

- 4 (a) State what is meant by *internal energy of an ideal gas*.

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- (b) The variation of pressure with volume for an ideal gas is as shown in Fig. 4.1 below.

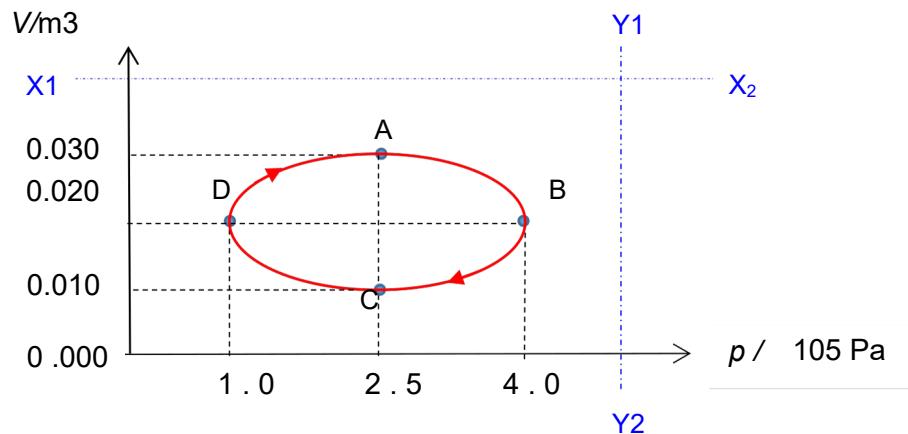


Fig. 4.1

- (i) The temperatures T_A , T_B , T_C and T_D at states A, B, C and D respectively are as follows

$$T_D \quad T_C \quad T_A \quad T_B.$$

Show that the relationship between the temperatures is as stated above.

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- (ii) Sketch the four isotherms that pass through states A, B, C and D. Each isotherm must extend to touch lines X₁X₂ and Y₁Y₂. [1]
- (iii) Explain why there is no change in internal energy of the gas after one complete cycle from A → B → C → D → A.

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- (iv) The *first law of thermodynamics* may be expressed in the form

$$+\square U = (+q) + (+w).$$

Hence, complete the table in Fig. 4.2 with '+' and '-'.

Process	$+\square U$	$+q$	$+w$
A → B		-	
B → C			+
C → D		+	
D → A			-
After one complete cycle	0		

Fig. 4.2

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- (v) Determine the net heat gain after one complete cycle.

Hint: Area of an ellipse, $A = \pi ab$

where a and b are the large and small radii respectively.

net heat gain = J [2]

- (c) A relationship between the average translational kinetic energy and thermal energy is given by the expression

$$\frac{1}{2}m c^2 = \frac{3}{2} kT.$$

Explain if the above expression is applicable to the ideal gas in (b).

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