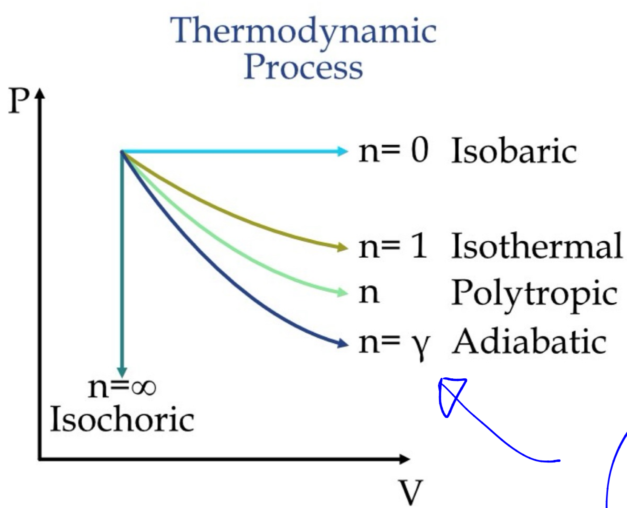
# Types of thermodynamic processes

- **Adiabatic**: No heat transfer into or out of the system
- **Isobaric**: Pressure remains constant
- **Isochoric**: Volume remains constant
- **Isothermal**: Temperature remains constant
- **Isenthalpic**: Enthalpy remains constant
- **Isentropic**: A reversible adiabatic process where entropy remains constant
- **Steady state**: Internal energy remains constant

The first law:

$\Delta U = Q - W$




$$\boxed{PV^n = \text{Constant}}$$

($\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_V}$ is the heat capicity ratio.)

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(For idea gas: $pV = nRT$)

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$PV = nRT$

$W = \int p\,dV = p(V_f - V_i) \Rightarrow \Delta U = Q - W$

(Using $PV = nRT$)

change of Entropy: $\Delta S = \int \frac{dQ}{T} = \int_{T_i}^{T_f} nC_p \frac{dT}{T} = nC_p \ln\left(\frac{T_f}{T_i}\right) = nC_p \ln\left(\frac{V_f}{V_i}\right)$

② Isothermal: $\Delta T = 0$, $\Delta U = 0$,

$\boxed{\Delta U = Q - W} \Rightarrow Q = W$

$W = \int p\,dV = \int \frac{nRT}{V} dV = nRT \ln\left(\frac{V_f}{V_i}\right)$

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

③ Isochoric: $\Delta V = 0$, $\Rightarrow W = 0$

$\Rightarrow Q = \Delta U = nC_v(\Delta T)$

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④ Adiabatic: $Q = 0 \Rightarrow PV^\gamma = C$ (a constant), with $\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v}$

($C_p = C_v + R$ for ideal gas)

$W = \int p\,dV = \int \frac{C}{V^\gamma} dV = \frac{P_f V_f - P_i V_i}{1 - \gamma}$,

$\Rightarrow \Delta U = Q - W = -W$

$\Delta S = \int \frac{dQ}{T} = 0$