

The Inequality of Work Derived from Clausius Inequality and Carnot Theorem

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Abstract—According to the Clausius inequality, it can be proven that the quotient of work-temperature in the real process is no less than one in the reversible process. On the basis of the Carnot theorem, it can be proven that the work in the real process is no less than one in the reversible process, or the heat in the reversible process is no less than one in the real process. The real process includes the reversible and irreversible process. The above-mentioned results haven't any relation with paths. The inequality of quotient of work-temperature could be applied to other works. The He(II) motion in superfluid obeys the inequality of quotient of work-temperature.

Keywords—the first law; Clausius inequality; Carnot theorem; work; heat

I. INTRODUCTION

Mathematical formulation of the second law of thermodynamics is the Clausius inequality [1-9], which is derived from the Carnot theorem.

The first law of thermodynamics is given by

$$dU = \delta Q_r + \delta W_r \quad (1)$$

where, U is the internal energy. Q_r and W_r are the heat and work in the reversible process respectively. Q_{real} and W_{real} are the heat and work in the real process respectively. The real process includes the reversible and irreversible process. The heat and work are positive if energy is gained by the system as heat and work respectively, and negative if energy is lost from the system as heat or work respectively. Because $dU = dU_{\text{real}}$, we have

$$dU_{\text{real}} = \delta Q_{\text{real}} + \delta W_{\text{real}} \quad (2)$$

The heat and work are the path function. U is the state function. “d” is differential symbol. “ δ (delta)” is inexact differential symbol.

The criteria for the real or spontaneous process is the Clausius inequality, it can be written as

$$\int_j^i \frac{\delta Q_r(A)}{T} - \int_j^i \frac{\delta Q_{\text{real}}(B)}{T_i} \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

where, the inequality in Eq. (3) is for the irreversible, and the

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the quotient of heat-temperature in the reversible process for

“A” path, and defined as the entropy change ΔS . $\int_j^i \frac{\delta Q_{\text{real}}(B)}{T_i}$

is the quotient of heat-temperature in the real process for “B” path. The reversible process is from j state to i state in “A” path, j is the initial state. The real process is from j state to i state in “B” path, i is the final state. T is the temperature for the system or reservoir, T_j is the initial state temperature, T_i is the final state temperature.

II. THE INEQUALITY OF WORK AND QUOTIENT OF WORK-TEMPERATURE

In the reversible process of Carnot cycle, the efficiency of heat engine is

$$\eta = \frac{-W_r(A)}{Q_1(A)} \quad (4)$$

where, $W_r(A)$ indicates the total work in the reversible process of Carnot cycle (it is negative). $Q_1(A)$ is the heat of absorption in the isothermal expansion process of reversible Carnot cycle (it is positive).

In the irreversible process of Carnot cycle, the efficiency of heat engine is

$$\eta' = \frac{-W_{\text{ir}}(B)}{Q_2(B)} \quad (5)$$

where, $W_{\text{ir}}(B)$ indicates the total work in the irreversible process of Carnot cycle (it is negative). $Q_2(B)$ is the heat of absorption in the isothermal expansion process of irreversible Carnot cycle (it is positive).

According to the Carnot theorem, the efficiency of heat engine of irreversible processes is less than one of reversible processes, the result can be expressed as follows

$$\frac{-W_r(A)}{Q_1(A)} > \frac{-W_{ir}(B)}{Q_2(B)} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{-W_r(A)}{-W_{ir}(B)} > \frac{Q_1(A)}{Q_2(B)} \quad (6)$$

It is impossible that $Q_1(A) < Q_2(B)$ in the isothermal expansion process, that is,

$$\int_j^i \frac{\delta Q_1(A)}{T} - \int_j^i \frac{\delta Q_2(B)}{T_i} = \int_j^i \frac{\delta Q_1(A)}{T_i} - \int_j^i \frac{\delta Q_2(B)}{T_i} < 0$$

which violates the Clausius inequality. Therefore, the result is $Q_1(A) > Q_2(B)$ and $W_1(A) < W_2(B)$. Where, $W_1(A)$ and $W_2(B)$ are the work done by the isothermal expansion process of reversible and irreversible Carnot cycle in high temperature respectively. On the basis of the Carnot theorem, $\frac{-W_r(A)}{-W_{ir}(B)} > \frac{Q_1(A)}{Q_2(B)} > 1$, namely that, $W_r(A) < W_{ir}(B)$.

Therefore, we can obtain

$$W_r(A) \leq W_{real}(B) \quad (7)$$

On the basis of the first law, the following formulation can be given by

$$Q_r(A) \geq Q_{real}(B) \quad (8)$$

where, the inequality in the equations (7, 8) are for the irreversible process, and the equality in the equations (7, 8) are for the reversible process. $Q_r(A)$ and $Q_{real}(B)$ express the total heat in the reversible and real process of the Carnot cycle respectively.

Assuming that the real process and its reversible process constitute a cycle, the equations (7, 8) can be extended and applied to any cycle or process.

If $\int_j^i \frac{\delta W_r(A)}{T} - \int_j^i \frac{\delta W_{real}(B)}{T_i} > 0$ were correct, the result would be $W_r(A) > W_{real}(B)$ in the isothermal process, which disobeys Eq. (7) or the Clausius inequality and the Carnot theorem. Therefore, this hypothesis is a error.

So that, we can obtain

$$\int_j^i \frac{\delta W_r(A)}{T} - \int_j^i \frac{\delta W_{real}(B)}{T_i} \leq 0 \quad (9)$$

where, the inequality in Eq. (9) is for the irreversible process, and the equality in Eq. (9) is for the reversible process. Eq. (9) obeys Eq. (7) or the Clausius inequality and the Carnot theorem.

$\int_j^i \frac{\delta W_r(A)}{T}$ is the quotient of work-temperature in the

reversible process for “A” path. $\int_j^i \frac{\delta W_{real}(B)}{T_i}$ is the quotient of work-temperature in the real process for “B” path.

III. CONCLUSIONS

It is impossible that $Q_r < \Delta H$ for the chemical reactions in the isothermal and isobaric condition, because the condition of chemical reactions occurred is $\Delta H - T\Delta S = \Delta G \leq 0$. Where, H is the enthalpy, G is the free energy. So that, $Q_r \geq \Delta H$ ($Q_r = T\Delta S$, $Q_{real} = \Delta H$). $W_r \leq W_{real}$, since $\Delta U = Q_r + W_r = Q_{real} + W_{real}$. The equations (7, 8) are obeyed.

The ideal gas expands to vacuum container in the isochoric and adiabatic process, $\Delta U = W_{real} = 0$ and $Q_{real} = 0$ in the real process. The reversible process is the isothermal expansion process, the results are $Q_r > 0$ and $W_r < 0$. Therefore, the equations (3, 7-9) are all obeyed.

The work is relation with negative value of the kinetic and potential energy [8-10] in the reversible process. If the potential energy doesn't exist, we have

$$W_r = -E_{kin} \quad (10)$$

Namely that

$$\int_j^i \frac{dE_{kin}}{T} \geq \int_j^i \frac{dE'_{kin}}{T_i} \quad (11)$$

where, E_{kin} and E'_{kin} indicate the kinetic energy in the reversible and real process respectively. The inequality in Eq. (11) is for the irreversible process, and the equality in Eq. (11)

is for the reversible process. Here, $E_{kin} = \frac{mv_i^2}{2} - \frac{mv_j^2}{2}$,

$$E'_{kin} = \frac{m(v'_i)^2}{2} - \frac{m(v'_j)^2}{2}, \quad v \text{ express the velocity.}$$

If $Q_{real} = Q_r$ (all of work can be neglected), the criteria for the real or spontaneous process is Eq. (3). For example, the heat conduction process, the thermal radiation process, or the temperature risen or fallen process for the isochoric gases, solids and liquids.

If $W_{real} = W_r$ (the resistance such as friction or internal resistance or air resistance can be neglected), the criteria for the real or spontaneous process is Eq. (9). For instance, the He(II) motion in superfluid, or the electron motion in superconductor.

Q_{resist} and W_{resist} are the heat and work yielded by resistance or path in the real process respectively. According to the equations (7, 8), we gain $-Q_{resist} \geq 0$, $W_{resist} \geq 0$. From the equations (1, 2), we have $Q_{resist} + W_{resist} = 0$. Therefore

$$Q_{\text{real}}=Q_r+Q_{\text{resist}} \text{ or } W_{\text{real}}=W_r+W_{\text{resist}}. \quad (12)$$

It is consistent with the actual fact, Q_{resist} is negative and releases the heat in the irreversible process [10].

The van der Waals equation of state is an approximate estimate for real gases. The ideal gas equation of state only is correct for ideal gas. So that, $\int_j^i \frac{\delta W_r}{T}$ and $\int_j^i \frac{dU_r}{T}$ are all the state function. When the work exists, Eq. (9) is equivalent with Eq. (3) or the Clausius inequality.

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