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<u>PROBLEM 1</u> (Wormup) A) Let  $f(x) = (1 + x)^{\alpha}$  where  $\alpha$  is some real number. Find the Taylor series up to and including the term linear in x. Note that this series converges in the interval |x| < 1 and  $|x| < \frac{1}{|\alpha|}$ 

B) Suppose UC Berkeley has 10000 undergoods, and every day one is randomly chosen to get a homework pass. The choosing is done with replacement. Without using a calculator, what is the probability of getting it at least once after 100 days?



Thermal Expansion

i) Why do materials expand on contract?



## PROBLEM 3

I have two rods, A and B, each with coefficient of linear thermal expansion  $\alpha_{A}$  and  $\alpha_{B}$ , respectively. Both rods are initially at temperature  $T_o$  . Each rod has two ticks marked on it, separated by a distance h . After heating up both rods to temperature  $T_{i}$  , what is the ratio of the distances between the ticks on the two rods?





## PROBLEM 2

Suppose a material is "isotropic" meaning it is the same in every direction. Show that the coefficient of volume thermal expansion  $\alpha_v$  and the coefficient of linear thermal expansion  $\alpha_L$ are related by the following equation:

$$\alpha_{1} = 3 \alpha_{1}$$

Hint; start with  $V = L^3$ 



Ideal Gases

A) Suppose we have a box length L and cross-sectional area A, as depicted in Fig. 1.1. There is a movable partition inside the box, and an ideal gas is added to the containers on both sides of the partition. Specifically, there are  $N_1$  molecules of gas in the left and  $N_2$  molecules in the right side. Assuming that the entire box is in thermal equilibrium at temperature T, what are the lengths  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  of the left and right containers, respectively, after the movable partition comes to a rest?

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B) A cylinder (shown in Fig. 1.1 of length L contains gas. One side of the cylinder is a movable wall-also known as a piston. It is suddenly moved inward to compress the gas into 1/8 of the initial volume. By monitoring the pressure gauge, you see that the pressure has gone up by a factor of 10. By what factor has the temperature changed?



C) A cylinder of N molecules of gas as shown in Fig. 1 has one movable wall which has mass m and area A. The atmospheric pressure is  $P_a$ . By monitoring the height h at which the movable wall sits at equilibrium, how can you determine the temperature of the gas? What is the temperature as a function of h (and the other variables given)?



D) Consider again the cylinder with the piston. The cylinder initially contains N molecules of gas at temperature  $T_0$ . The piston is pushed to compress the gas to 1/8 of its initial volume, but this time the temperature of the gas is maintained at  $T_0$  throughout the process (for example by submerging it in a larger bath at temperature  $T_0$ ). How much energy is required to compress the gas this way?

