

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:
 $PV = NkT$ ($k \equiv k_B$ Boltzmann constant)
 $U = \frac{k}{\gamma - 1} NT = \frac{PV}{\gamma - 1}$ ($\gamma = C_p / C_v$)

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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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Analysis of Carnot cycle for ideal gas system

$$U_{12} = 0 \Rightarrow Q_{12} = -W_{12} = NkT_{high} \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1}$$

$$Q_{23} = 0 \Rightarrow U_{23} = W_{23} = \frac{Nk(T_{low} - T_{high})}{\gamma - 1}$$

$$U_{34} = 0 \Rightarrow Q_{34} = -W_{34} = NkT_{low} \ln \frac{V_4}{V_3}$$

$$Q_{41} = 0 \Rightarrow U_{41} = W_{41} = \frac{Nk(T_{high} - T_{low})}{\gamma - 1}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{-W_{total}}{Q_{input}} = \frac{-W_{12} - W_{34}}{Q_{12}}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{NkT_{low} \ln(V_4/V_3)}{NkT_{high} \ln(V_2/V_1)}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{T_{low}}{T_{high}}$$

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More analysis of Carnot cycle for ideal gas system

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{-W_{total}}{Q_{input}} = \frac{-W_{12} - W_{34}}{Q_{12}} = \frac{Q_{12} + Q_{34}}{Q_{12}}$$

$$= \frac{|Q_{high}| - |Q_{low}|}{|Q_{high}|} = 1 - \frac{T_{low}}{T_{high}}$$

$$\frac{|Q_{low}|}{|Q_{high}|} = \frac{T_{low}}{T_{high}} \Rightarrow \frac{|Q_{low}|}{T_{low}} = \frac{|Q_{high}|}{T_{high}}$$

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Definition of entropy for a reversible process:

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

Example for Carnot cycle:

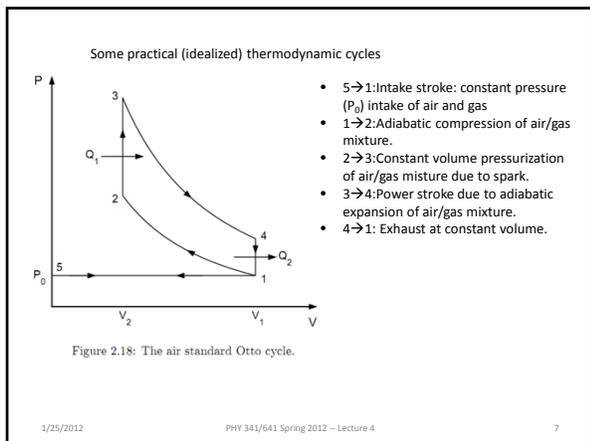
$$S_{12} = \frac{Q_{12}}{T_{high}} = \frac{Q_{high}}{T_{high}} = Nk \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1}$$

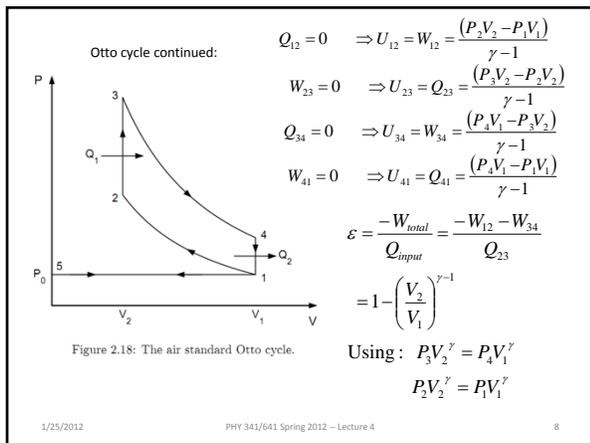
$$Q_{23} = 0 \Rightarrow S_{23} = 0$$

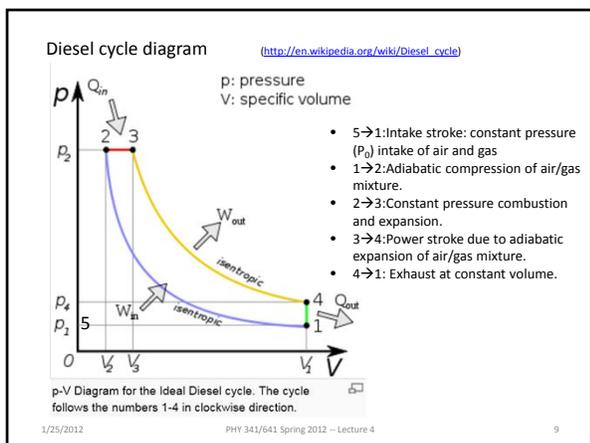
$$S_{34} = \frac{Q_{34}}{T_{low}} = \frac{-|Q_{low}|}{T_{low}} = Nk \ln \frac{V_4}{V_3}$$

$$Q_{41} = 0 \Rightarrow S_{41} = 0$$

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Diesel cycle continued:

p: pressure
V: specific volume

$$Q_{12} = 0 \Rightarrow U_{12} = W_{12} = \frac{(P_2 V_2 - P_1 V_1)}{\gamma - 1}$$

$$U_{23} = \frac{P_2 (V_3 - V_2)}{\gamma - 1} \quad W_{23} = -P_2 (V_3 - V_2)$$

$$Q_{23} = \gamma P_2 (V_3 - V_2)$$

$$Q_{34} = 0 \Rightarrow U_{34} = W_{34} = \frac{(P_4 V_4 - P_3 V_3)}{\gamma - 1}$$

$$W_{41} = 0 \Rightarrow U_{41} = Q_{41} = \frac{V_1 (P_1 - P_4)}{\gamma - 1}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{-W_{12} - W_{23} - W_{34}}{Q_{23}}$$

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

p-V Diagram for the Ideal Diesel cycle. The cycle follows the numbers 1-4 in clockwise direction.

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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

$\gamma \approx 1.4$ (air)

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

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

Diesel cycle:

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

$\epsilon_{Otto} = 0.47$

$\epsilon_{Diesel} = 0.56$

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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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