

Chapter 2

Energy and the First Law of Thermodynamics Continued-4

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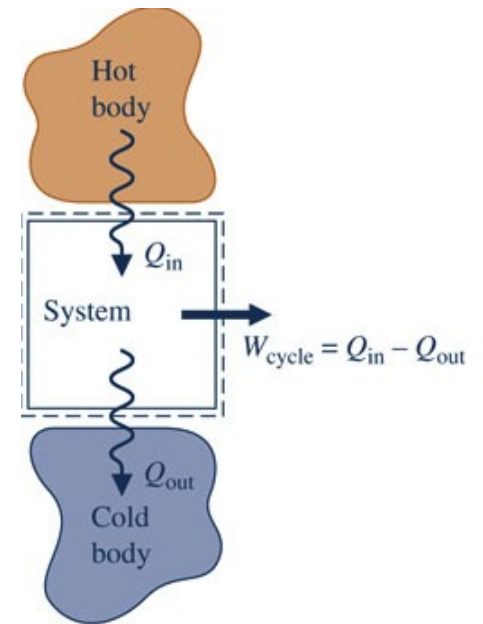
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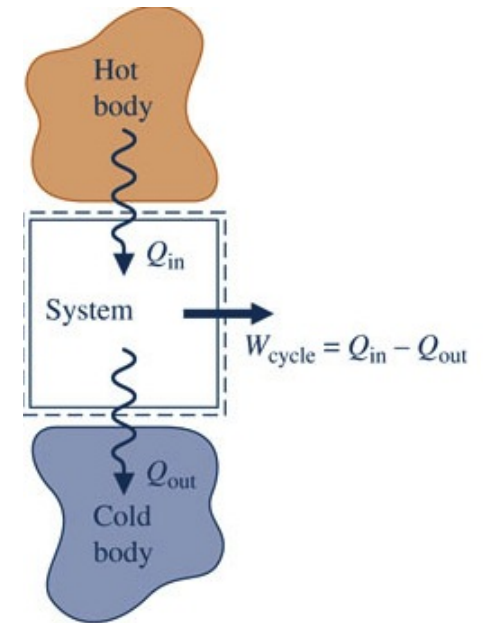
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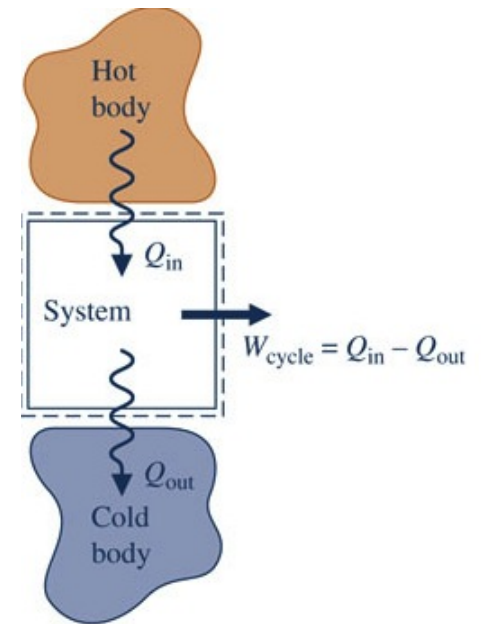
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The Pelton wheel is among the most efficient types of water turbines. It was invented by Lester Allan Pelton (1829–1908) in the 1870s, and is an impulse machine, meaning that it uses the principle of Newton's second law to extract energy from a jet of fluid.

- At least one jet of water strike the buckets at atmospheric pressure.
- Maximum jet diameter about 1/3 bucket width.
- More jets increase flow and are used at low head.

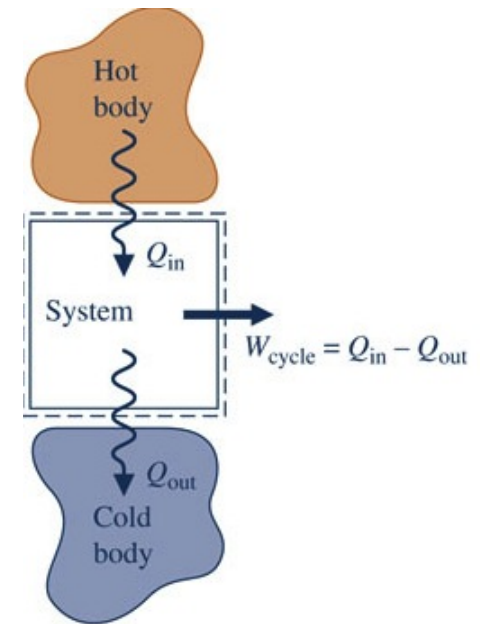
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- ▶ Q_{in} is the **heat transfer of energy to the system** per cycle from the hot body – drawn from hot gases of combustion or solar radiation, for instance.
- ▶ Q_{out} is the **heat transfer of energy from the system** per cycle to the cold body – discharged to the surrounding atmosphere or nearby lake or river, for example.

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▶ Since the **system returns to its initial state after each cycle**, there is no net change in its energy: $\Delta E_{\text{cycle}} = 0$, and the energy balance reduces to give

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▶ In words, the **net energy transfer by work from the system** equals the **net energy transfer by heat to the system**, each per cycle of operation.

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▶ Introducing Eq. 2.41, an alternative form is obtained

$$\eta = \frac{Q_{in} - Q_{out}}{Q_{in}} = 1 - \frac{Q_{out}}{Q_{in}} \quad (\text{power cycle}) \quad (\text{Eq. 2.43})$$

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▶ Substituting into **Eq. 2.41**, $W_{cycle} = 1000 \text{ kJ} - 600 \text{ kJ} = \underline{400 \text{ kJ}}$.

▶ Then, with **Eq. 2.42**, $\eta = 400 \text{ kJ}/1000 \text{ kJ} = \underline{0.4 (40\%)}$. Note the thermal efficiency is commonly reported on a percent basis.