Chapter 2

Energy and the First Law of Thermodynamics Continued-5

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► As before, the energy transfers are each positive in the direction of the accompanying arrow.



*W*_{cycle} is the net energy transfer by work to the system per cycle of operation, usually in the form of electricity.
 *Q*_{in} is the heat transfer of energy to the system per cycle from the cold body – drawn from a freezer compartment, for example.

 $\triangleright Q_{out}$ is the heat transfer of energy from the system per cycle to the hot body – discharged to the space surrounding the refrigerator, for instance.

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

$$W_{\rm cycle} = Q_{\rm out} - Q_{\rm in}$$
 (Eq. 2.44)

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

The performance of a system undergoing a refrigeration cycle is evaluated on an energy basis as the ratio of energy drawn from the cold body, Q_{in} , to the net work required to accomplish this effect, W_{cycle} :

$$\beta = \frac{Q_{\text{in}}}{W_{\text{cycle}}}$$
 (refrigeration cycle) (Eq. 2.45)

called the coefficient of performance for the refrigeration cycle.

Introducing Eq. 2.44, an alternative form is obtained

$$\beta = \frac{Q_{\text{in}}}{Q_{\text{out}} - Q_{\text{in}}}$$
 (refrigeration cycle) (Eq. 2.46)

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As before, W_{cycle} is the net energy transfer by work to the system per cycle, usually provided in the form of electricity.



As for the refrigeration cycle, the energy balance reads

$$W_{\rm cycle} = Q_{\rm out} - Q_{\rm in}$$
 (Eq. 2.44)

The performance of a system undergoing a heat pump cycle is evaluated on an energy basis as the ratio of energy provided to the hot body, Q_{out} , to the net work required to accomplish this effect, W_{cycle} :

$$\gamma = \frac{Q_{\text{out}}}{W_{\text{cycle}}}$$
 (heat pump cycle) (Eq. 2.47)

called the coefficient of performance for the heat pump cycle.

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$$\gamma = \frac{Q_{\text{out}}}{Q_{\text{out}} - Q_{\text{in}}}$$
 (heat pump cycle) (Eq. 2.48)

Example: A system undergoes a heat pump cycle while discharging 900 kJ by heat transfer to a dwelling at 20°C and receiving 600 kJ by heat transfer from the outside air at 5°C. Taking the dwelling and outside air as the hot and cold bodies, respectively, determine for the cycle, the net work input, in kJ, and the coefficient of performance.

Substituting into Eq. 2.44, $W_{\text{cycle}} = 900 \text{ kJ} - 600 \text{ kJ} = 300 \text{ kJ}$.

Then, with Eq. 2.47, $\gamma = 900 \text{ kJ}/300 \text{ kJ} = 3.0$. Note the coefficient of performance is reported as its numerical value, as calculated here.