Heat Engines

Carnot Cycle

Carnot, a French engineer, showed in 1824 that the most efficient possible cycle is one in which all the heat supplied is supplied at one fixed temperature, and all the heat rejected is rejected at a lower fixed temperature.



- 1-2: (S) expansion from T_1 to T_2
- 2-3: (T) heat rejection q_{2-3}
- 3-4: (S) compression from T_2 to T_1
- 4-1: (T) heat supply q_{4-1}

The cycle is completely independent of working fluid.

Thermal Efficiency

$$\eta = \frac{q_{4-1} - q_{2-3}}{q_{4-1}} = 1 - \frac{q_{2-3}}{q_{4-1}} = 1 - \frac{T_2(S_B - S_A)}{T_1(S_B - S_A)}$$

Given T₂ for heat sink, $\eta_{carnot} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1}$, $T_1 \uparrow \rightarrow \eta_{carnot} \uparrow$
 $\sum q = \sum W$, $W = q_{4-1} - q_{2-3} = (T_1 - T_2)(S_B - S_A)$



HR furnace gases at 2000 $^{\rm 0}C$, CR water at 10 $^{\rm 0}C$

$$\eta_{carnot} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1} = 1 - \frac{10 + 273}{2000 + 273}$$
$$= 0.8754 = 87.54\%$$

 $\eta_{\text{practice}}\cong 30\%\,$ due to irreversibility & deviations.

Absolute Temperature Scale

independent of working fluid

$$\begin{split} \eta &= 1 - \frac{q_2}{q_1} = \phi \big(X_1, X_2 \big) \\ \frac{q_2}{q_1} &= F \big(X_1, X_2 \big) \\ \frac{q_2}{q_1} &= \frac{X_1}{X_2} \\ \eta_{\text{carnot}} &= 1 - \frac{q_2}{q_1} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1} \\ \end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X: \text{ temperature} \\ \phi: \text{ function} \\ F: \text{ new function} \\ F: \text{ new function} \end{aligned}$$

Carnot Cycle for PG

4-1: (T) heat supply p₄ → p₁
2-3: (T) heat rejection p₂ → p₃
In practice it is more convenient
To heat a gas (V) or (P)
→ difficult to operate an actual heat engine in Carnot cycle.





Net Work: 12341=412BA4 – 234AB2

Expansion Work: 412BA4 Area

Compression Work: 234AB2 Area

Work ratio =
$$\frac{\text{Net work output}}{\text{Gross work output}}$$

$$WR = \frac{(12341)}{(412BA4)}$$

WR is small despite its high $\eta \Rightarrow$ Carnot cycle is not practical.









Work input to $CP = h_2 - h_1 = C_p (T_2 - T_1)$ Work output from $TB = h_3 - h_4 = C_p (T_3 - T_4)$ Heat supplied $= h_3 - h_2 = C_p (T_3 - T_2)$ Heat rejected $= h_4 - h_1 = C_p (T_4 - T_1)$ $\eta = 1 - \frac{q_{CR}}{q_{HR}} = 1 - \frac{T_4 - T_1}{T_3 - T_2}$ $WR = \frac{\text{net work}}{\text{cross work}} = 1 - \frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_3 - T_2}$

$$= \frac{(T_3 - T_4) - (T_2 - T_1)}{(T_3 - T_4)}$$

Pressure ratio: $r_p = \frac{p_2}{p_1} > 1$ $\eta = 1 - r_p^{\frac{1-\gamma}{\gamma}}$, WR = $1 - \frac{T_1}{T_3} r_p^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$

The maximium temperature T₃ must be as high as possible for a high WR given the inlet temperature T₁.

Air Standard Cycle for Petrol Engine (Otto):





- 2-3: rev (V) heating = $C_V (T_3 T_2)$
- 3-4: **(S)** expansion
- 4-1: rev (**V**) cooling = $C_V (T_4 T_1)$

Compression ratio:

1-2: (S) compression

$$\begin{aligned} r_{V} &= \frac{V_{1}}{V_{2}} \\ \eta &= 1 - \frac{Q_{CR}}{Q_{HR}} = 1 - \frac{T_{4} - T_{1}}{T_{3} - T_{2}} = 1 - \frac{1}{r_{V}^{\gamma - 1}} \end{aligned}$$





Duel Combustion Cycle (Mixed):



2-3: rev (**p**) heating = $C_p (T_3 - T_2)$ 3-4: (**S**) expansion 4-1: rev (**V**) cooling = $C_V (T_4 - T_1)$

Cutoff ratio:

$$\beta = \frac{V_3}{V_2}$$

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{C_v (T_4 - T_1)}{C_p (T_3 - T_2)} = 1 - \frac{\beta^{\gamma} - 1}{(\beta - 1) r_v^{\gamma - 1} \gamma}$$

1-2: (**S**) compression 2-3: rev (**V**) heating = $C_v (T_3 - T_2)$ 3-4: rev (**p**) heating = $C_p (T_4 - T_3)$ 4-5: (**S**) expansion 5-1: rev (**V**) cooling = $C_V (T_5 - T_1)$

$$r_{V} = \frac{V_{1}}{V_{2}}, K = \frac{p_{3}}{p_{2}}, \beta = \frac{V_{4}}{V_{3}}$$

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{C_{v} (T_{5} - T_{1})}{C_{v} (T_{3} - T_{2}) + C_{p} (T_{4} - T_{3})}$$
$$= 1 - \frac{K\beta^{\gamma} - 1}{\left[(K - 1) + \gamma K (\beta - 1) \right] r_{v}^{\gamma - 1}}$$

Ericsson Cycle



1-2: rev (**p**) heating = $C_p (T_2 - T_1)$ 2-3: (**T**) heating 3-4: rev (**p**) Cooling = $C_p (T_2 - T_1)$ 4-1: (**T**) cooling

Sterling Cycle



2-3: (**T**) heating as gas expands 3-4: rev (**V**) Cooling = $C_V (T_2 - T_1)$ 4-1: (**T**) cooling as gas is compressed 1-2: rev (**V**) heating = $C_V (T_2 - T_1)$ q_{3-4} is used for q_{1-2} in a regenerator.

$$q_{2-3} = W_{2-3} = RT_2 \ln \frac{p_2}{p_3}$$

$$q_{4-1} = W_{4-1} = RT_1 \ln \frac{p_1}{p_4}$$
Net work done:

$$W = W_{2-3} - W_{4-1}$$

$$= q_{2-3} - q_{4-1}$$

$$\eta = \frac{W}{q_{2-3}} = \frac{q_{2-3} - q_{4-1}}{q_{2-3}} = 1 - \frac{q_{4-1}}{q_{2-3}}$$
$$= 1 - \frac{RT_1 \ln \frac{p_1}{p_4}}{RT_2 \ln \frac{p_2}{p_3}}$$

1-2: rev. const. V process $\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{T_2}{T_1}$

3-4:
$$\frac{p_3}{p_4} = \frac{T_3}{T_4} = \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{p_3}{p_4} \qquad \therefore \frac{p_1}{p_4} = \frac{p_2}{p_3}$$
$$\eta = 1 - \frac{T_1}{T_2} = \text{the carnot efficiency}$$

This result may have been deduced w/o formal proof as the heat supply and rejection took place at const T's.

$$WR = \frac{W_{2-3} - W_{4-1}}{W_{2-3}} = 1 - \frac{W_{4-1}}{W_{2-3}} = 1 - \frac{q_{4-1}}{q_{2-3}} = 1 - \frac{T_1}{T_2}$$

$$\therefore WR = \eta$$

The Sterling & Ericsson cycles are superior to the Carnot cycle in that they have higher work ratios with an efficiency equal to that of the Carnot cycle.