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Problem 10.12 (Zemansky)

A body of finite mass is originally at a temperature T_1 , which is higher than that of a reservoir at the temperature T_2 . Suppose an engine operates in a cycle between the body and the reservoir until it lowers the temperature of the body from T_1 to T_2 , thus extracting heat Q from the body. If the engine does work W , then it will reject heat $Q-W$ to the reservoir at T_2 . Applying the entropy principle, we have to prove that the maximum work obtainable from the engine is

$$W(\text{max}) = Q - T_2(S_1 - S_2),$$

where $S_1 - S_2$ is the entropy decrease of the body.

Solution:

The entropy principle is that the change of entropy of the universe as a result of any kind of process is greater than or equal to zero. That is

$$\Delta S(\text{universe}) \geq 0.$$

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$$S_2 - S_1.$$

As we are considering that the body is connected to a reversible cyclic engine, the change in entropy of the engine is zero.

As an amount of heat $Q-W$ is added to the reservoir, which is at temperature T_2 , the change in entropy of the reservoir will be

$$\frac{Q - W}{T_2}.$$

The change in entropy of the universe will be

$$\Delta S = S_2 - S_1 + \frac{Q - W}{T_2}.$$

According to the entropy principle

$$S_2 - S_1 + \frac{Q - W}{T_2} \geq 0.$$

Or

$$W \leq Q + T_2(S_2 - S_1).$$

Therefore,

$$W(\max) = Q - T_2(S_1 - S_2).$$

