

A thermodynamic power cycle receives energy by heat transfer from an incompressible body of mass m and specific heat c with an initial temperature of T_H . The cycle discharges energy by heat transfer to another incompressible body of mass m and specific heat c that is initially at a lower temperature T_C (where $T_C < T_H$). There are no other heat transfers. Work is developed by the cycle until the temperature of each of the two bodies is the same at T_f .

- (i) Draw a schematic of the system and clearly label all of the relevant features. Include in your figure the cycle and the two masses. Include your system boundary as a dashed line and use arrows to indicate all relevant heat and work interactions. Label which side of the system is initially hot and which side is initially cold. (10 points)
- (ii) Starting from the laws of thermodynamics derive a symbolic expression for the amount of work W that is done by the power cycle. Your result should only be in terms of m , c , T_H , T_C , and T_f . Do not just write down an expression, clearly show all work that leads to your final result. (30 points)
- (iii) Starting from the laws of thermodynamics derive a symbolic expression for the final temperature of the two bodies T_f . Your result should only be in terms of m , c , T_H , T_C , and σ where σ is the entropy production. Again, clearly show all work that leads to your final result. (30 points)
- (iv) Derive a symbolic expression for the *maximum* amount of work that can be generated W_{\max} . Show all work and justify your reasoning with a sentence or two. (20 points)
- (v) If you increase the amount of irreversibilities in the power cycle does the final temperature T_f increase, decrease, or stay the same? In addition to using any analytical expressions provide a physical justification for your response with a sentence or two. (10 points)