PHYS 1110 Worksheet: Engines

- 1. A heat engine absorbs heat Qh from a body at high temperature Th (say, burning fuel), uses it to do work W (say, by expanding gas pushing against a piston), and expels residual heat Qc to the environment at lower temperature Tc (say, in exhaust gases) so that it can start over again.
 - A. What is the relationship between Qh, Qc, and W?
 - B. What is the entropy change of the hot body in one cycle?
 - C. What is the entropy change of the engine in one cycle?
 - D. What is the entropy change of the environment in one cycle?
- 2. An engine burns fuel at a rate of 1.0 kilowatt and does work at a rate of 200 watts.
 - A. How much heat does the engine expel to the surroundings?
 - B. What is the efficiency of the engine?
- 3. A refrigerator absorbs heat Qc from its interior at temperature Tc (say, by putting it in thermal contact with a colder working fluid) applies work W to transfer the heat elsewhere (say, by compressing the working fluid to raise its temperature), and transfers heat Qh to the environment at higher temperature Th.
 - A. What is the relationship between Qh, Qc, and W?
 - B. What is the entropy change of the interior in one cycle?
 - C. What is the entropy change of the engine in one cycle?
 - D. What is the entropy change of the environment in one cycle?