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Quiz 3

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- (a) Consider two subsystems separated by an impermeable and immovable wall that only transfers heat. The energies of each system (U_1 and U_2 respectively) are allowed to change, but the total energy $U = U_1 + U_2$ is conserved.

Using the fact that the entropy is extremised at thermal equilibrium (i.e. $dS = 0$), show that at equilibrium the temperatures of both subsystems will be the same, i.e. that $T_1 = T_2$. [3]

Hint: Remember that the total energy is conserved!

- (b) Consider a gaseous system taken from A to B along a curve $P^3V = \text{constant}$, as shown in Figure (1). The internal energy of this system is given by $U = 2.5PV - 5\text{kJ}$. Find (i) the change in the internal energy, (ii) the work done, and (iii) the heat transferred. [6]

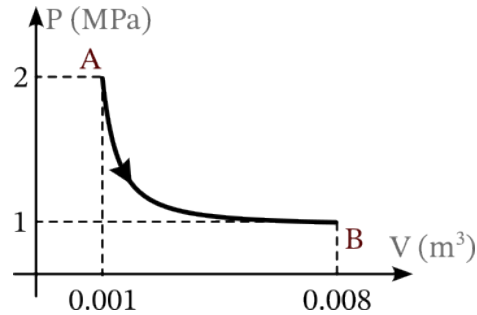


Figure 1: A thermodynamic system is taken from $A \rightarrow B$ along $P^3V = \text{constant}$. Note that $1\text{MPa} = 10^6\text{ Pa}$.

- (c) Is the process given above adiabatic? Explain, but be succinct.

[1]