

## Zeroth Law of TD

- **History**

- as a “formal” postulate of TD in came after 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Laws
- was implicitly buried in common thinking of temperature

- **Observation**

- Sets of bodies can be ordered according to their degree of “hotness” (e.g., how hot they “feel”)

- **Postulate**

- if bodies A and B are in thermal equilibrium with a 3<sup>rd</sup> body C, then A&B are in thermal equilibrium with each other

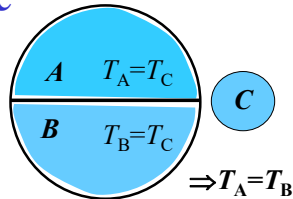
Zeroth Law-1

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## Temperature

- A TD property must exist that is a measure of (quantifies) “hotness”
  - call it **temperature**
- Under this definition, temperature is a property of matter and can only be defined when a body (matter) is in equilibrium
- Defining a temperature scale
  - later we will examine TD definition and scale for temperature
  - for now look at earlier (historical) scale, the “**perfect-gas temperature scale**” *“luckily” it agrees with TD temp. scale*



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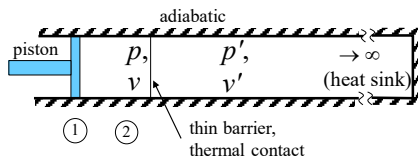
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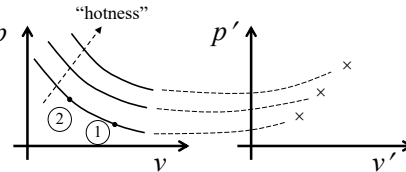
## PG Temperature Scale

- Empirical observation
  - temperature of a gas confined at a constant volume is monotonically increasing function of gas pressure

### Experiment



### Results



- $p', v'$  are constants for a given  $p$ - $v$  hyperbola
  - each hyperbola has different “hotness”, i.e., an isotherm
- so  $p v = \text{function of hotness}$

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## PG Temperature Scale

- We can “choose” to use these isotherms to define temperature  $T \equiv p v / c$   *$T$  is inten. (fn of 2 inten. props.)*
- Then
  1.  $T \geq 0$
  2.  $T$  monotonic with “hotness”
  3.  $T$  a simple function
- Temperature scale ( $c=?$ )
  - since we can accurately measure ratios of temperatures, it is sufficient to select a temperature of just one point on the scale (effectively defines  $c$ )

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## ***SI (PG) Temperature Scale***

- The *SI* scale (one of various single point scales) uses the **triple-point of water**
  - the temperature at which three phases of water (liquid, gas and solid-ice) all exist in thermal equilibrium
  - easily reproducible standard
  - “declared” (by Intl. agreement) to be **273.16 K**
- Why such a “strange” value?
  - chosen to agree with earlier two-point scale
  - $T_{\text{H}_2\text{O},\text{boil}} - T_{\text{H}_2\text{O},\text{freeze}} = 100\text{K}(=100\text{C})$