

Thermodynamic definition of entropy

It is (was) convenient to introduce another state variable entropy S
(joining other state variables P, V, T, E_{int}, n)

Entropy

$$dS = \frac{dQ}{T}$$

$$\Delta S = \int_{\text{state 1}}^{\text{state 2}} \frac{dQ}{T}$$

Adiabatic: $dQ = 0$ $dS = 0$ $S = \text{const}$

Isothermal: $T = \text{const}$ $\Delta S = \frac{1}{T} \int_{\text{state 1}}^{\text{state 2}} dQ = \frac{\Delta Q}{T} = nR \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1}$

The expression $\Delta S = \Delta Q / T$ also valid for phase transitions (melting, evaporation, etc.)

$$Q = m \cdot L \quad \Delta S = Q / T = m \cdot L / T$$

in Kelvin!

Isochoric process: $dQ = nC_V dT$

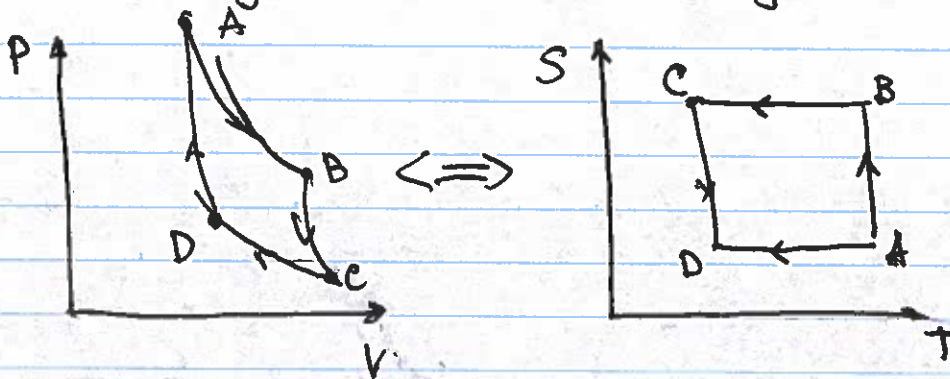
$$\Delta S = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} \frac{nC_V dT}{T} = nC_V \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

For solid / liquids $dQ = mCdT \Rightarrow \Delta S = mC \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1}$

Isobaric process: $dQ = nC_P dT$

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Carnot cycle in a S-T diagram



area of the cycle
represent total work

$$W = \int P dV$$

area of the cycle
represents total heat

$$Q = \int T dS$$

Since entropy is a state variable, any ideal closed cycle is reversible and can be done in the opposite direction, with no other changes in the universe.

Moreover, in an ideal reversible process a system must always stay in equilibrium (i.e., the whole system is in the same state, and any of its part is described by the same state variables).

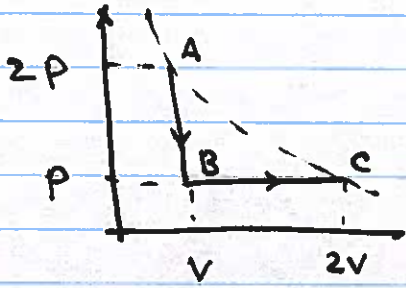
So to approach such ideal process, we have to do everything slowly!

- isothermal compression / expansion
- slow adiabatic " "

Imperfections arise from any channels in which the energy can escape

- friction of parts
- interaction with unisolated environment
- irreversible processes (mixing of different substances, quick expansion)

Entropy calculations



What is a change in entropy along the path ABC?

Solution 1. $\Delta S_{ABC} = \Delta S_{AB} + \Delta S_{BC}$

AB - isochoric process

$$dQ = nC_V dT$$

$$\Delta S_{AB} = \int_{T_A}^{T_B} \frac{dQ}{T} = nC_V \int_{T_A}^{T_B} \frac{dT}{T} = nC_V \ln \frac{T_B}{T_A} < 0$$

BC - isobaric process

$$dQ = nC_P dT$$

$$\Delta S_{BC} = \int_{T_B}^{T_C} \frac{dQ}{T} = nC_P \int_{T_B}^{T_C} \frac{dT}{T} = nC_P \ln \frac{T_C}{T_B}$$

$$T_A = T_C = \frac{2PV}{nR}$$

$$T_B = \frac{PV}{nR}$$

$$\Delta S_{ABC} = \Delta S_{AB} + \Delta S_{BC} = -nC_V \ln 2 + nC_P \ln 2 = n(C_P - C_V) \ln 2 = nR \ln 2$$

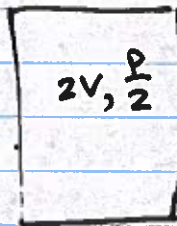
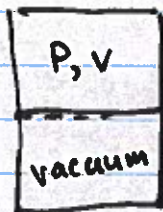
Solution 2

Since $T_A = T_C$ one can change the state of gas following an isothermal expansion, and the change in entropy is the same, since it is a state variable.

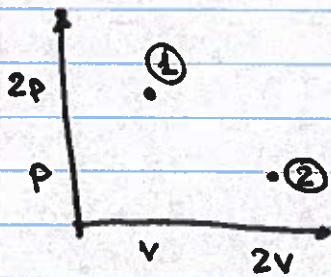
$$\Delta S_{A \rightarrow C} = \frac{Q_{AC}}{T_A} = \frac{W_{AC}}{T_A} = \frac{nRT_A \ln V_C/V_A}{T_A} = nR \ln \frac{V_C}{V_A} = nR \ln 2$$

This is a powerful observation, since it will allow us to find the entropy change even for irreversible processes

Example: free gas expands $V \rightarrow 2V$



$T = \text{const}$, $\Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0$
 $Q = 0$, yet entropy increases
 Sign that the process is irreversible



Physically, the gas "jumped" from ① to ②

However, since we can find a process reversible process with the same initial and final conditions, the change in entropy will be the same

$$\Delta S = nR \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1} = nR \ln 2 \quad \text{for } V_2 = 2V_1$$

In ideal reversible cycle the change in entropy is zero.

However, for any natural process $\Delta S > 0$

Second law of thermodynamics: the entropy of an isolated system can never be negative or

The entropy of the Universe always increases.

Van-der-Waals gas: accounts for finite molecule size and inter-molecular interactions

Van-der-Waals equation of state:

$$\left(P + a \left(\frac{n}{V} \right)^2 \right) (V - nb) = nRT$$

interactions finite size

The values of a and b are determined experimentally

Can use to calculate the entropy change at constant temperature T as gas expands $V \rightarrow 3V$?

$$\Delta S = \frac{Q}{T} = \frac{W}{T}$$

$$W = \int_V^{3V} P dV = \int_V^{3V} \left[\frac{nRT}{V-nb} - a \left(\frac{n}{V} \right)^2 \right] dV =$$

$$= \int_V^{3V} \frac{nRT}{V-nb} dV - an^2 \int_V^{3V} \frac{dV}{V^2} = nRT \ln(V-nb) \Big|_V^{3V} +$$

$$+ \frac{2an^2}{V} \Big|_V^{3V} = nRT \ln \left(\frac{3V-nb}{V-nb} \right) - \frac{2an^2}{3V}$$

$$\Delta S = \frac{W}{T} = nR \ln \left(\frac{3V-nb}{V-nb} \right) - \frac{2an^2}{3V \cdot T}$$