

Conceptual Physics

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Thermodynamics

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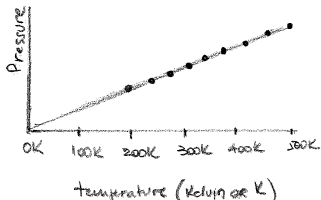
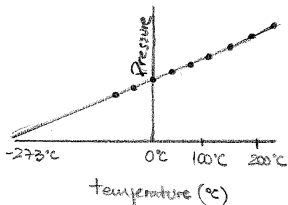
- Subjective sensation (familiar to everyone):
when you touch something hot
heat goes into your hand and burns it
- We talk of transfer of heat
e.g.  from one object (the radiator) to another (your hand)
- Fact that radiator is hot
expressed as “radiator is @ high *temperature*”
- Heat and work are mutually convertible:
you can do work and get heat or use heat and do work
(a car engine or steam engine)
- The catch is  when you go from heat to useful work
you never achieve 100% conversion
there is always some heat wasted
- Reason for this will be given in today's class

- Thermal energy \Rightarrow random motion of molecules in matter sample which constitutes form of kinetic energy
- Temperature \Rightarrow measure of average kinetic energy/molecule
- Temperature \Rightarrow generally measured in Celsius or Fahrenheit
- Relation between Fahrenheit (F) and Celsius (C) scales


$$F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$$

- It'll be convenient to talk about temperature in absolute scale
- Define absolute zero of temperature to correspond with point where all molecular motion ceases

- For given V of gas plot pressure as function of temperature



- Line extrapolated to $P = 0$ \Rightarrow $T = -273^\circ\text{C}$ for absolute zero
- Make absolute zero $T = 0^\circ\text{K}$ \Rightarrow freezing water is $T = 273^\circ\text{K}$
- Room temperature (68°F) is $20^\circ\text{C} = (273 + 20)^\circ\text{K} = 293^\circ\text{K}$
- We can never reach absolute zero (0°K)
but temperatures as low as $5 \times 10^{-10}^\circ\text{K}$ have been reached

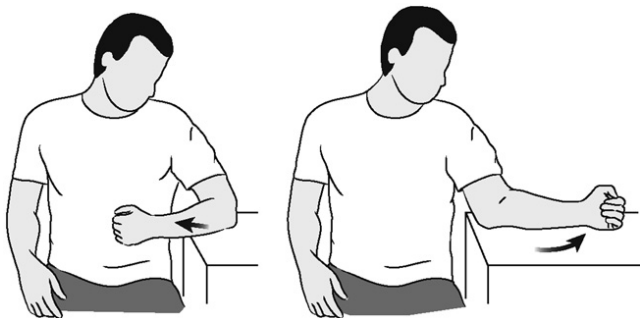
- Heat is *also* kinetic energy  moving energy
- It is kinetic energy of zillions of atoms in material vibrating (in solid) or zapping around (in gas) in a random way going nowhere in particular
- *Heat is random energy of atoms and molecules*
- This is very different from organized energy
- It is like throwing bag of hot popcorn (organized energy)
vs.
letting them pop around inside popper (random energy)
- Popcorn popping very quickly has a lot of heat energy

- Total heat energy of material depends on two things:
 - 1 how many atoms there are
 - 2 how energetic each atom is (on average)
- Heat energy Q can be expressed as product of number of atoms N and average random energy of single atom $\langle \epsilon \rangle$

$$Q = N \langle \epsilon \rangle$$

- *Temperature* \Rightarrow direct measurement of second factor:
average energy of an atom
- High temperature means peppy atoms
- Low temperature means sluggish atoms
- When atoms are so sluggish that they don't move
you've hit bottom in temperature scale \Rightarrow *absolute zero*
which is $T = -273^\circ\text{C}$ \Rightarrow very cold!

- When you push your hand across table
(mechanical energy)
- you set molecules at surface of table
into random vibration and create heat energy
(friction in this case)



- You touch hot poker → madly vibrating atoms on surface of poker bombard molecules of your skin
- these start vibrating → causing all kind of neurochemical reactions which tell your brain: “It’s hot, let go!”



- Important thing to know here
same work W makes the same amount of heat Q *always*
- Equivalence will be given by example:
for each 50 pounds of force which are pushed through one foot
you make enough heat to raise T of 1 oz of water by about 1°F
- You can also push with force of 5 lb through 10 ft
or with 10 lb through 5 ft
as long as force \times distance = 50 lb ft
- If you push twice as hard (100 lb) through one foot
you make twice heat
- Remember $\Rightarrow Q$ and W are interconvertible in definite proportions
 $1,000 \text{ ft lb} = 1.28 \text{ Btu} = 1/3 \text{ Cal}$ or $1 \text{ Btu} = 779 \text{ ft lb}$

- This is an expression of conservation of energy
- Energy can cross boundaries of closed system as heat or work
- By system \Rightarrow we mean well-defined group of particles or objects
- Heat = $Q \Rightarrow$ energy transfer across system boundary due solely to T difference between system and environment
- For closed system \Rightarrow first law of thermodynamics reads

$$E_{\text{in}} - E_{\text{out}} = \Delta E_{\text{system}}$$

$E_{\text{in}} = Q_{\text{in}} + W_{\text{in}} \Rightarrow$ total energy entering system

$E_{\text{out}} = Q_{\text{out}} + W_{\text{out}} \Rightarrow$ total energy leaving system

$\Delta E_{\text{system}} = E_{\text{final}} - E_{\text{initial}} \Rightarrow$ change in total energy of system

- Each m^3 of air at room T has about 3×10^{25} molecules zipping around at random
- Average kinetic energy of each atom in air

$$\langle \epsilon \rangle = \frac{3}{2} k_B T$$

Boltzmann constant $\Rightarrow k_B = 1.380 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J}^\circ\text{K}^{-1}$

- Joule (J) \Rightarrow work done by force of 1 N when its point of application moves 1 m in direction of action of force
- Total kinetic energy of all these molecules is about 347 Btu
- Room may be thought of as *reservoir* of thermal energy
@ $T = 70^\circ\text{F}$ (or 295°K)

- Question ☞ Is it possible to extract *some* of this thermal energy and change it *entirely* into useful work?
(such as turning a generator)

- There is no contradiction here with conservation of energy
but it is a fact that no such process is known

- This negative statement ☞ result of everyday experience

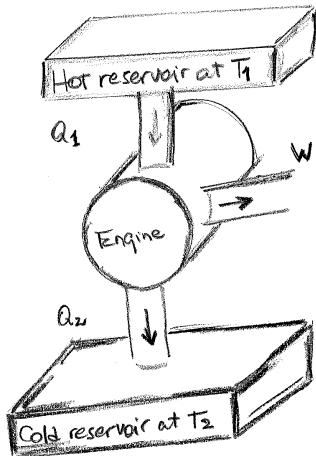
- *second law of thermodynamics:*

It is impossible to construct an engine that, operating in a cycle, will produce no effect other than extraction of heat from a reservoir and performance of an equivalent amount of work

- Reduced to its simplest terms
important characteristics of heat-engine cycles are...

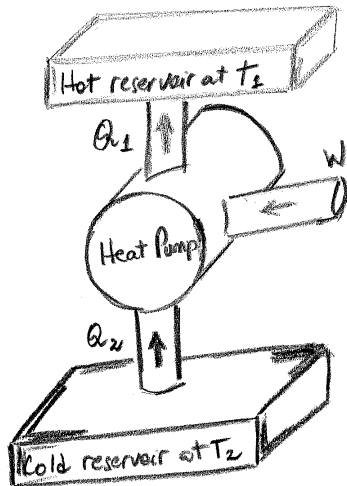
Heat engine

- Q_1 \rightarrow heat taken from boiler
- W \rightarrow work done
- Q_2 \rightarrow heat transferred to condenser
- $Q_1 = W + Q_2$



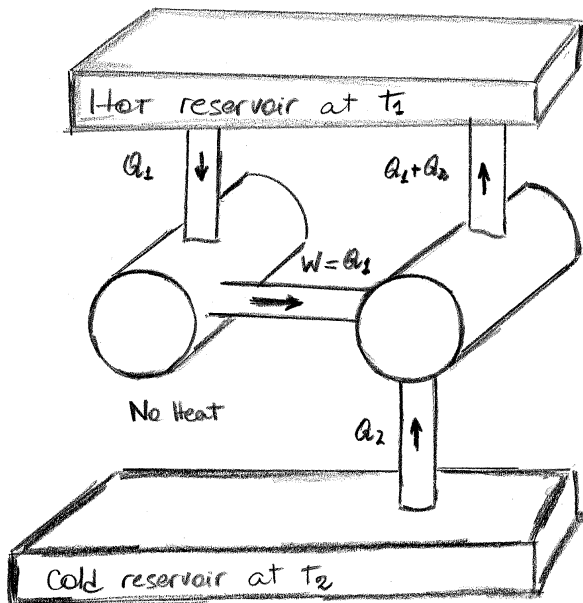
Refrigerator (or air conditioner)

- Q_2 \Rightarrow heat taken from refrigerator (by coolant)
- W \Rightarrow energy pumped in by motor
- Q_1 \Rightarrow heat given up to surrounding air
- $Q_1 = W + Q_2$



- Using idea of refrigerator \Rightarrow we can show that:
violation of 2nd law would make it impossible to construct device which (operating in a cycle) will produce *no effect* other than transfer of heat from a cooler body to a warmer body
- Since this never happens \Rightarrow for statistical reasons
we can then see why *second law* works
- *Proof* is as follows:
 - Suppose we had an engine which violates the second law
(rejects no heat to the cold reservoir)
 - Then \Rightarrow we could use work liberated by engine to run refrigerator
which operates between same two reservoirs
and takes heat Q_2 from cold and puts $W + Q_2 = Q_1 + Q_2$ into hot
 - Net result is transfer of heat from cold to hot reservoir
with nothing else occurring
 - This is impossible \Rightarrow so engine is impossible

Engine which violates the 2nd law of thermodynamics



- Efficiency

$$\frac{\text{work out}}{\text{heat extracted from hot reservoir}} = \frac{W}{Q_1}$$

- *Maximum* efficiency

$$\text{maximum efficiency} = \eta_{\max} = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{T_1}$$

T_1 and T_2 are in °K.

- E.g.  steam engine

- boiler heating the steam to 400°C (= 670°K)
- condenser operating at 100°C (= 370°K)
- Maximum theoretical efficiency

$$\eta_{\max} = \frac{670 - 370}{670} \simeq 45\%$$

- Coefficient of performance of refrigerator

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CoP} &= \frac{\text{heat removed from cold reservoir}}{\text{work done (electrical energy used)}} \\ &= \frac{Q_2}{W} = \frac{Q_2}{Q_1 - Q_2} \end{aligned}$$

- Maximum value

$$\text{CoP}_{\text{max}} = \frac{T_2}{T_1 - T_2}$$

- E.g. 🖱️ air conditioner operating between:

- room at 70°F (= 295°K)
- outdoors at 85°F (= 309°K)
- Maximum theoretical coefficient of performance

$$\text{CoP}_{\text{max}} = \frac{295}{309 - 295} = \frac{295}{14} = 20$$