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BE- 3 SEMESTER – OLD PAPER – S23 TO S25- QUESTION BANK & SOLUTION

Subject Name & Code: Engineering Thermodynamics (3131905)

Unit 3: Second Law of Thermodynamics

Repeated Questions:

1. State and prove the equivalence of Kelvin-Planck and Clausius statements of the Second Law. (07 Marks - W23, S24, S23)

Answer:

Kelvin-Planck Statement: "It is impossible to construct a device that, operating in a cycle, will produce no effect other than the extraction of heat from a single reservoir and the performance of an equivalent amount of work."

Clausius Statement: "It is impossible to construct a device that, operating in a cycle, will produce no effect other than the transfer of heat from a cooler body to a hotter body."

Proof of Equivalence (by Contradiction):

Part 1: Violation of Clausius Statement leads to violation of Kelvin-Planck Statement

Assume a device **C** violates Clausius statement (transfers heat Q_2 from cold to hot without any external work). Combine this with a reversible heat engine **E** operating between same reservoirs:

1. Engine **E** takes heat Q_1 from hot reservoir, produces work $W = Q_1 - Q_2$, and rejects Q_2 to cold reservoir.
2. Device **C** takes the rejected Q_2 from cold reservoir and transfers it back to hot reservoir.
3. Net effect: Hot reservoir receives Q_2 from **C** and loses Q_1 to **E** $\rightarrow$ net loss = $Q_1 - Q_2$
4. Cold reservoir gains Q_2 from **E** and loses Q_2 to **C** $\rightarrow$ net change = 0
5. The combination produces work $W = Q_1 - Q_2$ while extracting heat $(Q_1 - Q_2)$ from a single reservoir (hot).

This violates Kelvin-Planck statement.

Part 2: Violation of Kelvin-Planck Statement leads to violation of Clausius Statement

Assume a device **K** violates Kelvin-Planck statement (produces work W by extracting heat Q from a single reservoir). Use this work to drive a refrigerator **R**:

1. Device **K** extracts heat Q from cold reservoir and produces work $W = Q$.
2. Refrigerator **R** uses work W to extract heat Q_2 from cold reservoir and reject $Q_1 = Q_2 + W$ to hot reservoir.
3. For the combination: Heat extracted from cold = $Q + Q_2$, Heat delivered to hot = $Q_1 = Q_2 + W = Q_2 + Q$
4. Net effect: Heat Q is transferred from cold to hot without any external work.

This violates Clausius statement.

Conclusion: Since violation of one statement implies violation of the other, the two statements are **equivalent**.

2. Explain PMM-I and PMM-II. (03 Marks - S23, S24, S25, W24)

Answer:

PMM-I (Perpetual Motion Machine of First Kind):

- **Violates:** First Law of Thermodynamics
- **Claim:** Produces work continuously without any energy input
- **Impossibility:** Would create energy from nothing
- **Example Concept:** Over-balance wheel that rotates forever

PMM-II (Perpetual Motion Machine of Second Kind):

- **Violates:** Second Law of Thermodynamics
- **Claim:** Converts all heat extracted from a single reservoir completely into work (100% efficiency)
- **Impossibility:** Would violate Kelvin-Planck statement
- **Example Concept:** Ship engine extracting heat from ocean to power itself

Key Difference:

- PMM-I violates energy conservation (quantity)
- PMM-II violates entropy principle (quality/direction)

3. Show that the efficiency of a reversible heat engine operating between two constant temperatures is maximum. (07 Marks - S23, S25)

Answer:

Statement: No heat engine operating between the same two reservoirs (T_H and T_L) can have efficiency greater than that of a reversible (Carnot) engine.

Proof using Carnot's theorem:

Let:

- **RE** = Reversible engine (Carnot) with efficiency η_R
- **IE** = Any other irreversible engine (or any engine) with efficiency η_I

Assume $\eta_I > \eta_R$. Couple IE to drive RE as a heat pump (reverse Carnot).

[DG PROMPT] – Proof of maximum efficiency of reversible engine

Title: Carnot's Theorem – Reversible Engine has Maximum Efficiency

Description: Draw two reservoirs: top T_H , bottom T_L . On left, draw an irreversible engine IE taking Q_H from hot, producing work W_I , rejecting $Q_{L,I}$ to cold. On right, draw a Carnot heat pump (reverse RE) taking work W_I (from IE), absorbing $Q_{L,R}$ from cold, rejecting $Q_{H,R}$ to hot. Show that if $\eta_I > \eta_R$, then $W_I > W_R$ for same Q_H , leading to net heat transfer from cold to hot without work – impossible by Clausius. Therefore $\eta_I \leq \eta_R$.

Mathematical proof:

For reversible engine: $\eta_R = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H} = \frac{W_R}{Q_H}$

For any engine: $\eta_I = \frac{W_I}{Q_H}$

If $\eta_I > \eta_R$, then $W_I > W_R$ for same Q_H . Use W_I to drive reverse Carnot (refrigerator) that requires work W_R to move Q_L from cold to hot. Since $W_I > W_R$, the surplus work can be used to produce net work while the net effect is transferring heat from cold to hot – violates Second Law. Hence $\eta_I \leq \eta_R$.

Conclusion: Carnot efficiency is the **maximum** possible.

4. Explain Carnot cycle and its limitations.

➤ Appeared in: W23 (Q2a, 03 marks), S23 (Q5a, 03 marks), S24 (Q3a, 03 marks)

Answer:

Carnot Cycle: A theoretical thermodynamic cycle proposed by Sadi Carnot that gives the **maximum possible efficiency** for a heat engine operating between two temperature limits.

Four Processes:

1. **Isothermal Expansion** (T_1 constant): Heat Q_1 absorbed from source
2. **Adiabatic Expansion**: Temperature falls from T_1 to T_2
3. **Isothermal Compression** (T_2 constant): Heat Q_2 rejected to sink
4. **Adiabatic Compression**: Temperature rises from T_2 to T_1

Efficiency: $\eta_{Carnot} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1}$

Limitations:

1. **Impractical to Execute:** Isothermal heat transfer requires infinitesimally small temperature difference, making process extremely slow.
2. **Adiabatic Processes Idealization:** Perfect insulation and frictionless processes are not achievable in practice.
3. **Difficulty with Two-Phase Systems:** Not suitable for steam cycles where condensation and evaporation occur.
4. **Low Work Output:** The area enclosed on P-V diagram is small compared to practical cycles.
5. **Cannot Handle Real Fluids:** Assumes ideal gas behavior or reversible phase changes.

Despite limitations, Carnot cycle remains important as it sets the **theoretical maximum limit** for all heat engines.

Other Important Questions:**1. S25: State and prove Clausius theorem. (03 Marks)****Answer:**

Clausius theorem: For any cyclic process (reversible or irreversible) operating between a system and its surroundings, the cyclic integral of $\frac{\delta Q}{T}$ is **less than or equal to zero**. Equality holds for a reversible cycle.

$$\oint \frac{\delta Q}{T} \leq 0$$

Proof:

Consider a cycle operating between multiple reservoirs. For a reversible cycle, entropy change of system + surroundings = 0, thus $\oint \frac{\delta Q_{rev}}{T} = 0$. For an irreversible cycle, entropy generation > 0 , leading to $\oint \frac{\delta Q}{T} < 0$. Combining gives the inequality.

Significance: Forms the basis for the **definition of entropy** ($dS = \frac{\delta Q_{rev}}{T}$) and the **entropy principle** ($\Delta S_{universe} \geq 0$).

2. W22: Carnot cycle is not practical – Justify the statement. (03 Marks)**Answer:****Justification:**

Carnot cycle is theoretically the most efficient but **practically impossible** because:

1. **Isothermal heat transfer requires infinite time** – To maintain constant temperature during expansion/compression, heat transfer must occur at infinitesimal temperature difference, making the process extremely slow.
2. **Adiabatic processes require perfect insulation** – No real cylinder can prevent heat loss completely.
3. **Frictionless piston** – Friction is unavoidable in real engines.
4. **Reversible processes are quasi-static** – Piston movement must be infinitely slow to maintain equilibrium, giving zero power output.
5. **Condensation issues** – In steam cycles, isothermal expansion leads to wet steam which

damages turbine blades.

Conclusion: Carnot cycle is a **theoretical ideal** – real cycles (Rankine, Otto, Diesel) are practical approximations.

3. W23: Carnot cycle is practically impossible. Justify the statement. (03 Marks)

Answer:[As Above]

4. 300 kJ/s of heat is supplied at a constant fixed temperature of 290°C to a heat engine. The heat rejection takes place at 8.5°C. The following results were obtained: (i) 215 kJ/s are rejected, (ii) 150 kJ/s are rejected, (iii) 75 kJ/s are rejected. Classify which of the result report a reversible cycle or irreversible cycle or impossible results.

► Appeared in: W24 (Q2c, 07 marks)

Answer:

Given:

- $Q_1 = 300 \text{ kJ/s}$
- $T_1 = 290^\circ\text{C} = 563 \text{ K}$
- $T_2 = 8.5^\circ\text{C} = 281.5 \text{ K}$

Carnot (Maximum) Efficiency:

$$\eta_{max} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1} = 1 - \frac{281.5}{563} = 1 - 0.5 = 0.5 \text{ or } 50\%$$

Maximum Work Output:

$$W_{max} = \eta_{max} \times Q_1 = 0.5 \times 300 = 150 \text{ kJ/s}$$

Minimum Heat Rejection (for reversible engine):

$$Q_{2,min} = Q_1 - W_{max} = 300 - 150 = 150 \text{ kJ/s}$$

Analysis:

(i) $Q_2 = 215 \text{ kJ/s}$

$$W = Q_1 - Q_2 = 300 - 215 = 85 \text{ kJ/s}$$

$$\eta = \frac{W}{Q_1} = \frac{85}{300} = 0.283 \text{ or } 28.3\% < 50\%$$

This is **possible and irreversible** (actual efficiency less than Carnot).

(ii) $Q_2 = 150 \text{ kJ/s}$

$$W = 300 - 150 = 150 \text{ kJ/s}$$

$$\eta = \frac{150}{300} = 0.5 \text{ or } 50\% = \eta_{max}$$

This represents a **reversible cycle** (Carnot efficiency achieved).

(iii) $Q_2 = 75 \text{ kJ/s}$

$$W = 300 - 75 = 225 \text{ kJ/s}$$

$$\eta = \frac{225}{300} = 0.75 \text{ or } 75\% > 50\%$$

This is **impossible** (efficiency greater than Carnot efficiency violates Second Law).

Final Answer:

- (i) **Irreversible cycle**
- (ii) **Reversible cycle**

- (iii) **Impossible result**

5. Determine the least rate of heat rejection per kW net output of the cyclic heat engine which operates between a source temperature of 1000°C and a sink temperature of 40°C.
 ➤ Appeared in: S24 (Q2c, 07 marks)

Answer:

Given:

- $T_1 = 1000^\circ\text{C} = 1273\text{ K}$
- $T_2 = 40^\circ\text{C} = 313\text{ K}$
- Net work output: $W_{net} = 1\text{ kW}$

To Find: Minimum heat rejection rate $Q_{2,min}$

Formula: For maximum efficiency (reversible engine):

$$\eta_{max} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

$$W = \eta_{max} \times Q_1$$

$$Q_2 = Q_1 - W$$

Solution:

Step 1: Calculate Carnot efficiency

$$\eta_{max} = 1 - \frac{313}{1273} = 1 - 0.2459 = 0.7541 \text{ or } 75.41\%$$

Step 2: For $W = 1\text{ kW}$, find Q_1

$$Q_1 = \frac{W}{\eta_{max}} = \frac{1}{0.7541} = 1.326\text{ kW}$$

Step 3: Calculate $Q_{2,min}$

$$Q_{2,min} = Q_1 - W = 1.326 - 1 = 0.326\text{ kW}$$

Alternative Method using $\frac{Q_2}{W}$ ratio:

$$\frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = \frac{T_2}{T_1} = 0.2459$$

$$Q_1 = \frac{W}{1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1}} = \frac{1}{0.7541} = 1.326\text{ kW}$$

$$Q_2 = Q_1 \times \frac{T_2}{T_1} = 1.326 \times 0.2459 = 0.326\text{ kW}$$

Final Answer:

$$Q_{2,min} = 0.326\text{ kW}$$

This is the **minimum possible** heat rejection rate for 1 kW output. Any actual engine will reject more heat.

6. An inventor claims that his engine develops 75 kW of power while operating between 1023K and 298K temperature. The amount of fuel (C.V. of fuel = 74500 kJ/kg) burnt per

hour is 3.9 kg. Comment about the validity of his claim and justify your comment.

► Appeared in: S25 (Q2c, 07 marks)

Answer:

Given:

- Power output: $P = 75 \text{ kW}$
- Source temperature: $T_1 = 1023 \text{ K}$
- Sink temperature: $T_2 = 298 \text{ K}$
- Calorific value of fuel: $CV = 74500 \text{ kJ/kg}$
- Fuel consumption rate: $\dot{m}_f = 3.9 \text{ kg/h}$

To Find: Validity of the inventor's claim

Formulas:

1. Maximum possible efficiency (Carnot): $\eta_{max} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1}$
2. Actual efficiency: $\eta_{actual} = \frac{\text{Power Output}}{\text{Heat Input Rate}}$
3. Heat input rate: $\dot{Q}_{in} = \dot{m}_f \times CV$

Solution:

Step 1: Calculate Carnot (maximum possible) efficiency

$$\eta_{max} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1} = 1 - \frac{298}{1023} = 1 - 0.2913 = 0.7087 \text{ or } 70.87\%$$

Step 2: Calculate actual heat input rate

Fuel consumption: $3.9 \text{ kg/h} = \frac{3.9}{3600} \text{ kg/s} = 0.001083 \text{ kg/s}$

$$\dot{Q}_{in} = \dot{m}_f \times CV = 0.001083 \times 74500 = 80.68 \text{ kJ/s} = 80.68 \text{ kW}$$

Step 3: Calculate actual efficiency

$$\eta_{actual} = \frac{P}{\dot{Q}_{in}} = \frac{75}{80.68} = 0.9296 \text{ or } 92.96\%$$

Step 4: Compare efficiencies

$$\eta_{actual} = 92.96\% > \eta_{max} = 70.87\%$$

Analysis:

The actual efficiency (92.96%) is **greater than** the maximum possible Carnot efficiency (70.87%) for the given temperature limits. This violates the **Second Law of Thermodynamics** (Kelvin-Planck statement).

Conclusion:

The inventor's claim is **NOT VALID/IMPOSSIBLE**. No heat engine can have an efficiency greater than the Carnot efficiency between the same temperature limits.

Reason: The Second Law establishes the Carnot efficiency as the absolute upper limit for any heat engine operating between two reservoirs. An efficiency of 92.96% would require either:

1. A higher source temperature than 1023K, or
2. A lower sink temperature than 298K, or
3. Violation of the Second Law (which is impossible).

7. An inventor claims that a new heat cycle will develop 0.4 kW for a heat addition of 32.5 kJ/min. The temperature of heat source is 1990 K and that of sink is 850 K. Is his claim possible?

► Appeared in: W24 (Q5a, 03 marks)

Answer:**Given:**

- Power output: $W = 0.4 \text{ kW} = 0.4 \text{ kJ/s}$
- Heat addition rate: $Q_1 = 32.5 \text{ kJ/min} = \frac{32.5}{60} \text{ kJ/s} = 0.5417 \text{ kJ/s}$
- Source temperature: $T_1 = 1990 \text{ K}$
- Sink temperature: $T_2 = 850 \text{ K}$

Solution:**Step 1:** Calculate claimed efficiency

$$\eta_{claimed} = \frac{W}{Q_1} = \frac{0.4}{0.5417} = 0.7384 \text{ or } 73.84\%$$

Step 2: Calculate Carnot (maximum possible) efficiency

$$\eta_{max} = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1} = 1 - \frac{850}{1990} = 1 - 0.4271 = 0.5729 \text{ or } 57.29\%$$

Step 3: Compare

$$\eta_{claimed} = 73.84\% > \eta_{max} = 57.29\%$$

Conclusion:

The claim is **IMPOSSIBLE**. The claimed efficiency (73.84%) exceeds the maximum possible Carnot efficiency (57.29%) for the given temperature limits, violating the Second Law of Thermodynamics.