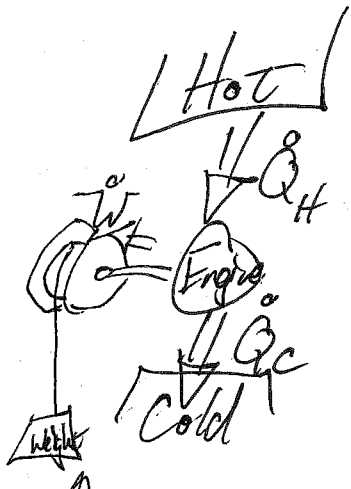


6.2 → 6.5

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Yesterday we introduced the concept of direction, caused by irreversibilities. This led to the notion that real processes are inherently inefficient.

→ Kelvin-Planck Statement: "It is impossible to build an engine that will operate in a cycle (i.e. continuously) that will provide no effect except the raising of a weight & cooling of a single thermal reservoir."



Thermal reservoir: infinite temperature source, provides thermal energy  $Q$  @ a constant temperature during the process under consideration: lakes, rivers, atmosphere, buildings, etc.

For this system to work we have to add a cold reservoir, otherwise there is no temperature gradient for heat to flow.

Remember what Sadi Carnot said:  $\dot{Q}_{in} \neq \dot{W}_{out}$  ← inefficient

How would we define the ~~the~~ thermal efficiency of the cycle above?

thermal efficiency: Ratio of the desired output (what you want) to the required input (what you payed):

$$\eta = \frac{\dot{W}}{\dot{Q}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{what you want} \\ \leftarrow \text{what you payed} \end{array} \right\} \eta \text{ always } < 1$$

Therefore  $\dot{W} < \dot{Q}_{in}$  so  $\dot{Q}_{in} = \dot{W} + \dot{Q}_{out}$  ← Cold reservoir must exist.

$W_{in}$

Similarly  $\eta = \frac{\dot{Q}_{in} - \dot{Q}_{out}}{\dot{Q}_{in}}$  or  $\eta = 1 - \frac{\dot{Q}_{out}}{\dot{Q}_{in}}$  For a heat engine

This means that the efficiency of a heat engine ~~is only~~ <sup>only</sup> dependent must depend on the heat transfer into & out of the system, what controls heat transfer?  $\rightarrow$  temperature  
 $\rightarrow$  Therefore we can ~~write~~ <sup>write</sup> the maximum, or best case efficiency of a system as just a function of temperature:

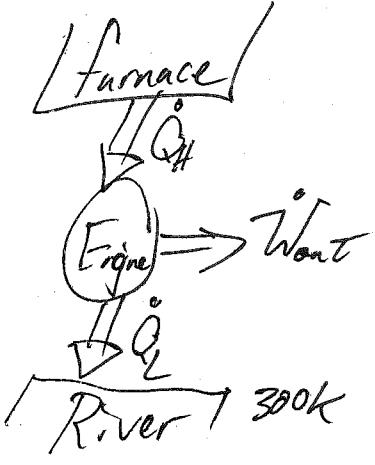
$$\eta_{\text{Max Thermal Heat Engine}} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{in} - \dot{Q}_{out}}{\dot{Q}_{in}} \Rightarrow \frac{\dot{Q}_{Hot} - \dot{Q}_{Cold}}{\dot{Q}_{Hot}} \Rightarrow \frac{T_{Hot} - T_{Cold}}{T_{Hot}}$$

$$\eta_{\text{Max Carnot for heat engine}} = 1 - \frac{T_C}{T_H}$$

Does it matter which temperature scale we use here? Yes!!!  
 You need to use an absolute temperature scale for 2nd Law analysis.

This is the maximum possible efficiency for a heat engine, i.e. there are no irreversibilities (other than heat) affecting the engine, so a Carnot engine or device is reversible.

Example: Heat is transferred to a heat engine from a furnace at a rate of 80 MW. If the rate of waste heat rejection to a nearby river is 50 MW, determine the net power output, the thermal efficiency, and the minimum temperature of the furnace for this to be possible.

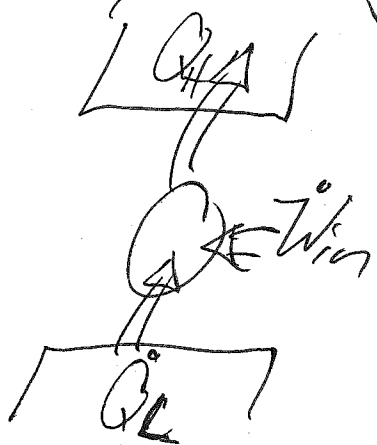
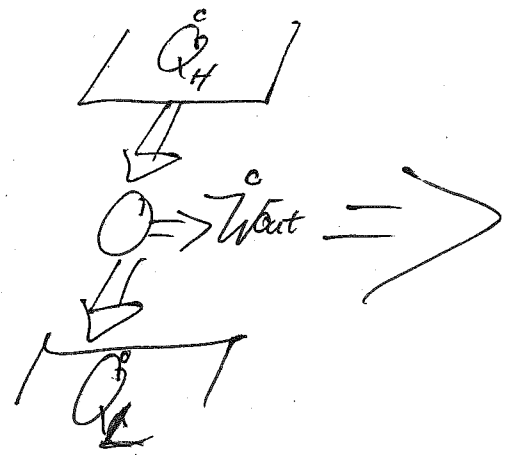


$$\eta_{\text{Thermal Heat Engine}} = \frac{W_{\text{out}}}{Q_H} = \frac{Q_H - Q_C}{Q_H} = \frac{80\text{ MW} - 50\text{ MW}}{80\text{ MW}} = 0.375 \text{ or } 37.5\%$$

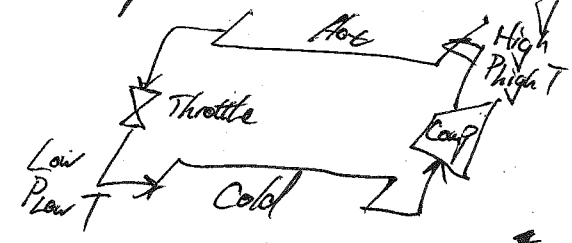
How do we find minimum  $T_H$ ? ← Carnot

$$\eta_{\text{Carnot Heat engine}} = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H} \Rightarrow 0.375 = 1 - \frac{300}{T_H} \Rightarrow \frac{T_L}{T_H} = 0.625 \Rightarrow T_H = 480\text{ K}$$

What if I turned my heat engine around?



I could use this to cool a space like a refrigerator.

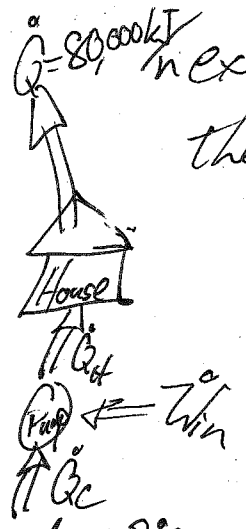


How would I define the efficiency of this?  $\frac{\text{What I want} = Q_C}{\text{What I payed} = W_{in}}$  Ideal

This is called the Coefficient of Performance for refrigerator  $COP_R = \frac{Q_C}{W_{in}} = \frac{Q_C}{Q_H - Q_C} \Rightarrow \frac{T_L}{T_H - T_L} \quad COP_R < 10.0$

Can I do something with this system besides cool a space down? = refrigeration  $\leftarrow$  Yes! I can use it to heat up a space  $Q_H$ , this is called a heat pump  $\leftarrow$  takes heat from colder temperature & moves it to a higher temperature.

Example: A heat pump is maintaining a house @  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . On a cold day the air temperature drops to  $-2^\circ\text{C}$  & the house is estimated to loose heat at a rate of  $80,000 \text{ kJ/h}$ . If the heat pump has a COP of 2.5 under these conditions, find a) power required to drive pump b) the amount of heat extracted from the outdoor air  $Q_C$  & compare this finding to the amount of heat required if the house had electric heating.



Power Required?

$$\text{COP}_{\text{HP}} = \frac{\text{What we want}}{\text{What we payed}} = \frac{Q_H}{W_{\text{in}}} \Rightarrow W_{\text{in}} = \frac{Q_H}{\text{COP}_{\text{HP}}} = \frac{80,000 \text{ kJ/h}}{2.5}$$

$$W_{\text{in}} = 32,000 \text{ kJ/h} \text{ or } 8.9 \text{ kW}$$

How much heat came from the outside air?

Energy Balance:  $IN = OUT \Rightarrow Q_C + W_{\text{in}} = Q_H \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow Q_C = 80,000 \text{ kJ/h} - 32,000 \text{ kJ/h} \Rightarrow Q_C = 48,000 \text{ kJ/h}$$

So we are only paying for  $32,000 \text{ kJ/h}$ ! If we used electric base boards our electric bill would be 2.5 times higher!