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## Lecture 7

Entropy! (en - tropē "inward turning" from Greek)

- This quantity is a measure of disorder + is used not only in thermodynamics, but many other areas, including communication systems.

- helps for understanding heat engines + efficiency

- Why does time have direction?

Entropy can help to explain

this, + the second law

of thermodynamics, which

states that entropy is

increasing

- eggs crack and do not reassemble, pizza gets baked... cars crash + do not reassemble,

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- Entropy helps to understand  
irreversible thermodynamic processes  
(Energy does not)

Entropy is denoted by S in  
thermodynamics

Key postulate of entropy:

If an irreversible process occurs  
in a closed system, the

entropy S does not decrease.

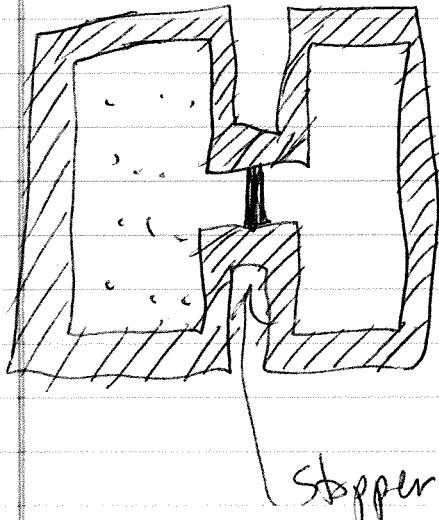
(It always stays the same  
or increases.)

$$\Delta S \geq 0$$

gives an arrow to time.

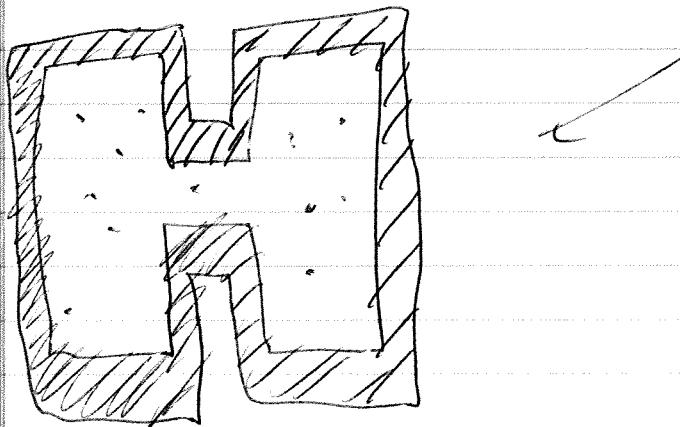
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To understand entropy,  
consider free expansion:

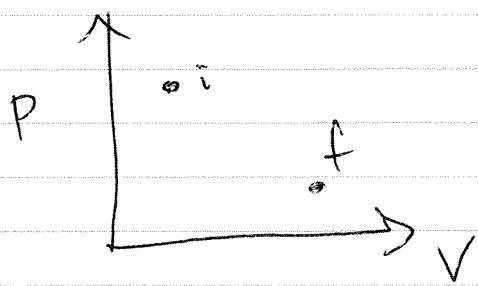


After releasing the  
stopper, gas  
expands to other  
side.

Then picture becomes



Initial & final states on p-V diagram are



However, we cannot  
define intermediate  
values b/c there is  
not a sequence of  
equilibrium states going from i to f.

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Change in entropy is defined as

$$\Delta S = S_f - S_i = \int_i^f \frac{dq}{T}$$

This is a state property,

like temperature, pressure, & volume.

SI unit for entropy is  $\frac{J}{K}$ .

For the free expansion, we cannot calculate entropy directly.

To do so, we use the fact that entropy is a state property, independent of path, & the fact that  $T_f = T_i$  for a free expansion.

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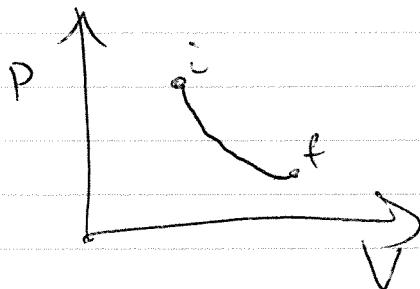
So to calculate it for free expansion, we instead consider a reversible process w/ well defined set of equilibrium states that gets from initial state to final state.

So  $i + f$  lie along an isotherm

$$\Rightarrow \Delta S = S_f - S_i$$

$$= \int_i^f \frac{1}{T} dQ$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_i^f dQ = \frac{1}{T} \cdot Q$$



for isothermal process,  $\Delta E_{\text{int}} = 0$

$\Rightarrow Q = W$  & then we could calculate  $Q$  using previous approaches

$$\text{i.e. } Q = nRT \ln\left(\frac{V_f}{V_i}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta S = nR \ln\left(\frac{V_f}{V_i}\right)$$

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Summarizing what we did:

- To find entropy change for an irreversible process, replace it w/ any reversible process that connects initial & final states.
- Then calculate entropy change for this reversible process using  $\int_i^f \frac{dq}{T}$

If temp. change  $\Delta T$  is small relative to temp. of initial & final states, then we can approximate entropy change as

$$\Delta S \approx \frac{Q}{T_{avg.}}$$

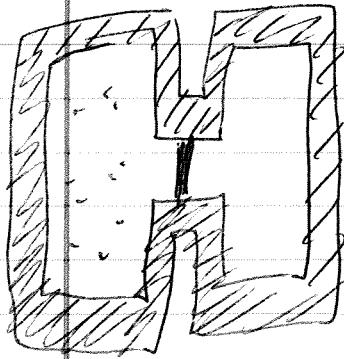
For a reversible cyclic

$$\text{process } \Delta S = 0$$

(initial & final states are the same)

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Question



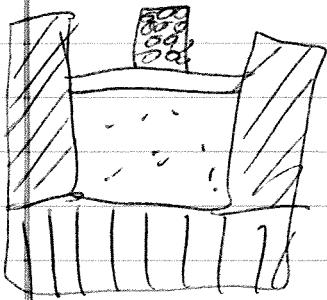
free expansion

~~process~~ in which there

is initial state  $(T_i, V_i, P_i)$

+ final state  $(T_f, V_f, P_f)$

Another process is isothermal



Same initial &

final states as  
above

Is the  
~~change~~ change in entropy equal

for these?

Entropy is a state function

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We can prove this for  
an important case in which  
an ideal gas goes through  
a reversible process.

Use differential form of 1st law:

$$dE_{\text{int}} = dQ - dW$$

Since steps of process are reversible,  
~~can~~ w/ gas in equilibrium states,  
replace  $dW$  w/  $p dV$  &  
 $dE_{\text{int}}$  w/  $nC_V dT$

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$$nC_V dT = dQ - pdW$$

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$$dQ = pdV + nC_V dT$$

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divide by T

$$\frac{dQ}{T} = \frac{p}{T} dV + n C_V \frac{dT}{T}$$

use ideal gas equation  $pV=nRT$ 

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{nRT}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dQ}{T} = nR \frac{dV}{V} + nC_V \frac{dT}{T}$$

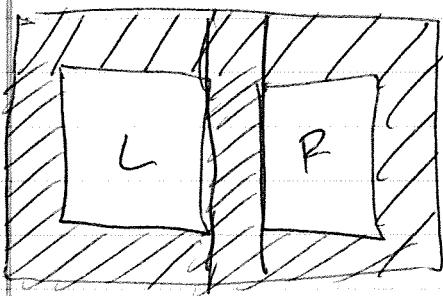
integrate from initial to final state

$$\Delta S = \int_i^f \frac{dQ}{T} = \int_i^f nR \frac{dV}{V} + \int_i^f nC_V \frac{dT}{T}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta S = nR \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i} + nC_V \ln \frac{T_f}{T_i}$$

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Example :



insulating shutter  
two copper blocks

surrounded by  
insulating material

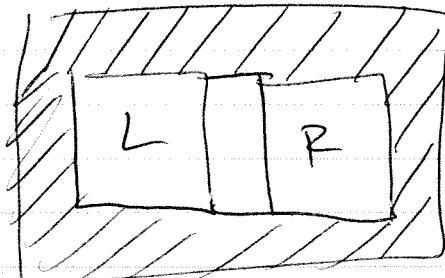
Each have mass

$$m = 1.5 \text{ kg}$$

left block @ temperature  $T_{iL} = 60^\circ\text{C}$

right block @ "  $T_{iR} = 20^\circ\text{C}$

insulating shutter is removed to give



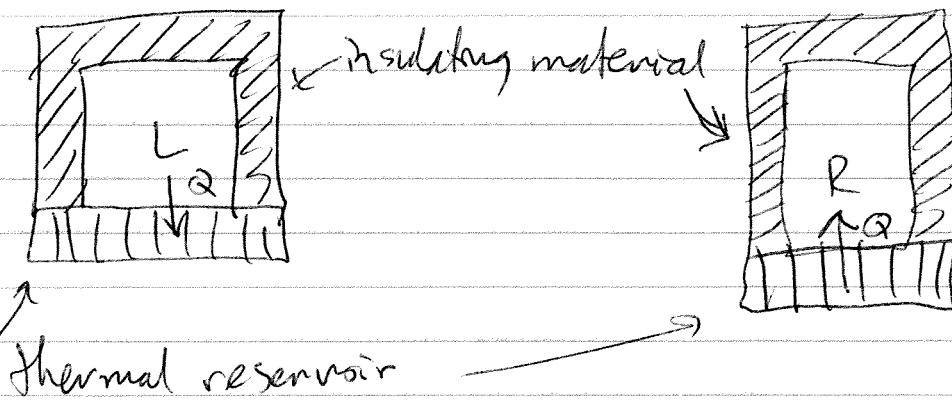
blocks eventually come  
to equilibrium temp.  $40^\circ\text{C}$

What is net entropy change  
of two-block system?

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1) Figure out entropy change  
for a reversible process w/  
same final states

Replace w/



lower temperature of left reservoir

$$\text{then } dQ = mc \, dT$$

$m$  ↑  
mass of copper      ↑  
specific heat of copper

Then entropy change ~~is~~ for left block is

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta S_L &= \int_i^f \frac{dQ}{T} = \int_i^f \frac{mc \, dT}{T} \\ &= mc \ln(T_f/T_i)\end{aligned}$$

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$$= (1.5 \text{ kg}) (386 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}) \ln \left( \frac{313 \text{ K}}{333 \text{ K}} \right)$$

$$= -35.86 \text{ J/K}$$

for right side, similar calculation gives

$$\Delta S_R = mc \ln \left( \frac{T_f}{T_{iR}} \right)$$

$$= (1.5 \text{ kg}) (386 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}) \ln \left( \frac{313 \text{ K}}{293 \text{ K}} \right)$$

$$= 38.23 \text{ J/K}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta S = \Delta S_L + \Delta S_R$$

$$= -35.86 \text{ J/K} + 38.23 \text{ J/K}$$

$$= 2.4 \text{ J/K}$$

$\Rightarrow \Delta S$  for original process is

$$2.4 \text{ J/K} \geq 0.$$