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Problems (5 Problems, total 100%)

1. Carnot Engine: (20%) Refer to the figure on the right for the P-V diagram of a typical Carnot Engine. The heat (energy) absorbed in the isothermal expansion at temperature T_h is Q_h , and the isothermal compression at temperature T_c gives up heat (energy) Q_c . (a) what is the efficiency *e* of the Carnot engine in teams of temperature? (b) What is the entropy change for a Carnot engine?



- 2. Electric dipole: (20%) (a) What is the electric field, measured a distance z from the center, set up by a pair of charges having opposite sign of q, separated by a distance d?
 (b) If we place the same dipole as in (a) in an uniform electric field, making an angle θ with the dipole, what is the torque the dipole experience due to the electric field. (c) If at a moment the dipole is making a right angle with the electric field, how much work is needed to rotate the dipole to an angle θ?
- Gauss's Law: (20%) Use Gauss law to determine the electric field of spherical solid distribution. Assume the sphere has a radius *R*, what is the electric field at a distance *r* when (a) *r*>*R*, (b) *r*<*R*. (c) Plot the electric field as a function of distance r for each the above two cases.
- 4. Microscopic view of Current: (20%) In a microscopic point of view, the current (DC current) can be viewed as charge carrier moving in a conducting wire with a carrier speed (or called drift speed) V_d . Suppose the carrier carries a charge q moving in a copper wire of cross-sectional area A. The density of the carrier is n, what is the draft speed of the charge carriers? Some useful numbers: the copper wire in a typical residential building has a cross-sectional area 3.31×10^{-6} m². The density of copper is 8.92 g/cm^3 and the molar mass of copper is 63.5g. Calculate, (a) what is the number density; (b) what is the draft speed? (c) According to your answer in (b), compare this to your everyday experience of switching on a light, it turns on instantaneously. Explain why?
- 5. Biot-Savart Law: (20%) Biot-Savart law relates the current that produces magnetic field in a current carrying wire. Suppose we have thin horizontal wire of finite length carries a current *I* in the positive *x* direction. In a distance *d* direct above the wire, (a) what is the magnetic field (magnitude and direction) generated by this wire? (b) What is the magnetic field when the wire is infinite long?