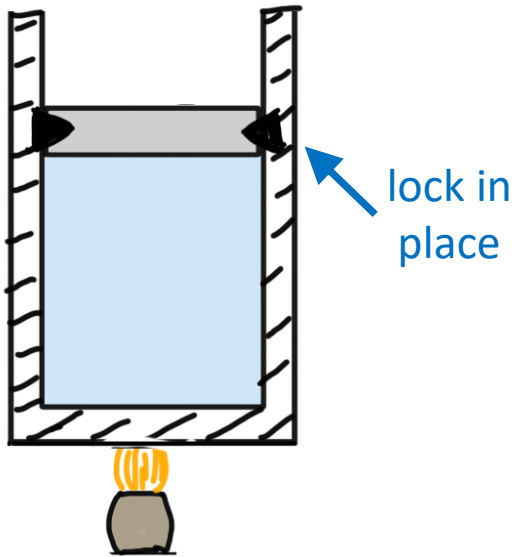
For constant  $V$ ,  $W = 0$

So  $\Delta U = Q$

- A.  $Q = W$
- B.  $Q = \Delta U$  ✓
- C.  $\Delta U = -W$
- D. None of the above

➤ isochoric:  $V$  constant

## Constant Volume: Summary



- Ideal Gas Law  $\Rightarrow PV = nRT$

- $n, V$  are constant  $\Rightarrow \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{P_1} \quad (P \propto T)$

- $\Delta U = Q - W$

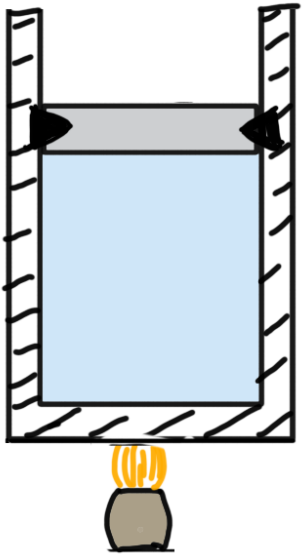
- $W = P\Delta V = 0$

- So:  $Q = \Delta U = nC_v\Delta T$

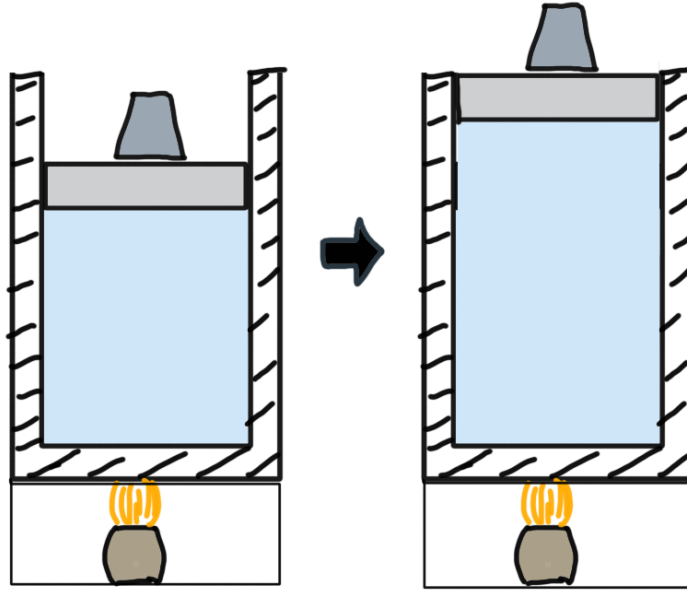
➤ isochoric:  $V$  constant



Q: In the two situations below, a gas is heated from 300K to 400K.  
We can say that the heat added



first case



second case

$$\Delta U = Q - W$$

$$Q = \Delta U + W$$

$W = ?$   $\Delta U = ?$

$W = ?$   $\Delta U = ?$

A. is the same in both cases

B. is greater in the first case where the volume is held fixed

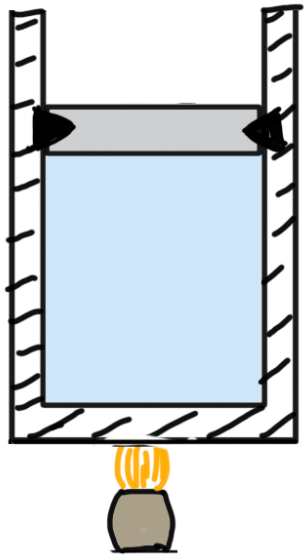
C. is greater in the second case where pressure is fixed

same  $\rightarrow$  same  $\Delta T$

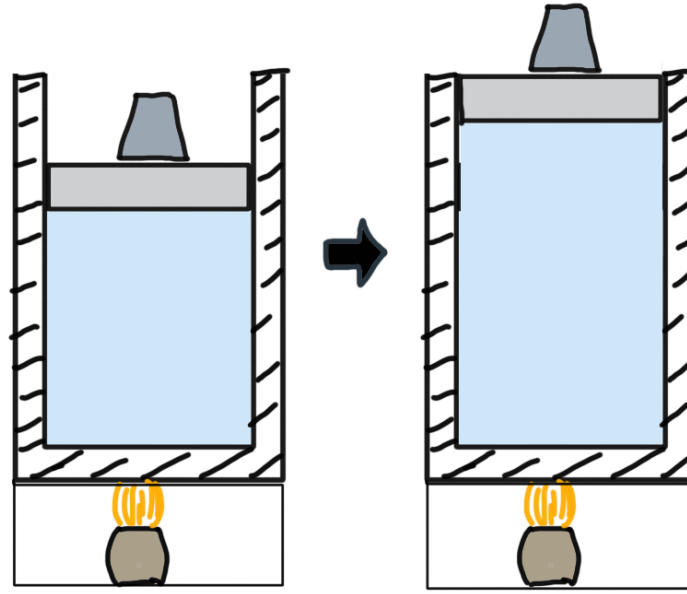
➤ isobaric:  $P$  constant



Q: In the two situations below, a gas is heated from 300K to 400K.  
We can say that the heat added



first case



second case

First Law:  $Q = \Delta U + W$

$\Delta U$  same for both (same  $\Delta T$ )

$W$  positive for second case

So  $Q$  larger for second case

A. is the same in both cases

B. is greater in the first case where the volume is held fixed

C. is greater in the second case where pressure is fixed



➤ isobaric:  $P$  constant