

PHY 341/641
Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics

Lecture 4

1. First law of thermodynamics
 - a. Some examples for ideal gas systems
 - b. Some cyclic processes
 - c. Efficiency of process
2. Carnot cycle
 - a. Efficiency
 - b. Entropy
3. Second law of thermodynamics

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Summary

First law : $dU = dQ + dW$

$$dW = -PdV$$

Ideal gas relationships:

$$PV = NkT \quad (k \equiv k_B \text{ Boltzmann constant})$$

$$U = \frac{k}{\gamma - 1} NT = \frac{PV}{\gamma - 1} \quad (\gamma = C_p / C_v)$$

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Carnot cycle:

Analysis of an ideal heat engine
 Nicholas Carnot (French Engineer) 1834

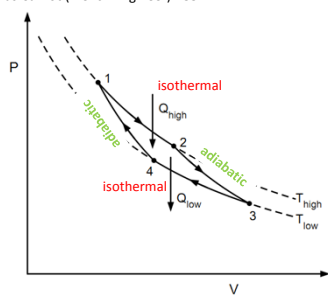
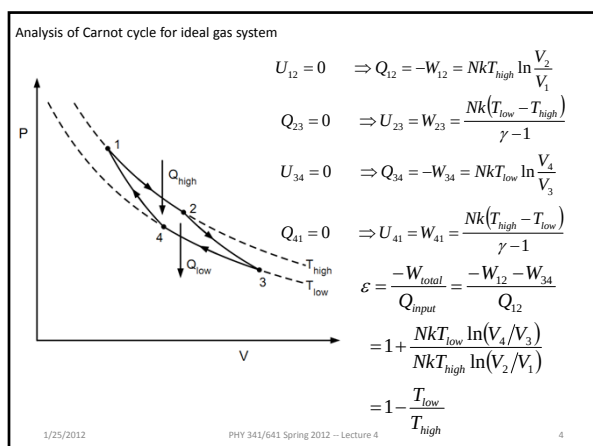


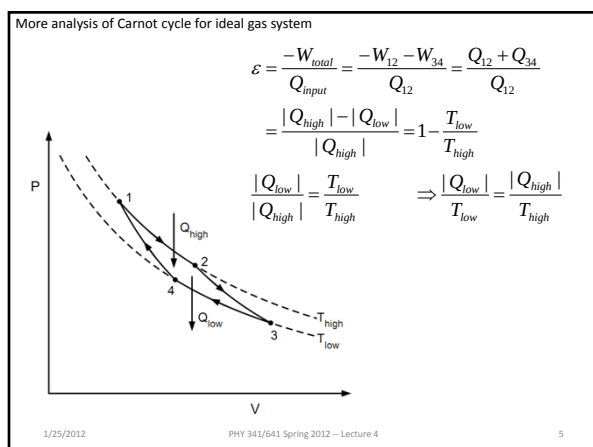
Figure 2.9: The four steps of the Carnot cycle.

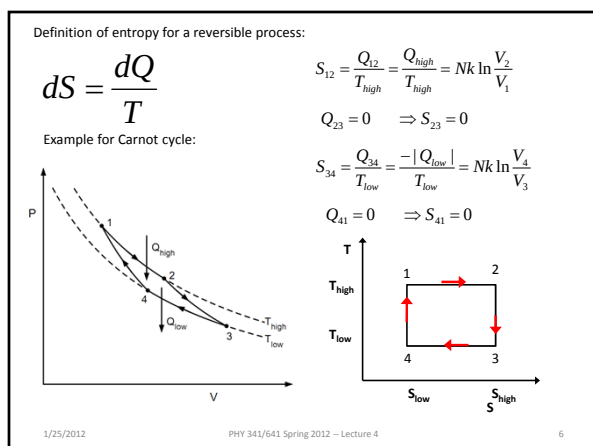
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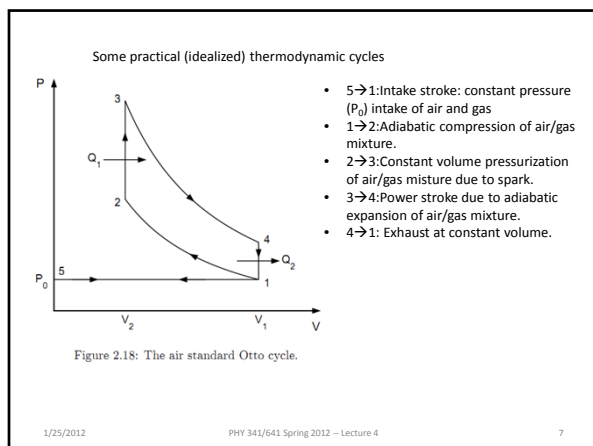
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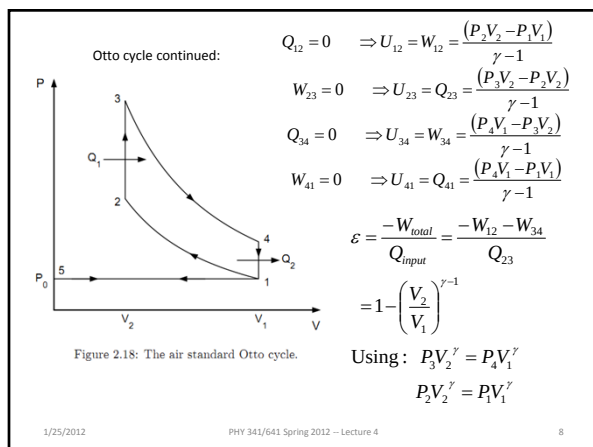
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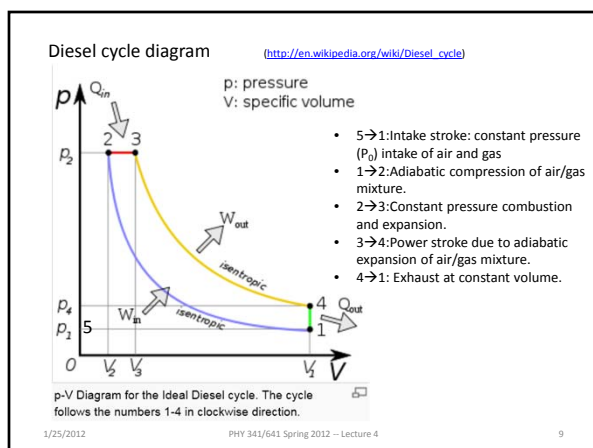


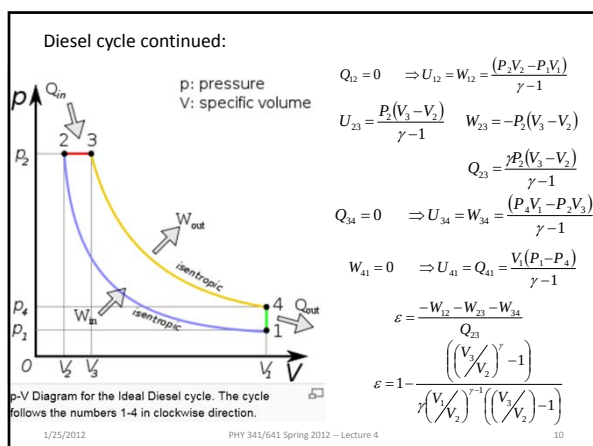












Comparison of Otto and Diesel cycle efficiencies:

Otto cycle:

$$\epsilon = 1 - \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1} \right)^{\gamma-1}$$

Suppose

$$\gamma \approx 1.4 \text{ (air)}$$

$$\frac{V_1}{V_2} \approx 5 \text{ (Otto)}$$

$$\frac{V_1}{V_3} \approx 5 \quad \frac{V_1}{V_2} \approx 15 \text{ (Diesel)}$$

Diesel cycle:

$$\epsilon = 1 - \frac{\left(\left(\frac{V_3}{V_2} \right)^\gamma - 1 \right)}{\gamma \left(\frac{V_3}{V_2} \right)^{\gamma-1} \left(\left(\frac{V_3}{V_2} \right) - 1 \right)}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{Otto}} = 0.47$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{Diesel}} = 0.56$$

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Summary --

Definition of entropy for a reversible process:

$$dS = \frac{dQ}{T}$$

First law of thermodynamics expressed in terms of entropy:

$$dU = dQ + dW = TdS - PdV$$

For an ideal gas :

$$U = \frac{NkT}{\gamma - 1} \quad PV = NkT$$

$S = ??$

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