## Learning goals:

- Determine the sign of W for different parts of a system and explain why these must add to zero for a closed system
- Explain why the temperature change is zero in the free expansion of an ideal gas
- Explain why the change in internal energy for a gas depends only on the initial and final states and not the specific process
- Use the First Law of thermodynamics to calculate Q for a process depicted on a PV diagram
- For processes on a PV diagram with the same initial and final state, determine which has the largest Q and/or the largest W



## THE FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS = conservation of energy



Work done by a gas (constant pressure):  $W_{gas} = P \Delta V$   $V_{F/A} \wedge \Delta X$ 





expansion: Wgas positive





EXTRA: Is anything else doing work?

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- D) the work done by the gas ispositive and the work done bythe person is negative.



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- \* ontside air does -ve work on piston\*

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Main equation: 
$$\Delta U = n C_v \Delta T$$
  
molar specific heat: larger for more molar specific heat: complex molecules



 $\Delta U = nC_v \Delta T \quad s = \frac{3}{2}R$ 



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A) lower than the original temperature.B) the same as the original temperature.C) higher than the original temperature.D) I have no idea how to think about this.

Hint: what is the microscopic meaning of temperature?

**EXTRA:** What if it is a real gas with attractive interactions between molecules?

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- Energy conserved. - Kinetic energy per D molecule doesn't change. =>Temperature doesn't

Change

W=0Q=0  $\Delta U=0$ 



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$$\Delta U$$
 only depends on initial 4 final state  
(not on the path)



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 $\rightarrow Q = \Delta U + W$ 

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i. Q largest for path 1

