

The Second Law of Thermodynamics

Entropy in a closed system cannot decrease.

$$\Delta S \geq 0$$

From Boltzmann's perspective, this is obvious. Why would a system not explore all the microstates accessible to it? A system can only lose entropy by heat flowing out of it (clear from Clausius' perspective) but this is not possible in a closed system.

From Clausius' Perspective, another definition of the second law is:

Heat cannot flow spontaneously from a colder to a warmer body.

Note, from Clausius' entropy $ds = \frac{dQ}{T} \Rightarrow dQ = Tds$, we can get another definition of the first law:

$$dU = dQ + dW \Rightarrow$$

$$dU = Tds + PdV$$

Entropy of an ideal gas

$$\text{From } dU = Tds - PdV \Rightarrow \frac{dU}{T} + \frac{P}{T} dV = ds$$

$$\text{but } dU = C_v dT \text{ and } \frac{P}{T} = \frac{Nk_B}{V} \text{ so:}$$

$$ds = C_v \frac{dT}{T} + Nk_B \frac{dV}{V} \quad \therefore S = C_v \ln T + Nk_B \ln V + S_0$$
$$= \underline{\underline{n C_v \ln T + n R \ln V + S_0}}$$

Where S_0 is the integration constant that depends on N but not on V or T .