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CHAPTER 5 EXAMPLES
SOLUTIONS

11) A refrigeration cycle rejects $Q_H = 540$ kJ per cycle to a hot reservoir at $T_H = 500$ K, while receiving $Q_C = 400$ kJ per cycle from a cold reservoir at temperature T_C . For 20 cycles of operation, determine (a) the net work input, in kJ, and (b) the minimum theoretical temperature T_C , in K.

2) a) $W_{\text{cycle}} = Q_H - Q_C$ per cycle

for 20 cycles

$$W_{\text{cycle}} = (Q_H - Q_C) \left(\frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{cycle}} \right) (20 \text{ cycle})$$
$$= (540 - 400)(20) = 2800 \text{ kJ}$$

b) for minimum temperature cycle be reversible, so

$$\beta = \frac{T_C}{T_H - T_C}$$

and also

$$\beta = \frac{Q_C}{Q_H - Q_C} = \frac{400}{540 - 400} = \frac{400}{140}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{T_C}{500 - T_C} = \frac{400}{140}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_C = 370 \text{ K}$$

12) Two reversible refrigeration cycles operate in series. The first cycle receives energy by heat transfer from a cold reservoir at 310 K and rejects energy by heat transfer to a reservoir at an intermediate temperature T greater than 310 K. The second cycle receives energy by heat transfer from the reservoir at temperature T and rejects energy by heat transfer to a higher-temperature reservoir at 850 K. If the refrigeration cycles have the same coefficient of performance, determine (a) T , in K, and (b) the value of each coefficient of performance.

Solution:

(a) Write the expression for coefficient of performance (β_1) for the first reversible refrigeration cycle as follows:

$$\beta_1 = \frac{T_c}{T - T_c}$$

Here, T_c is the temperature of cold reservoir.

Similarly, write the expression for coefficient of performance (β_2) for the second reversible refrigeration cycle as follows:

$$\beta_2 = \frac{T}{T_H - T}$$

Here, T_H is the temperature of hot reservoir.

It is given that $\beta_1 = \beta_2$, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{T_c}{T - T_c} &= \frac{T}{T_H - T} \\ T_c (T_H - T) &= T (T - T_c) \\ T_c T_H - T_c T &= T^2 - T_c T \\ T &= \sqrt{T_c T_H} \end{aligned}$$

Substitute 310 K for T_c and 850 K for T_H .

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \sqrt{(310 \text{ K})(850 \text{ K})} \\ &= 513.3 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the value of T is 513.3 K.

(b) Substitute 310 K for T_c and 513.3 K for T in the following expression of β_1 :

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_1 &= \frac{T_c}{T - T_c} \\ &= \frac{310 \text{ K}}{513.3 \text{ K} - 310 \text{ K}} \\ &= 1.52\end{aligned}$$

Coefficient of performance for each refrigeration cycle is same. Thus, the coefficient of performance of each cycle is $\boxed{1.52}$.