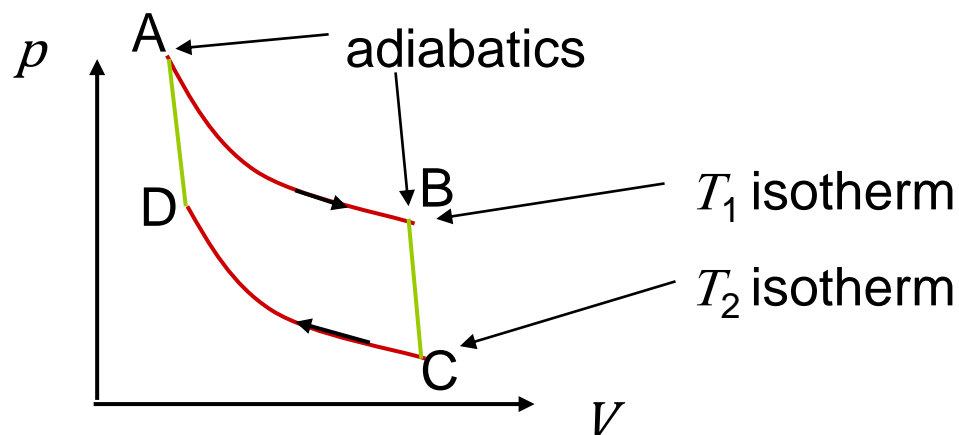


Heat
engines

Refrigerators

Heat engine (a vital thought experiment)



Nicholas Léonard Sadi Carnot*

operates in a cycle

A to B takes in heat Q_1 at temperature T_1 (along isotherm)

B to C does work W (no δQ so adiabatic)

C to D gives out heat Q_2 at temperature T_2 (another isotherm)

D to A surroundings do work on system (no δQ again)

A heat engine that has a cycle made of isotherms and adiabatics is a Carnot engine. (PH10002).

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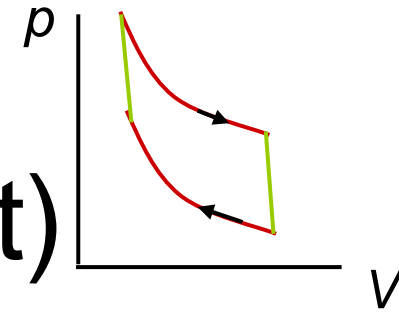
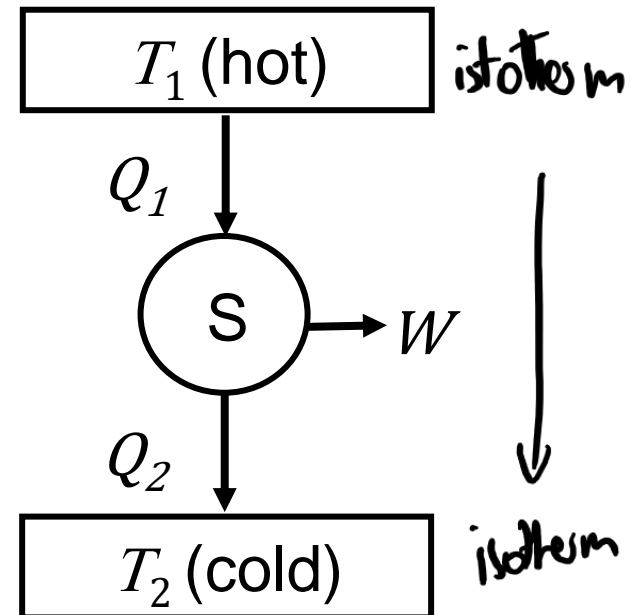


Diagram is too specific – only describes gas in a box.

More general diagram (S is the engine):

Since heat is taken in at fixed temp., the system must move along an *isotherm*.

Since it has to get from one isotherm to the other *without* taking in heat, it must move along an *adiabatic curve*.



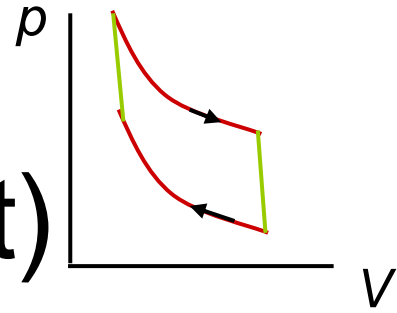
Carnot cycle:

Adiabatics & isotherms are quasistatic (& assume no hysteresis)

All processes are reversible \Rightarrow cycle is reversible

reversible \Rightarrow thermodynamic equilibrium throughout process

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For complete cycle:

$$\oint dU = 0 = Q_1 - Q_2 + W$$

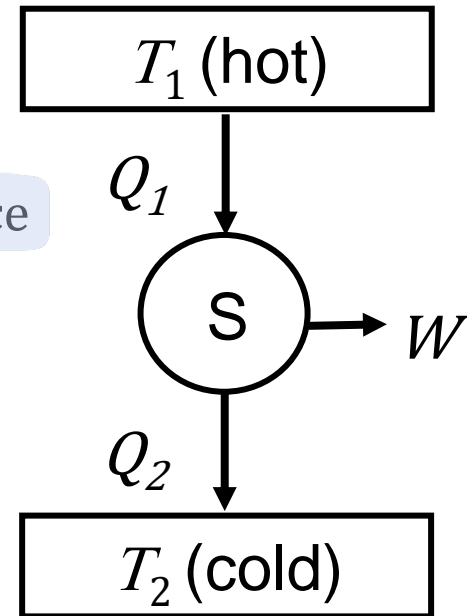
$Q_1 - Q_2$ = heat supplied to working substance

W = work done **on** working substance

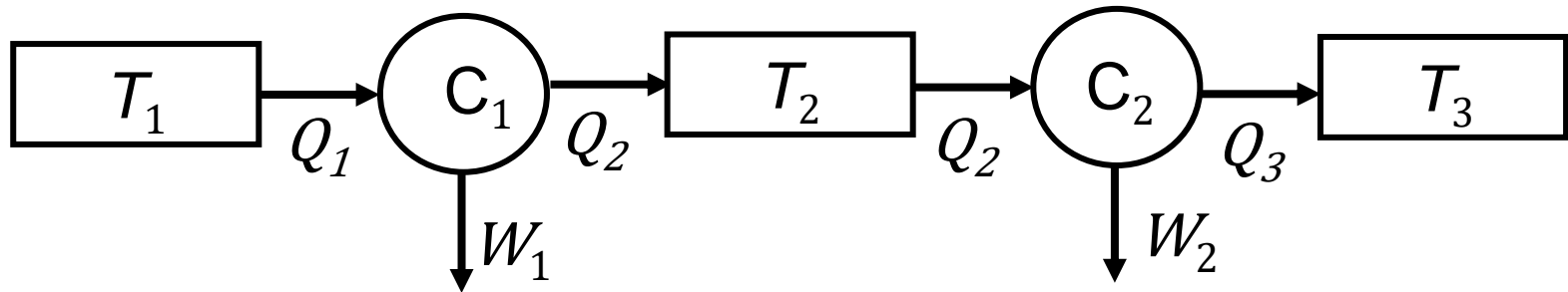
$$\text{Work done by engine} = -W = Q_1 - |Q_2|$$

Efficiency:

$$\eta = \frac{\text{work out}}{\text{heat in}} = \frac{Q_1 - |Q_2|}{Q_1} = 1 - \frac{|Q_2|}{Q_1}$$



Relating Q to T



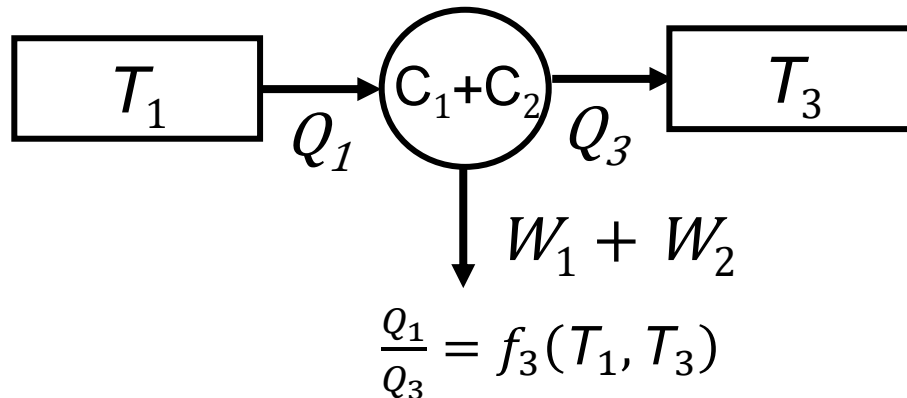
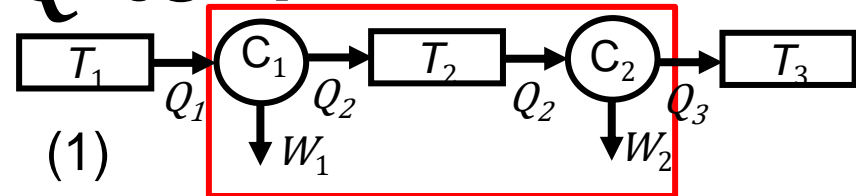
$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = f_1(T_1, T_2) \ \& \ \frac{Q_2}{Q_3} = f_2(T_2, T_3)$$

Multiply the two equations:

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_3} = f_1(T_1, T_2) \cdot f_2(T_2, T_3) \quad (1)$$

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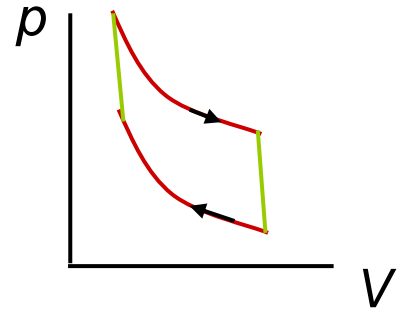
Here, T_2 does not appear, hence, must cancel from eqn. (1).

Therefore, requires that $f_1(T_1, T_2) = \frac{T_1}{T_2}$

and $f_2(T_2, T_3) = \frac{T_2}{T_3}$

So $\frac{Q_1}{Q_3} = \frac{T_1}{T_3}$

Refrigerators Heat Pumps



heat engine

Driven backwards, Carnot engine will extract heat at colder T and reject at higher T at expense of mechanical work (=refrigerator or heat pump!)

Blundell & Blundell p129

