



FIG. 9.12 Plot of the gas equation $PV^\gamma = 1.26 \times 10^4$, valid at 20°C.

Normal atmospheric pressure (0.76 m Hg) is shown as $P_0 = 1$ bar.

In Eq. (9.85a), substitute for p_1 the pressure $p_T e^{-mx/2}$, where p_T is the rms pressure of the fundamental at the throat of the horn in Pa and m is the flare constant.

Then let $p_T = \sqrt{I_T \rho_0 c}$, where I_T is the intensity of the sound at the throat in W/m^2 and $\rho_0 c$ is the characteristic acoustic impedance of air in rays.

Integrate both sides of the resulting equation with respect to x .

This yields:

per cent second-harmonic distortion

$$= \frac{50(\gamma + 1)}{\gamma P_0} \sqrt{\frac{I_T \rho_0 c}{2}} \frac{f}{f_c} (1 - e^{-mx/2}) \tag{9.86}$$