

The First Law Revisited: Mechanical Equilibrium

The energy satisfies

$$dU = \delta Q - \delta W_{\text{out}}$$

Now if the heat is added slowly to an equilibrated system and rethermalized  $\delta Q = T dS = dQ_{\text{rev}}$

$$\star \quad \boxed{dU = T dS - p dV} \quad \text{or} \quad dS = \frac{1}{T} dU + \frac{p}{T} dV$$

Now consider  $U(S, V)$

$$\star \star \quad dU = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right)_V dS + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_S dV$$

Comparison gives

$$\boxed{T = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right)_V}$$



we had this as

$$\frac{1}{T} = \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial U} \right)_V$$

$$\boxed{p = - \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_S = - \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_{\text{adiab}}}$$



no heat flows in  $dU = -p dV$

$S$  is constant when no heat flows in

We can work with  $S(U, V)$  instead of  $U(S, V)$   
from  $\star$  we find after minor algebra:

$$dS = \frac{1}{T} du + \frac{p}{T} dv$$

Now consider  $S(u, v)$

$$dS = \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial u} \right)_v du + \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial v} \right)_u dv$$

Comparison gives

$$\left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial u} \right)_v = \frac{1}{T}$$

and

$$\left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial v} \right)_u = \frac{p}{T}$$

see next section!


We will derive these again in the next section.

## Mechanical Equilibrium

- Consider two gasses sharing the energy and volume. If the volume of gas #1 increases there will be more configurations it can explore (its states are labelled by the positions and momenta of the particles). Thus the entropy is a function of energy and volume  $S(E, V)$

Consider

$E_1, V_1$	$E_2, V_2$
$S_1(E_1, V_1)$	$S_2(E_2, V_2)$



$E_1 + E_2 = E = \text{const}$   
 $V_1 + V_2 = V = \text{const}$

- We expect the two gasses will equilibrate when they are at equal temperature and pressure

$$S_{\text{tot}} = S_1(E_1, V_1) + S_2(E_2, V_2)$$

The entropy of the combined system is a sum of the entropy of the two systems when partitioned into  $(E_1, E_2)$  and  $(V_1, V_2)$

Then the entropy increases in time changing  $E_1$  and  $V_1$ :

$$\frac{dS_{\text{tot}}}{dt} = \left( \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial E_1} \frac{dE_1}{dt} + \frac{\partial S_2}{\partial E_2} \frac{dE_2}{dt} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial V_1} \frac{dV_1}{dt} + \frac{\partial S_2}{\partial V_2} \frac{dV_2}{dt} \right) > 0$$

Now  $E_1 + E_2 = \text{const}$  so  $\dot{E}_1 + \dot{E}_2 = 0$  and

Similarly

$$V_1 + V_2 = \text{const} \quad \text{so} \quad \dot{V}_1 + \dot{V}_2 = 0$$

So entropy increases as:

$$\frac{dS_{\text{TOT}}}{dt} = \left( \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial E_1} - \frac{\partial S_2}{\partial E_2} \right) \frac{dE_1}{dt} + \left( \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial V_1} - \frac{\partial S_2}{\partial V_2} \right) \frac{dV_1}{dt} > 0$$

Now  $\left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_V = \frac{1}{T}$  and  $\left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_E = \frac{P}{T}$  so

We have

$$\frac{dS_{\text{TOT}}}{dt} = \left( \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right) \frac{dE_1}{dt} + \left( \frac{P_1}{T_1} - \frac{P_2}{T_2} \right) \frac{dV_1}{dt} > 0$$

Thus the entropy will increase until

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \frac{1}{T_2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}$$

i.e. until the temperatures and pressures are equal.