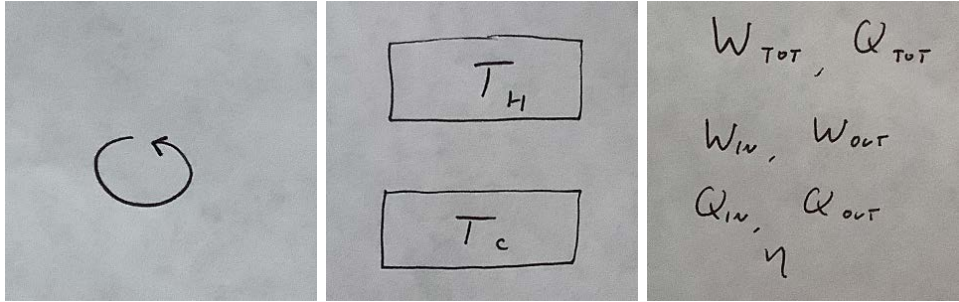


# 3.020 Lecture 4

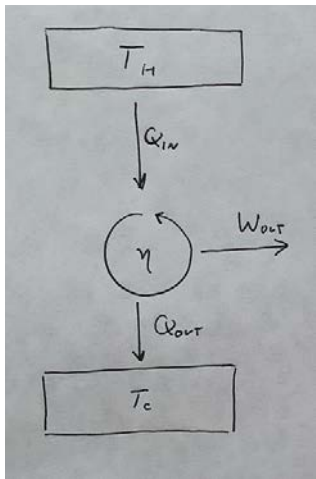
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# 1 Heat engines, abstracted

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- Cyclic machine
- Returns to same state after each cycle
- Thermal reservoirs
- Maintained at hot ( $T_H$ ) and cold ( $T_C$ ) throughout
- Total work and heat
- Work in and out
- Heat in and out
- Efficiency
 
$$\eta \equiv \frac{W_{NET}}{Q_{IN}}$$



- Typical representation:  
“Heat engine with efficiency  $\eta$  operating between  $T_H$  and  $T_C$ ”
- Each cycle:  
 $Q_{IN}$  absorbed from  $T_H$   
 $Q_{OUT}$  “rejected” to  $T_C$   
 $W_{OUT}$  performed

Question: What is  $Q_{IN} - W_{OUT} - Q_{OUT}$  ?

slides: identifying  $T_H, T_C$  for real engines

## 2 Calculating a cyclic process

- Work and heat are process variables
- Thermodynamics doesn't describe real-world process

What to do ??

⇒ Describe hypothetical process for which system remains in equilibrium at all times.

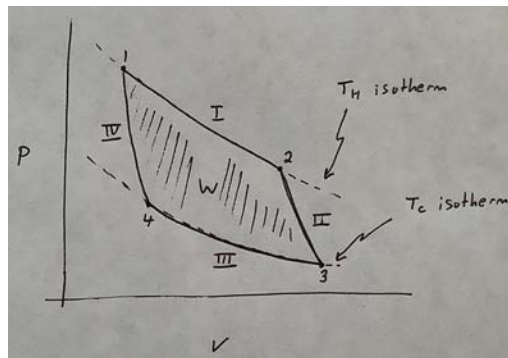
- can use state variables and equations of state (if available)
- in practice, such a cycle would take infinite time.

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{Work}}{\text{Cyclic time period}} \rightarrow 0$$

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## 3 Carnot cycle with an ideal gas

- (I) Isothermal expansion at  $T_H$
- (II) Adiabatic expansion to  $T_c$
- (III) Isothermal compression at  $T_c$
- (IV) Adiabatic compression to  $T_H$



Note:  $W_{out}$  is the area enclosed by the cycle  
(true of any cycle, not just Carnot)

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### 3.1 Isotherms

$$PV = nRT$$

$$PdV + VdP = 0$$

$$dV = -\frac{V}{P}dP = -\frac{nRT}{P^2}dP$$

$$PdV = -\frac{nRT}{P}dP$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \delta W = + \int dP \frac{nRT}{P} = +nRT \ln \left( \frac{P_{final}}{P_{initial}} \right) = +nRT \ln \left( \frac{V_{initial}}{V_{final}} \right)$$

*Sanity Check:* expansion does work on surroundings, so  $\int \delta W < 0$

recall that  
 $\delta W = -PdV$

$$\frac{V_i}{V_f} < 1, \quad \ln \left( \frac{V_i}{V_f} \right) < 0 \quad \checkmark$$

### 3.2 Isotherms, continued

$\Rightarrow$  For ideal gas, internal energy  $U$  is a function of  $T$  only,  $dU = nC_v dT$

single variable  
calculus!

$$dU = 0 \text{ for isothermal process}$$

$$\delta Q = -\delta W$$

$$Q = -W$$

### 3.3 Adiabats

$$\delta Q = 0, \delta W = -PdV \quad - \text{how to calculate?}$$

- For ideal gas:

$$dU = \delta W + \underbrace{\delta Q}_0 = -PdV = nC_v dT$$

$$W = nC_v(T_{final} - T_{initial})$$

- Adiabatic curves are described by:

$$TV^\gamma = \text{const}, \quad \frac{P_{final}}{P_{initial}} = \left( \frac{V_{initial}}{V_{final}} \right)^\gamma, \quad \gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v}$$

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- Adiabats are steeper than isotherms on (P,V) plane because  $\gamma > 1$

Q: Why is  $\gamma > 1$  ?

### 3.4 Adding all contributions to $W$ and $Q$

	W	Q
I	$nRT_H \ln(V_1/V_2)$	$-nRT_H \ln(V_1/V_2)$
II	$nC_v(T_C - T_H)$	
III	$nRT_C \ln(V_3/V_4)$	$-nRT_C \ln(V_3/V_4)$
IV	$nC_v(T_H - T_C)$	

### 3.5 Calculating the Carnot efficiency

$W_{TOT} = -(nRT_H \ln(V_1/V_2) + nRT_C \ln(V_3/V_4))$  total work done by the engine

$Q_{IN} = -nRT_H \ln(V_1/V_2)$  heat absorbed at  $T_H$

$$\eta = \frac{W_{TOT}}{Q_{IN}} = 1 + \frac{T_C \ln(V_3/V_4)}{T_H \ln(V_1/V_2)}$$

Using property of adiabat  $TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{const}$  can show that  $V_3/V_4 = (V_1/V_2)^{-1}$

$$\eta_{carnot} = 1 - T_C/T_H$$

### 3.6 Considering heat transfers

$$v = \frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{V_3}{V_4}$$

	heat absorbed	heat released
Carnot engine	$Q_{IN} = nRT_H \ln V$	$Q_{OUT,C} = nRT_C \ln V$
less efficient engine that burns the same quantity of fuel	$Q_{IN} = nRT_H \ln V$	$Q_{OUT} > Q_{OUT,C}$

required by conservation of energy if  $W_{TOT} < W_{TOT,C}$

### 3.7 Considering quantity $\oint \frac{\delta Q}{T}$

- Quantity:  $\oint \frac{\delta Q}{T} \rightarrow$  integral around the cycle

- Carnot:  $\oint \frac{\delta Q}{T} = \frac{nRT_H \ln V}{T_H} - \frac{nRT_C \ln V}{T_C} = 0$

- Less efficient:  $\oint \frac{\delta Q}{T} = \frac{nRT_H \ln V}{T_H} - \frac{Q_{OUT}}{T_C} < 0$ . because  $Q_{OUT} > Q_{OUT,C}$

$\Rightarrow$  We will soon see that this is related to entropy generation by the less efficient cycle

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