Applying the 1st Law of Thermodynamics to ideal gas

 $\Delta Q = \Delta E + \Delta W$

- ΔQ total heat adsorbed by gas
- ΔE change in internal energy, $\Delta E = nC_V\Delta T$. Here C_V is specific heat per mole at constant volume.
- Work ΔW can be found as an integral $\int P dV$, or area under P(V) plot coordinates.



Efficiency of Heat Engine



Heat Engine has to take heat ΔQ_H from "heat bath", and return heat ΔQ_C to a "cooler".

Work =
$$\Delta Q_H - \Delta Q_C$$

Efficiency of a heat engine is
$$\frac{Work}{\Delta Q_H} = \frac{\Delta Q_H \Box \Delta Q_C}{\Delta Q_H} = 1 - \frac{\Delta Q_C}{\Delta Q_H}$$

Perpetual motion

• <u>First kind:</u> Motion with no energy source. Impossible because of energy conservation (*The First Law of Thermodynamics*).



• <u>Second kind:</u> converting the heat of an environment to work.

NOPE!

"It is impossible to derive mechanical effect from any portion of matter by cooling it below the temperature of the coldest of the surrounding objects."

Lord Kelvin's version of the Second Law of Thermodynamics

Second Law of Thermodynamics and Entropy



Clausius version of *the Second Law :* "In an isolated system, the total **entropy** cannot decrease over time"

$$\Delta S_{total} = \Delta Q_H \left(\frac{1}{T_C} - \frac{1}{T_H} \right) - \frac{Work}{T_C} \ge 0$$

 $Work \leq \Delta Q_H \left(\frac{T_H - T_C}{T_H}\right)$, so the maximum efficiency of a heat engine is $\frac{\Delta T}{T_{max}}$

Homework

A heat engine is using 1 mole of gas that undergoes the process shown on PV diagram. Find the change in internal energy, work done by the gas, and total heat adsorbed during each segment (a->b,b->c, and c->d). What is efficiency of this overall process? Specific heat of the gas at constant volume is $C_V = 20$ J/K/mol. Note that PV=RT for n=1 mole. Universal gas vconstant is R= 8.3 J/K/mol



Problem 2. In order to achieve the maximum efficiency of a steam engine, the gas would have to follow the so-called Carnot cycle (see its PV diagram above). It consists of two isothermal processes (*T*=*const*), and two adiabatic ones. Adiabatic process is a fast compression or expansion *without heat exchange*. During the adiabatic process, pressure and temperature are related as $T = const \cdot P^{1/4}$. Based on this information, find the efficiency of this steam engine, which for the Carnot cycle is $\frac{\Delta T}{T_{max}}$.

Assume that during adiabatic compression (process 4) the pressure goes up from 1 atm to the maximum that the engine can hold (16 atm).

