

- 2 (a) The first law of thermodynamics may be expressed in the form

$$\Delta U = q + w.$$

- (i) State, for a system, what is meant by:

1. $+q$

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2. $+w$.

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- (ii) State what is represented by a negative value of ΔU .

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(b) An ideal gas, sealed in a container, undergoes the cycle of changes shown in Fig. 2.1.

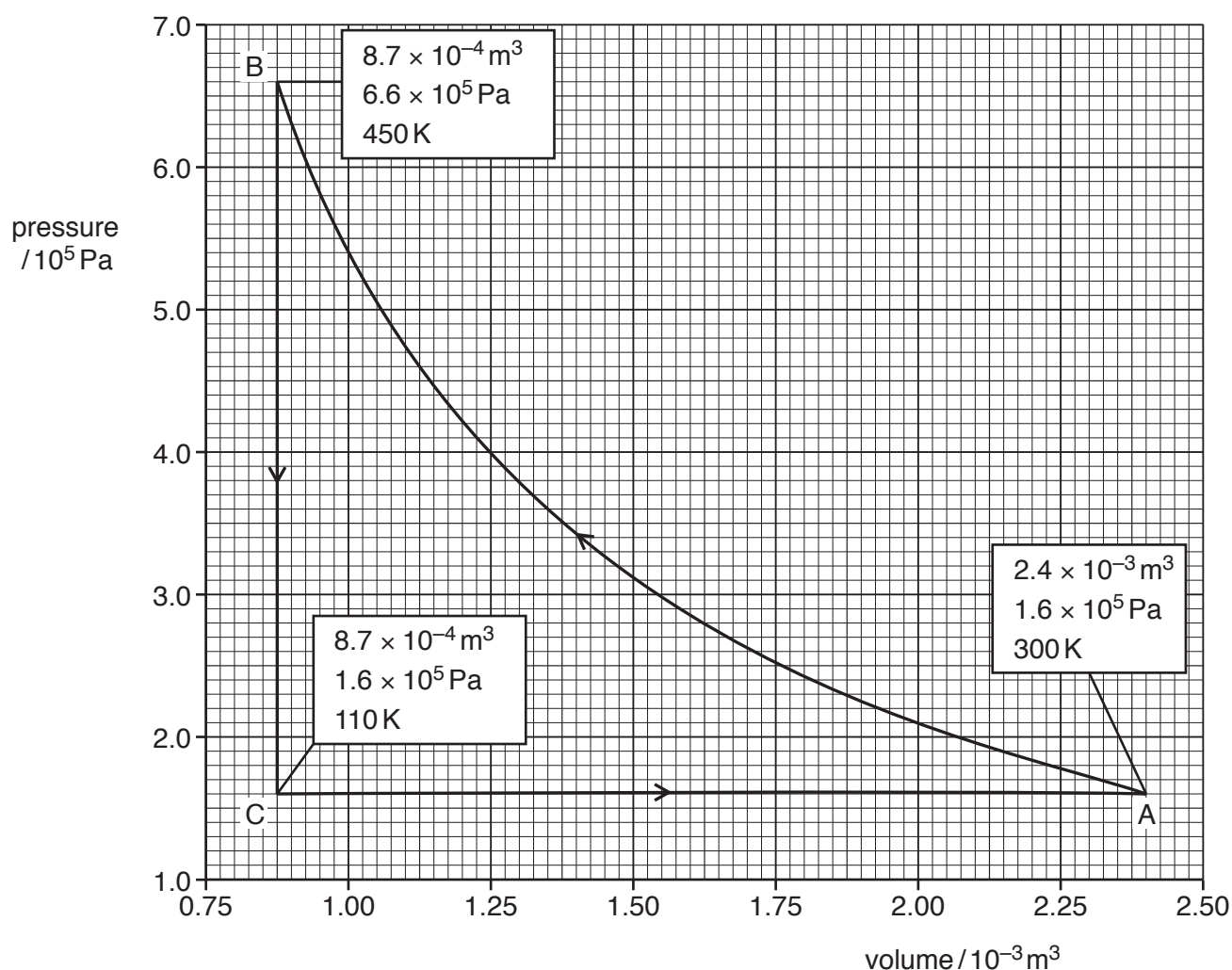


Fig. 2.1

At point A, the gas has volume $2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$, pressure $1.6 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ and temperature 300 K.

The gas is compressed suddenly so that no thermal energy enters or leaves the gas during the compression. The amount of work done is 480 J so that, at point B, the gas has volume $8.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$, pressure $6.6 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ and temperature 450 K.

The gas is now cooled at constant volume so that, between points B and C, 1100 J of thermal energy is transferred. At point C, the gas has pressure $1.6 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ and temperature 110 K.

Finally, the gas is returned to point A.

- (i) State and explain the total change in internal energy of the gas for one complete cycle ABCA.

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- (ii) Calculate the external work done on the gas during the expansion from point C to point A.

work done = J [2]

- (iii) Complete Fig. 2.2 for the changes from:

1. point A to point B
2. point B to point C
3. point C to point A.

change	$+q/J$	$+w/J$	$\Delta U/J$
A \rightarrow B
B \rightarrow C
C \rightarrow A

Fig. 2.2

[4]

[Total: 11]