

Sem-III - Thermal Physics II

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Assignment II: 1st & 2nd law of Thermodynamics

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Q.1) If a gas is both ideal and paramagnetic obeying Curie's law, show that the entropy is given by

$$S = c_{V,M} \ln T + nR \ln V - \frac{M^2}{2C'_c} + \text{constant},$$

where $c_{V,M}$ is the heat capacity at constant volume, magnetization assumed constant and C'_c is Curie's constant.

Q.2) The equation of state of a novel matter is $PV = AT^3$ with A a constant. The internal energy of the matter is $U = BT^n \ln(V/V_0) + f(T)$. Using first law of thermodynamics, find B and n .

Q.3) Suppose an engine works between two reservoirs at T_1 and T_2 ($T_2 > T_1$) until both reservoirs attain final temperature T_c . Show that $T_c > \sqrt{T_1 T_2}$. What is the maximum amount of work obtainable from this engine?

Q.4) A Carnot engine has an efficiency of 30% when the sink temperature is 27°C . What must be the change in temperature of the source to make its efficiency 50%?

Q.5) An inventor claims to have developed an engine working between 600K and 300K to deliver an efficiency of 52%. Using Carnot's theorem, can you decipher whether this claim is valid?

Q.6) Two Carnot engines X and Y are operating in series. X receives heat at 1200K and rejects to a reservoir at temperature TK . The second engine Y receives the heat rejected by X and in turn rejects to a heat reservoir at 300K . Calculate the temperature T for the situation when, (i) The work output of two engines are equal, (ii) The efficiency of two engines are equal.

Q.7) A Carnot's refrigerator takes heat from water at 0°C and discards it to a room temperature. 1Kg of water at 0°C is to be changed into ice at 0°C . How many calories of heat are discarded to the room? What is the work done by the refrigerator in this process? What is the coefficient of performance [$P = Q_{\text{cold}}/(Q_{\text{hot}} - Q_{\text{cold}})$] of the machine? Given, room temperature is 27°C and $1\text{Cal} = 4.2\text{Joule}$.

Q.8) A thermally conducting bar of length L , area A , density ρ is brought to a nonuniform temperature distribution by sandwiching between hot (temperature T_h) and cold reservoir (temperature T_c). The bar is removed from reservoirs, thermally insulated and kept at constant pressure. Show that the change in entropy of the bar is

$$\Delta S = c_p \rho A L \left\{ 1 + \ln \left(\frac{T_h + T_c}{2} \right) + \frac{T_c}{T_h - T_c} \ln T_c - \frac{T_h}{T_h - T_c} \ln T_h \right\}.$$