

[tex8] Idealized Otto cycle

Consider the four steps of the idealized Otto cycle for a classical ideal gas [$pV = nRT$, $U = C_V T$ with $C_V = \alpha nR$].

(a) Determine the heat transfer, ΔQ , the work performance, ΔW , and the change in internal energy, ΔU , for each of the four steps:

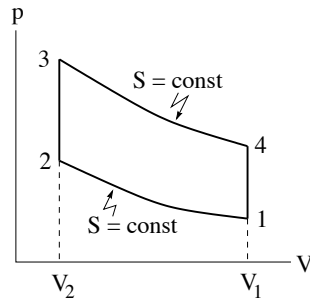
1 \rightarrow 2 adiabatic compression of air-fuel mixture: $S = \text{const.}$

2 \rightarrow 3 explosion of air-fuel mixture: $V = \text{const.}$

3 \rightarrow 4 adiabatic expansion of exhaust gas: $S = \text{const.}$

4 \rightarrow 1 isochoric release of exhaust gas: $V = \text{const.}$

(c) Calculate the efficiency η and express it as a function of the compression ratio $K \equiv V_1/V_2$.



Solution: