

Chapter 1.4: Thermodynamic processes

Goal: generate work from heat

Example: isothermal expansion

$$T = \text{const.}$$

$$E = \text{const.}$$

$$\delta Q + \delta W = 0$$

Ideal gas laws:

classical monatomic gas

$$E = \frac{3}{2} Nk_B T$$

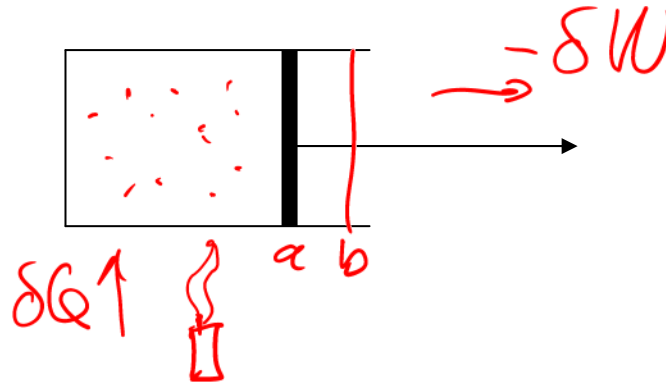
$$pV = Nk_B T$$

$k_B = \text{Boltzmann constant}$

$$\Delta W = - \int_a^b p dV = - \int_a^b \frac{Nk_B T}{V} dV = Nk_B T \ln \frac{V_a}{V_b} = -\Delta Q < 0$$

$$V_b \rightarrow \infty : -\Delta W \rightarrow \infty$$

not practical because of ln.

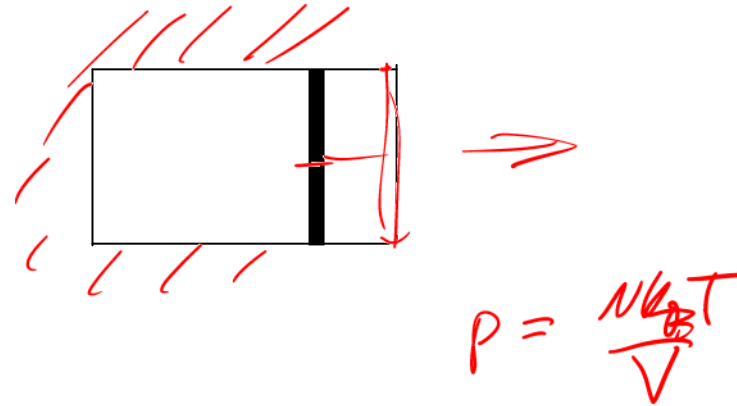


1.4-2 Thermodynamic processes

We know $\Delta E = \Delta Q + \Delta W$ but $\Delta Q, \Delta W$ are not unique

Guy Lussac thought experiment (1807)

Reversible and irreversible expansion



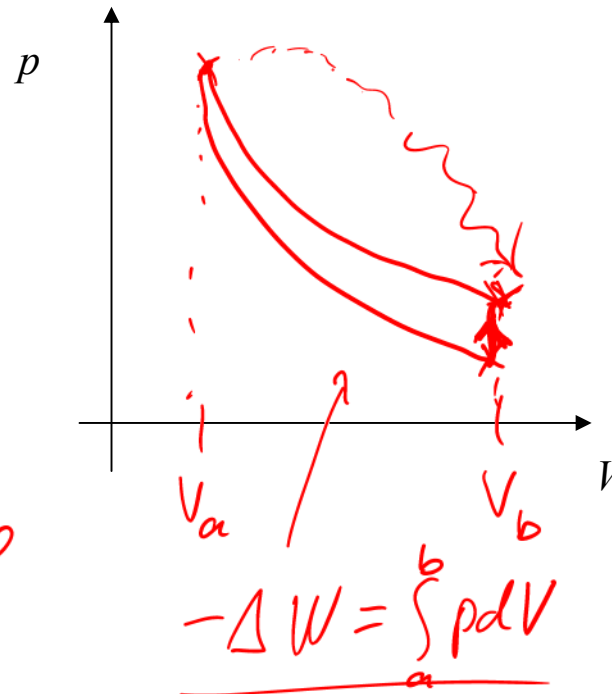
$\Delta W = 0$

adiabatic expansion

$\Delta Q = 0$

$\Delta W \neq 0$ see exercise 3

$-\Delta W_{\text{adiabatic}} < -\Delta W_{\text{isothermal}}$



1.4-3 Thermodynamic processes

Def. 1.12: A reversible cyclic process periodically takes a work-substance through a cycle of equilibrium states under exchange of heat and work only.

Practically: Stirling engine, heat pumps, refrigerator

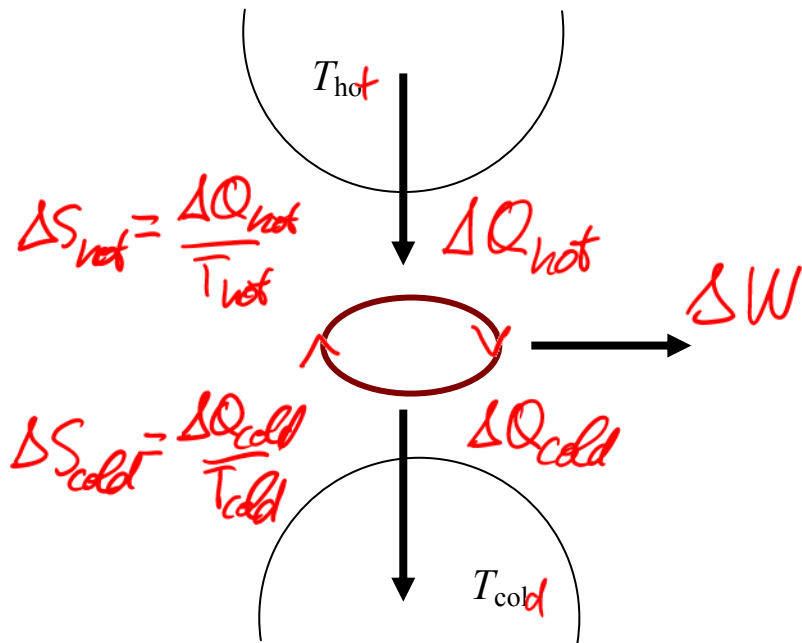
Work substance does not get exchanged

but ΔQ , ΔW

$$\Delta E = \Delta Q + \Delta W = 0$$

$\Delta W < 0$ for engines

but $\Delta W > 0$ for refrigerator or heat pump



$$\Delta W + \Delta Q_{hot} + \Delta Q_{cold} = \Delta E = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{true for} \\ \text{reversible} \\ \text{and irreversible} \\ \text{cycles} \end{array}$$

$\Delta S_{hot} + \Delta S_{cold} = 0$ for reversible cycles

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta Q_{hot}}{T_{hot}} = - \frac{\Delta Q_{cold}}{T_{cold}}$$

$$\Delta S_{hot} + \Delta S_{cold} > 0$$

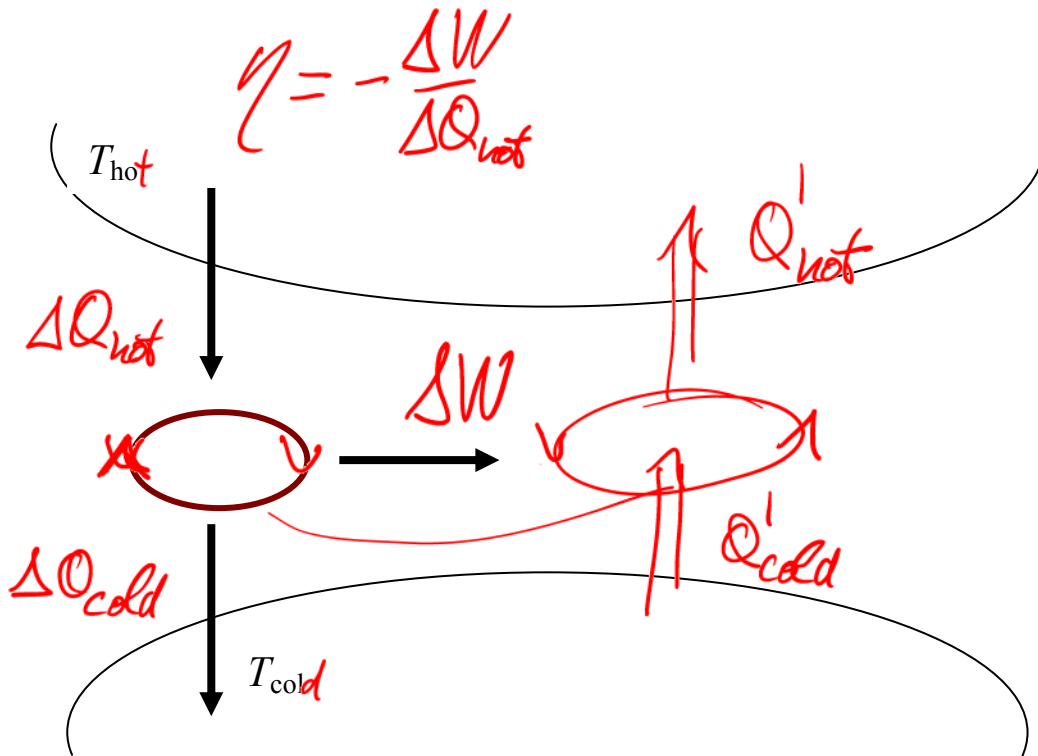
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Def. 1.13: The efficiency of a reversible cyclic process as an engine is $\eta = -\frac{\Delta W}{\Delta Q_{\text{hot}}} = \frac{\Delta Q_{\text{hot}} + \Delta Q_{\text{cold}}}{\Delta Q_{\text{hot}}}$

$$= 1 + \frac{\Delta Q_{\text{cold}}}{\Delta Q_{\text{hot}}} < 1$$

All reversible cyclic processes have the same efficiency as a function of T_{hot} and T_{cold}

$$= 1 - \frac{T_{\text{cold}}}{T_{\text{hot}}}$$



$$\eta' = -\frac{\Delta W'}{\Delta Q'_{\text{hot}}}$$

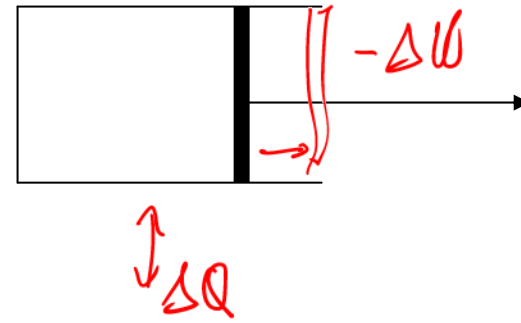
assume $\eta' < \eta$

$$\Delta Q'_{\text{hot}} > \Delta Q_{\text{hot}}$$

Clausius 1850
not spontaneous ΔQ from T_{cold} to T_{hot}

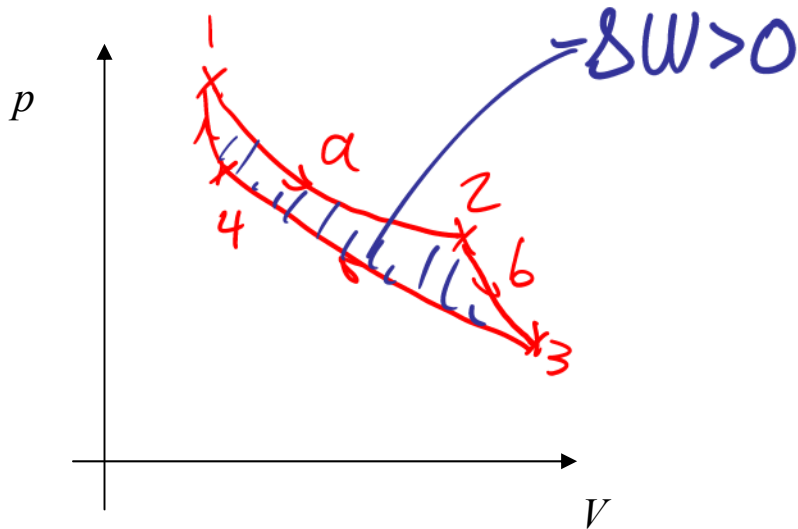
$$\Rightarrow \eta = \eta'$$

Carnot cycle



$$pV = Nk_B T$$

$$E = \frac{3}{2} Nk_B T$$



a) isothermal expansion

$$\Delta W = Nk_B T_{hot} \ln \frac{V_1}{V_2} < 0$$

$$\Delta Q_{hot} = \int_1^2 T ds = T_{hot} (S_2 - S_1) > 0$$

b) $\Delta Q = 0; \Delta S = 0$

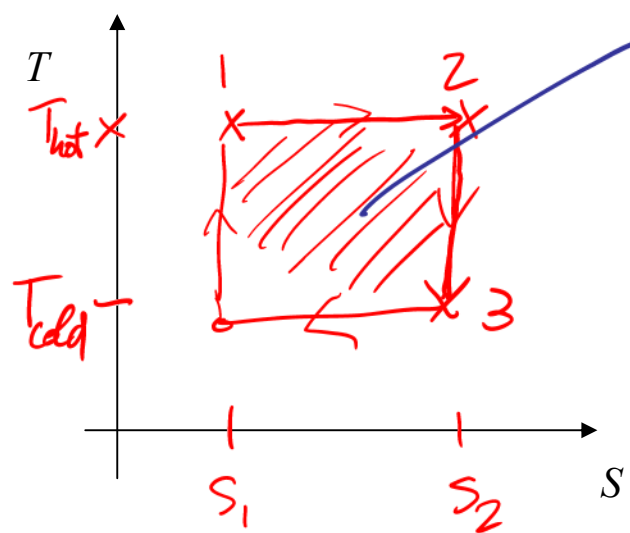
adiabatic expansion $\Delta W < 0$

c) isothermal compression

$$\Delta Q_{cold} = T_{cold} (S_1 - S_2) < 0$$

d) adiabatic compression

$$\eta_{Carnot} = \frac{-\Delta W}{\Delta Q_{hot}} = \frac{(T_{hot} - T_{cold})(S_2 - S_1)}{T_{hot} (S_2 - S_1)} = 1 - \frac{T_{cold}}{T_{hot}}$$

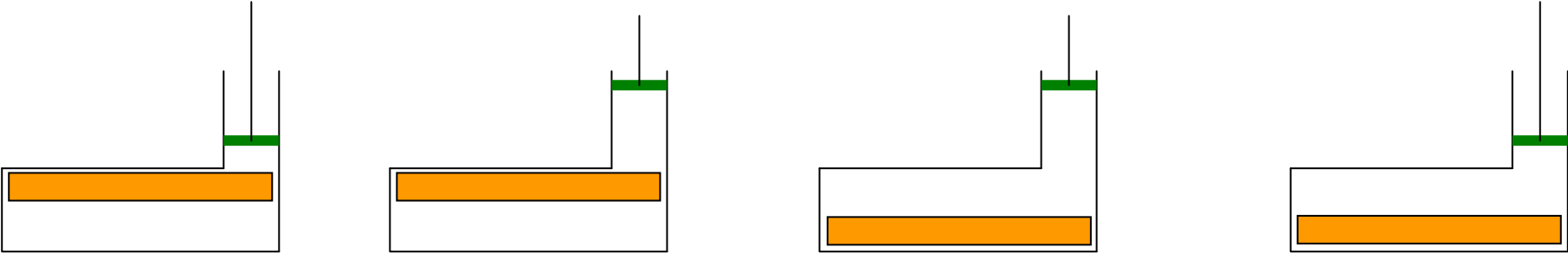
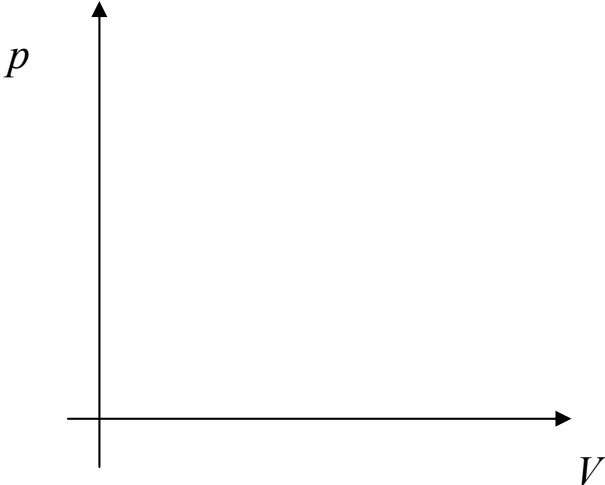
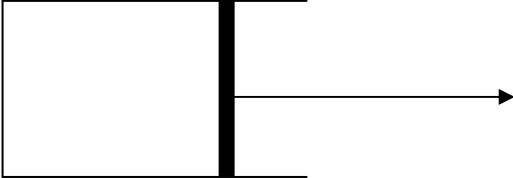


$$\Delta Q_{hot} + \Delta Q_{cold} = -\Delta W = (T_{hot} - T_{cold})(S_2 - S_1)$$

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The efficiency of all reversible cyclic processes is $\eta = -\frac{\Delta W}{\Delta Q_{\text{hot}}} = 1 - \frac{T_{\text{hot}}}{T_{\text{cold}}}$

Stirling cycle



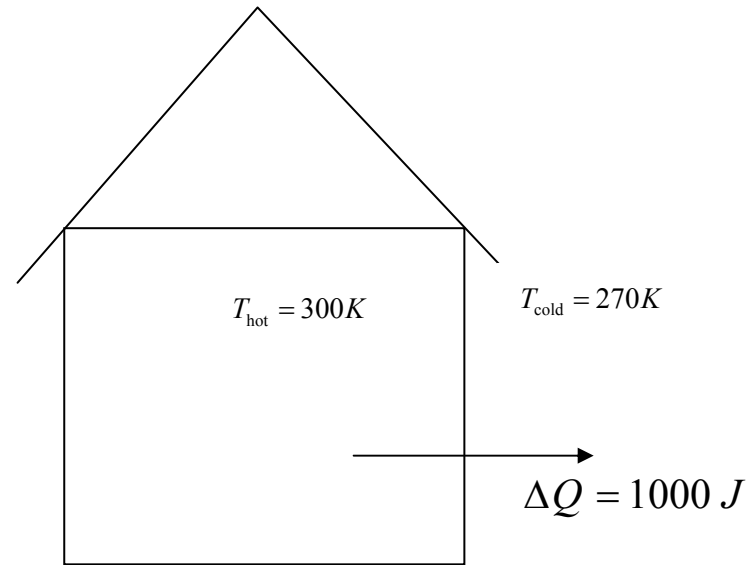
Non reversible engines: real machines

Coal powered plants:

Theoretical: $T_{\text{hot}} = 2100 K$ $T_{\text{cold}} = 300 K$ $\eta = -\frac{\Delta W}{\Delta Q_{\text{hot}}} = 1 - \frac{T_{\text{cold}}}{T_{\text{hot}}} = 0.85$

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Examples: heating and cooling



$$\Delta S = \Delta Q \left(\frac{1}{T_{\text{cold}}} - \frac{1}{T_{\text{hot}}} \right) \approx 0.37 \frac{J}{K}$$