

Homework 7

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1. (a) First and foremost, we know:

$$Q_h = Q_l + W$$

$$W = Q_l - Q_h$$

Per reversible conditions:

$$\sigma_h = \sigma_l$$

$$\frac{Q_h}{\tau_h} = \frac{Q_l}{\tau_l}$$

$$Q_h = \frac{\tau_h Q_l}{\tau_l}$$

Thus, we can combine to write:

$$W = Q_h - \frac{\tau_l}{\tau_h} Q_h$$

$$W = Q_h \left(1 - \frac{\tau_l}{\tau_h} \right)$$

$$W = Q_h \left(\frac{\tau_h - \tau_l}{\tau_h} \right)$$

And finally:

$$\boxed{\frac{W}{Q_h} = \frac{\tau_h - \tau_l}{\tau_h}}$$

If the heat pump is not reversible, we know the efficiency is:

$$\frac{W}{Q_h} < \frac{\tau_h - \tau_l}{\tau_h}$$

(b) We can write:

$$W = (\tau_{hh} - \tau_l) \left(\frac{Q_{hh}}{\tau_{hh}} - \frac{Q_l}{\tau_l} \right)$$

We know that the work generated is used as Q_h in the heat pump:

$$Q_h = (\tau_{hh} - \tau_l) \left(\frac{Q_{hh}}{\tau_{hh}} - \frac{Q_l}{\tau_l} \right)$$

We can then rearrange to find the desired ratio:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Q_h}{\tau_{hh} - \tau_l} &= \frac{Q_{hh}\tau_l - Q_l\tau_{hh}}{\tau_{hh}\tau_l} \\ \frac{\tau_{hh}\tau_l}{\tau_{hh} - \tau_l} &= \frac{Q_{hh}\tau_l - Q_l\tau_{hh}}{Q_h} \end{aligned}$$

We know $Q_l = \frac{\tau_l}{\tau_h} Q_h$, which gives us:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\tau_{hh}\tau_l}{\tau_{hh} - \tau_l} &= \frac{Q_{hh}\tau_l}{Q_h} - \frac{\tau_l\tau_{hh}}{\tau_h} \\ \boxed{\frac{Q_{hh}}{Q_h} &= \frac{\tau_{hh}}{\tau_{hh} - \tau_l} + \frac{\tau_{hh}}{\tau_h}} \end{aligned}$$

Using the given values, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Q_{hh}}{Q_h} &= \frac{600}{600 - 270} + 2 \\ \boxed{\frac{Q_{hh}}{Q_h} &= 3.82} \end{aligned}$$

(c) For this problem, we essentially need to draw a “double Carnot engine,” with the output work of one (W) being the Q_h of the second:

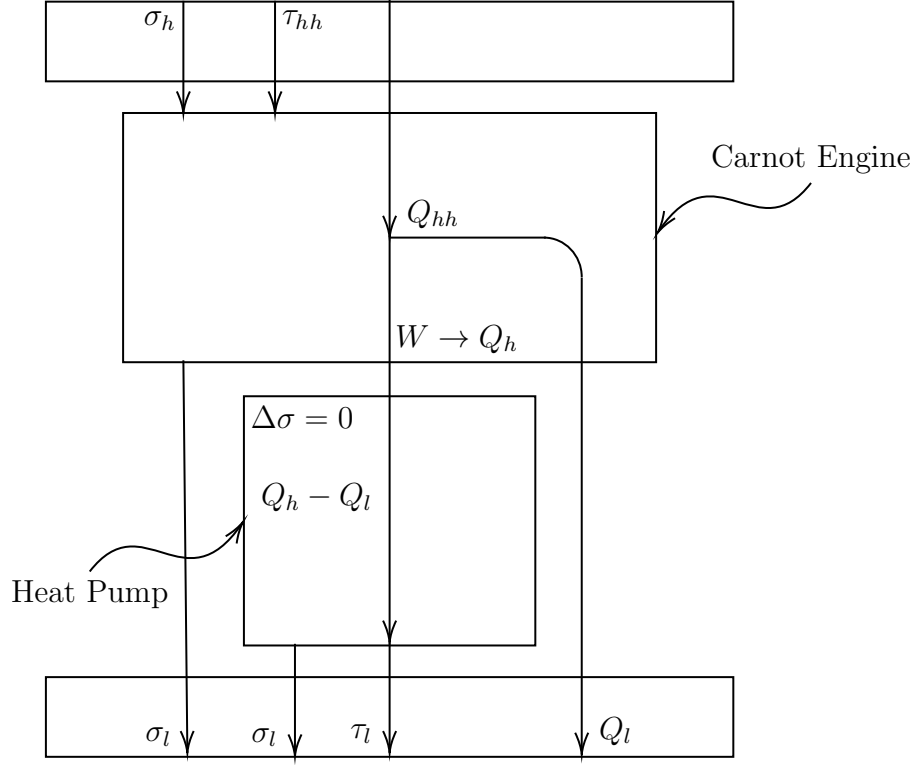


Figure 1: Carnot Engine Feeding a Heat Pump

2. (a)
- (b)
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- (c)
- (d)

5. First and foremost, we may write:

$$W = (\tau_h - \tau_l)\sigma_l$$

Given the assumption that the process is reversible, we may write:

$$\sigma_l = \frac{Q_l}{\tau_l}$$

This gives us:

$$W = \left(\frac{\tau_h}{\tau_l} - 1 \right) Q_l$$

We can apply the given parameters to find:

$$W = \left(\frac{500}{20} - 1 \right) 1500$$

$$\boxed{W = 36[\text{GW}]}$$

Given improvements, we can write:

$$W = \left(\frac{600}{20} - 1 \right) 1500$$

$$\boxed{W = 43.5[\text{GW}]}$$

Clearly, there is nearly a 20% increase in the ability to produce energy

6. (a) First and foremost, we may write:

$$W = \left(1 - \frac{\tau_l}{\tau_h} \right) Q_h = \left(\frac{\tau_h}{\tau_l} - 1 \right) Q_l$$

Given that:

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = P$$

We may obtain:

$$P = \left(\frac{\tau_h}{\tau_l} - 1 \right) \frac{dQ_l}{dt}$$

From the problem, we may substitute:

$$P = A \left(\frac{\tau_h}{\tau_l} - 1 \right) (\tau_h - \tau_l)$$

Multiplying both sides by τ_l and dividing by A , we get:

$$\frac{P\tau_l}{A} = (\tau_h - \tau_l)^2$$

$$\frac{P\tau_l}{A} = \tau_h^2 - 2\tau_h\tau_l + \tau_l^2$$

We can then move all terms to one side:

$$\frac{P\tau_l}{A} + 2\tau_h\tau_l - \tau_l^2 - \tau_h^2 = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{P}{A} + 2\tau_h\right) \tau_l - \tau_l^2 - \tau_h^2 = 0$$

Employing the quadratic equation, we obtain:

$$\tau_l^2 - \left(\frac{P}{A} + 2\tau_h\right) \tau_l + \tau_h = 0 \rightarrow \begin{cases} a = 1 \\ b = -\left(\frac{P}{A} + 2\tau_h\right) \\ c = \tau_h^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_l = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{P}{A} + 2\tau_h - \sqrt{\left(\frac{P}{A} + 2\tau_h\right)^2 - 4\tau_h^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Distributing, we finally obtain:

$$\tau_l = \frac{P}{2A} + \tau_h - \left[\left(\frac{P}{2A} + \tau_h \right)^2 - \tau_h^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

The Boltzmann factor cancels out, leaving us with:

$$\boxed{T_l = \left(T_h + \frac{P}{2A} \right) - \left[\left(T_h + \frac{P}{2A} \right)^2 - T_h^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

(b) We can rearrange one of the formulas obtained in (a) to write:

$$A = \frac{PT_l}{(T_h - T_l)^2}$$

This gives us:

$$A = \frac{(2 \cdot 10^3)(290)}{(20)^2}$$

$$A = \frac{(580 \cdot 10^3)}{400}$$

$$\boxed{A = 1450 \left[\frac{\text{W}}{\text{K}} \right]}$$

7. We know from (1) that:

$$\frac{W}{Q_l} = \left(\frac{\tau_h}{\tau_l} - 1 \right)$$

And also that:

$$W + Q_l = Q_h$$

We can express the work done by the light bulb as $W = Q_l$. The total work of the two processes needs to equal zero, which allows us to write:

$$\left(\frac{\tau_h}{\tau_l} - 1\right) Q_l - Q_l = 0$$

This simplifies to:

$$\tau_h = 2\tau_l$$

Room temperature implies $27[^\circ\text{C}] \rightarrow 300[\text{K}]$

Thus, the Carnot refrigerator, at peak efficiency, may cool to:

$$\tau_l = \frac{300}{2} = 150[\text{K}]$$

Thus, the refrigerator should be able to cool below room temperature.