

Tutorials. No. 1: Thermal Machines

Exercise 01: (Thermal motor/ refrigeration machine)

Consider dithermal heat а machine, where the hot source is at a temperature T_1 and the cold source is at a temperature T_2 . The fluid of this machine exchanges heat Q_1 with the hot source, Q_2 with the cold source, and performs work. The fluid is assumed to behave as an ideal gas. Initially, the fluid in state A undergoes the following transformations: an isothermal compression AB at T_2 , an adiabatic compression BC, an isothermal expansion CD at T_1 , and finally an adiabatic expansion DA.

- 1. Represent this cycle on a Clapeyron diagram. Indicate the direction in which it is traversed and the sign of the work.
- 2. Show that: (VA/VB) = (VD/VC).
- 3. Determine the expressions for the heat Q_1 and Q_2 exchanged by the fluid. Deduce the Clausius equality: $(Q_1/T_1) + (Q_2/T_2) =$ 0.

Provide a simple interpretation of this equality.

- 4. This machine is used as a refrigeration machine. Sketch the schematic diagram of this machine, indicating the directions of the exchanged heat and work.
- 5. Calculate the efficiency of this machine for $\theta_1 = 25^{\circ}$ C and $\theta_2 = -15^{\circ}$ C.
- Calculate the heat extracted from the cold source if the machine has consumed 12 kJ of work.

Exercise 02: (Diesel motor)

We consider the following Diesel motor: the same amount of an ideal gas undergoes a reversible cycle ABCDA:

- Transformations AB and CD are adiabatic.
- Transformation BC is isobaric, during which the gas receives heat Qc from a hot source.
- Transformation DA is isochoric, in contact with the atmosphere acting as the cold source.

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<u>Given:</u> ratio of specific heat capacities $\gamma = Cp/Cv = 1.4$, and R = 8.314 J/(K·mol).

The table below summarizes the data regarding the different states of the gas.

	А	В	C	D
Р	1,00			
(Bar)				
T (K)	323	954		
V (L)	2,40		0,24	2,40

- 1- Copy the table above and complete it by determining the volumes, temperatures, and pressures of states B, C, and D.
- 2- Plot the shape of the cycle described by the gas on the Clapeyron diagram, specifying its direction.

- 3- Calculate the number n of moles of gas undergoing these four transformations.
- 4- Calculate the specific heat capacities at constant volume and constant pressure.
- 5- Calculate the work and heat exchanges for the gas during each of the transformations AB, BC, CD, and DA.
- 6- Define the thermal efficiency of the studied Diesel engine and calculate it numerically.
- 7- Provide the expression for the efficiency of a Carnot engine operating between two sources at equal temperatures T_A and T_C, and calculate it numerically.
- 8- Compare the two efficiencies. What conclusions can you draw?