

1.34) In order to get  $U$ , which is a function of  $T$  alone, we use  $PV = nRT$ . Since  $U = \frac{5}{2}nRT$  for a diatomic gas, we have  $U = \frac{5}{2}PV$ .

(a) The work done in a given step  $W = -\int P dV$ , on the gas.  $Q$  can then be determined from  $\Delta U = Q + W$ . Define  $(P_2 - P_1)$  to be  $\Delta P$ , and  $(V_2 - V_1)$  to be  $\Delta V$ .

<u>Step</u>	<u><math>\Delta U</math></u>	<u><math>W</math></u>	<u><math>Q = (\Delta U - W)</math></u>
A	$(5/2)(\Delta P)V_1$	0	$(5/2)(\Delta P)V_1$
B	$(5/2)P_2(\Delta V)$	$-P_2 \Delta V$	$(7/2)P_2(\Delta V)$
C	$-(5/2)(\Delta P)V_2$	0	$-(5/2)(\Delta P)V_2$
D	$-(5/2)P_1(\Delta V)$	$P_1 \Delta V$	$-(7/2)P_1(\Delta V)$

  

<u>Net</u>	<u>Zero</u>	<u><math>-(\Delta P)(\Delta V)</math></u>	<u><math>+(\Delta P)(\Delta V)</math></u>
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(b) In step A we heat the gas keeping the piston fixed, while in step C we cool the gas keeping the piston fixed again. In step B the gas does work (expands) at fixed pressure and also gets hotter. In step D the gas cools even as work is done on it.

(c) As expected  $\Delta U = 0$  over a complete cycle since  $U$  is a state variable. The heat added to the gas,  $(\Delta P)(\Delta V)$  does emerge as work done by the gas:  $(\Delta P)(\Delta V)$ .