

To test whether these engine cycles obey 1st Law and the 2nd Law, we check:

1st Law: does $Q_H = Q_C + W_{out}$?

2nd Law: $\eta_c = 1 - T_C/T_H$

Is $\eta = \frac{W_{out}}{Q_H} \leq \eta_c$?

a.) Here:

$Q_H = 500J, Q_C = 200J, \& W_{out} = 300J$

So: $Q_H = Q_C + W_{out}$ 1st Law is OK.

And, $T_H = 600K \& T_C = 300K, \& \eta_c = 0.50$

But, $\eta = \frac{W_{out}}{Q_H} = 0.67 > \eta_c$

So 2nd Law is violated.

b.) $Q_H = 500J, Q_C = 200J, \& W_{out} = 200J.$

So: $Q_H \neq Q_C + W_{out}$ 1st Law violated.

Although: $\eta = \frac{W_{out}}{Q_H} = 0.4 < \eta_c \Rightarrow$ 2nd Law is OK.

c.) $Q_H = 300J, Q_C = 200J, \& W_{out} = 100J$

So, $Q_H = Q_C + W_{out} \Rightarrow$ 1st Law is OK.

And, $\eta = \frac{W_{out}}{Q_H} = 0.33 < \eta_c \Rightarrow$ 2nd Law is OK.