

# Mayer's relation

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Universal relation between Isobaric molar heat capacity ( $c_P$ ) and Isochoric molar heat capacity ( $c_V$ ):

$$(1) \quad c_P - c_V = V_m T \frac{\alpha_V^2}{c_T}$$

where

$T$	temperature	$V_m$	molar volume
$c_T$	Isothermal Compressibility	$\alpha_V$	thermal expansion coefficient

For incompressible matter the Isobaric molar heat capacity ( $c_P$ ) and Isochoric molar heat capacity ( $c_V$ ) are identical:

$$(2) \quad c_P = c_V$$

For the ideal gas it will take a form:

$$(3) \quad c_P - c_V = R$$

where

$R$	Gas constant
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Both incompressible matter and ideal gas are idealistic models but some real matters come very close to conditions of (2) or (3) at engineering level of accuracy.

## See also

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