

## Today

- I. Days that we'll be taking a break: no class Wed Nov 25th, or Fri Nov 27th.
- II. Upcoming exam, a week from this Friday, Nov 6th.
- III. Last Time
- IV. Temperature continued
- V. Ideal Gas Law
- VI. Work done by expanding gas
- VII. Internal Energy

I. Yanpei Deng this week due to exam (will help in the lab. She's available M from 7-8pm in Brody lab).

This week: Antu Antu will be providing homework support. Hours are: Tu 8-9pm, Th 8-9pm.

## II. Temperature:

- heating causes expansion, “thermal expansion”
- Temperature as a measure of average (random) kinetic energy.
- Absolute zero: all molecular motion ceases (classical) roughly at  $-273^{\circ}\text{C}$ :  $\#K = \#^{\circ}C + 273$ .

Kinetic Theory showed us that:

Collisions with walls cause the pressure, we found

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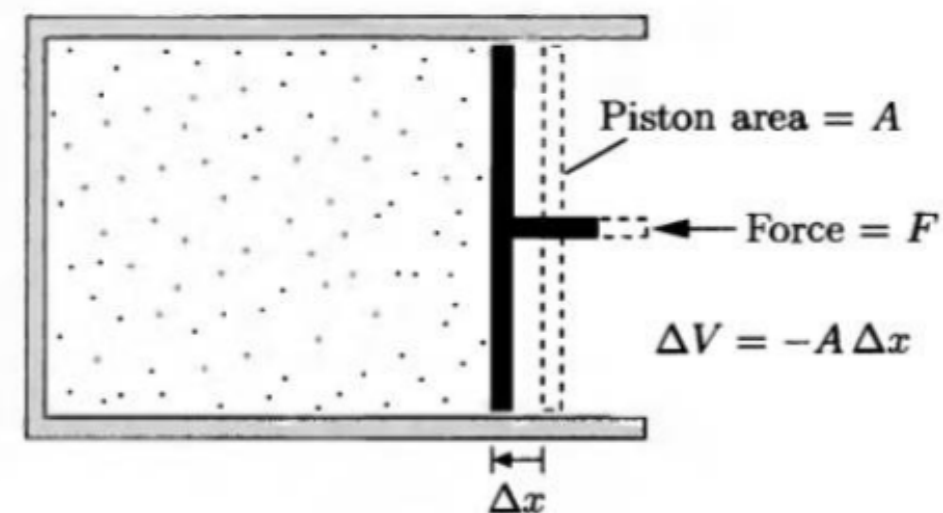
$$PV = n(N_A k)T = nRT,$$

Where  $R$  is the ideal gas constant and has the value

$$R = 6.02 \times 10^{23}(1.38 \times 10^{-23}) = 8.31 \text{ J/K.}$$

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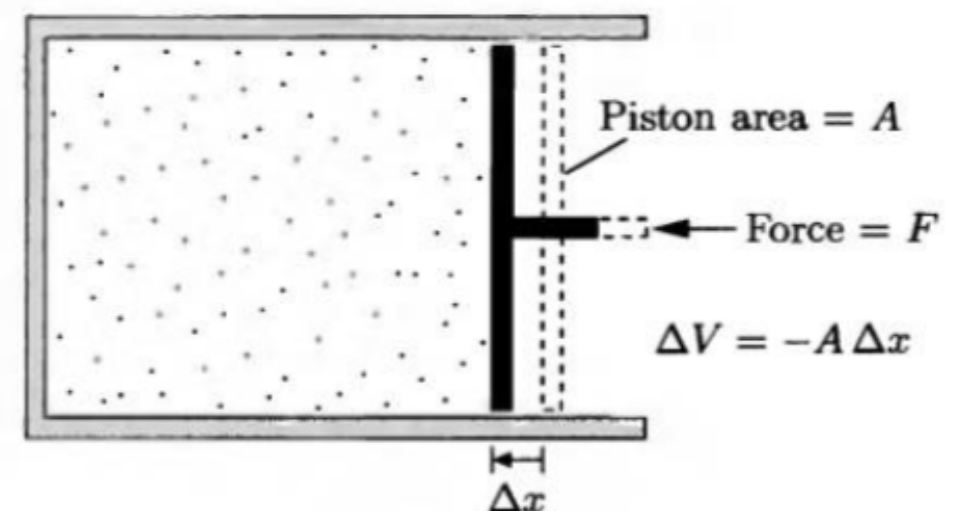
How general is this result? Well, it's correct whenever the pressure is well defined. This requires that we do the process slowly so that the system can equilibrate to a good pressure at each step. We call these processes "quasi-static". What is the work for a quasi-static process? We can get it by integrating:

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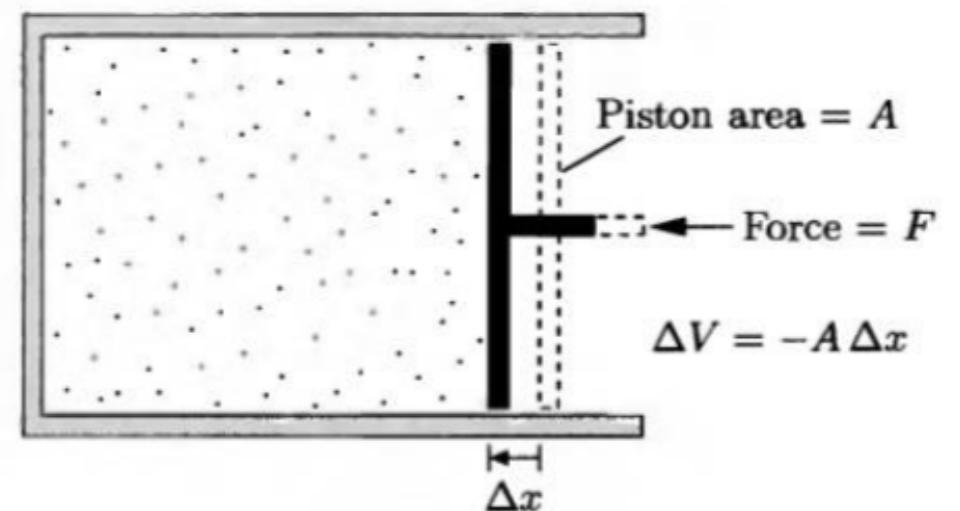
Ex. 2: Ideal gas compressed at constant temperature. We can use the ideal gas law to find  $P(V)$ ,

$$P = \frac{NkT}{V},$$

Then

$$W = - \int_{V_i}^{V_f} P(V) dV = - NkT \int_{V_i}^{V_f} \frac{1}{V} dV$$

$$= - NkT [\ln(V_f) - \ln(V_i)] = - NkT \ln \left( \frac{V_f}{V_i} \right)$$



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Notice that this expression means that we can interpret work graphically: the work is negative the area under the curve on a  $PV$  diagram.

