

Heat and Work

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- Heat (Q) and Work (W)
 - Q is the energy transferred to S through thermal contact with R
 - W is work done by/on S through change in volume or external fields
- 1st Law of Thermodynamics

$$\delta Q = dU + \delta W$$

- δ is the inexact differential
- This means that:

$$\oint df = 0 \text{ or } \int_1^2 df = \int_1^2 df$$

* df is independent of path

$$\oint \partial f \neq 0 \text{ and } \int_1^2 \partial f \text{ is path dependent}$$

- Note it *may* equal 0, but does not have to
- U, σ are state functions, as they depend on state variables only (τ, V, N, \dots)
 - Q, W are not state functions (*i.e.* they are dependent on path)
- Let us consider a reversible process — a process that does not increase the total entropy of $S + R$

$$\delta Q_{rev} = \tau d\sigma$$

- In general:

$$\delta Q \leq \tau d\sigma$$

- Q is low quality energy; adding δQ to S increases its entropy by $\delta Q/\tau$
- W is high quality energy
- Heat engines convert heat to work
 - * Steam engine
 - * Internal combustion
 - * Power plant
- Carnot efficiency η_c , is the ratio of work generated by S to heat added to S in a reversible process

$$\eta_c = \left(\frac{W}{Q_h} \right)_{rev}$$

- This can be rewritten in many forms, including:

$$\eta_c = \frac{Q_h - Q_l}{Q_h} = 1 - \frac{Q_l}{Q_h} = 1 - \frac{\tau_l}{\tau_h}$$

- The actual efficiency is:

$$\eta \leq \eta_c$$

- This can be obtained by assuming $\sigma_h \leq \sigma_l$
- Refrigerators use work to move heat

- The Carnot efficiency for a refrigerator is:

$$\gamma_c = \left(\frac{Q_l}{W} \right)_{rev}$$

- This can be expressed in more useful terms for us as:

$$\gamma_c = \frac{\tau_l}{\tau_h - \tau_l}$$

- Similar to heat engines, we can say:

$$\gamma \leq \gamma_c$$

- Carnot Cycle

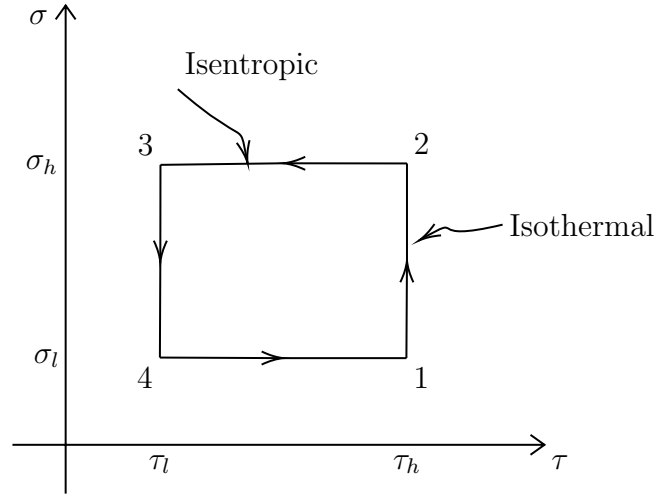


Figure 1: The Carnot Cycle

– $1 \rightarrow 2$

- * $Q_{12} = \tau_h(\sigma_h - \sigma_l) > 0$

- * $W_{12} = \tau_h(\sigma_h - \sigma_l) - (U_2 - U_1)$

– $2 \rightarrow 3$

- * $Q_{23} = 0$

- * $W_{23} = -(U_3 - U_2)$

– $3 \rightarrow 4$

- * $Q_{34} = \tau_l(\sigma_l - \sigma_h) < 0$

- * $W_{34} = \tau_l(\sigma_l - \sigma_h) - (U_4 - U_3)$

– $4 \rightarrow 1$

- * $Q_{41} = 0$

- * $W_{41} = -(U_1 - U_4)$

– Total

- * Work:

$$(\tau_h - \tau_l)(\sigma_h - \sigma_l) > 0$$

- * Heat:

$$(\tau_h - \tau_l)(\sigma_h - \sigma_l) > 0$$

– The efficiency may be defined as:

$$\eta = \frac{W_{tot}}{Q_{rec}} = 1 - \frac{\tau_l}{\tau_h}$$