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Foreword

Everything around us, whether natural phenomena or manmade products can be explained through science. The product which are used in our daily life are outcome of conscious efforts by the mankind to fulfil and exceed the needs of the present and demands of the future. Students are taught science as part of their school curriculum, to enable them to understand the various scientific laws and principles and also to inculcate the habit of exploring the world through the lens of science. Quality characteristics of any product or service are decided based on the stated and implied needs and are generally described in a document called 'Standard'. Science and standards are inseparable and integral aspect of any product.

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the national standards body of India, is mandated for establishment and promotion of standards and creating a quality ecosystem in the country. This is achieved through developing Indian Standards on products and services through the active involvement of relevant stakeholders and dissemination of information of such standards for their use and implementation across all sectors of economy. Academia, as an important stakeholder of BIS, has been contributing towards development of standards through research activities and providing inputs related to technological advancements in product development, their characteristics and use as well as methods of tests. BIS, on its part has also been promoting standards in academia through a variety of programmes. This has since been institutionalized in the form of "Standards Clubs" which are being established in educational institutions across India to nurture the young minds as ambassadors of quality and standards and prepare them for dealing with these aspects in future.

In this initiative of BIS, called "Learning Science via Standards", a series of Lesson Plans are made elaborating the various scientific concepts, laws and principles to help students understand their practical applications via standards. The series comprises of a variety of subjects for insights into the scientific laws and principles and relating them to the quality characteristics of products used in day-to-day life. First 10 Lesson Plans in the series are released on the occasion of World Consumer Rights Day on 15 Mar 2023. Second Set of 10 Lesson Plans were released on 10 Jun 2023 by Hon'ble Minister of State during the Governing Council Meeting of BIS.

The Lesson Plans are expected to serve as a useful tool for the teaching fraternity for imparting knowledge on scientific laws and principles through their practical applications in activities and products around us and facilitate an interactive learning experience for the students.

Refrigerator

A refrigerator, also known as a fridge, is a household appliance that is used to store and preserve food and drinks at a low temperature to slow down bacterial growth and prevent spoilage. It works by removing heat from the interior of the fridge and releasing it outside, using a refrigerant and a compressor.

A typical refrigerator consists of a thermally insulated compartment, usually divided into separate sections such as a freezer and a refrigeration compartment, and a door that allows the user to access the contents inside. Some modern refrigerators come equipped with various features such as ice and water dispensers, adjustable shelves, temperature controls, and even smart technology that allows the user to control and monitor the fridge using their smartphone or other devices.

In the early 19th century, inventors like Oliver Evans and Michael Faraday laid the groundwork for refrigeration technology with their discoveries and inventions. However, it wasn't until the early 20th century that the electric refrigerator began to gain commercial success.

In 1913, Fred W. Wolf Jr. introduced the "Domelre," the first commercially successful electric refrigerator designed for household use which is shown in the picture. Although it had a modest capacity, it marked a significant milestone in refrigeration history. Following this breakthrough, companies like General Electric, Kelvinator, and Frigidaire made advancements in design, insulation, and compressor technology, making refrigerators more affordable and accessible to the general public.

Post-World War II, the demand for refrigerators surged, leading to further improvements in energy efficiency and environmental considerations. Refrigerants such as Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) were phased out due to their harmful effects on the ozone layer, and Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HFCs) were used leading to the development of eco-friendlier alternatives.

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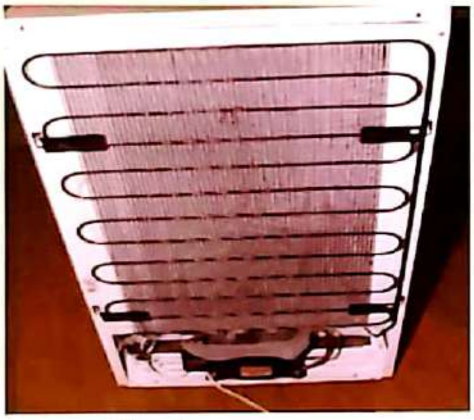

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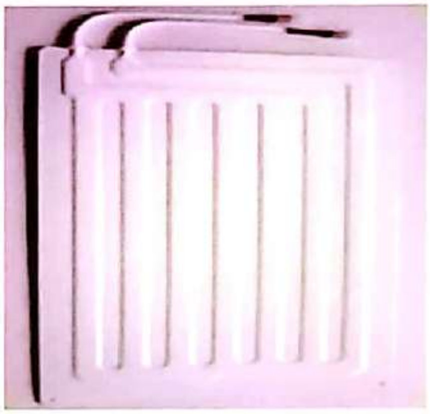

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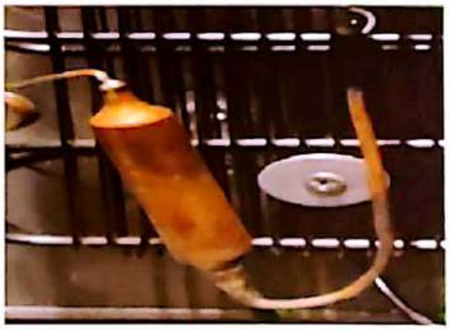

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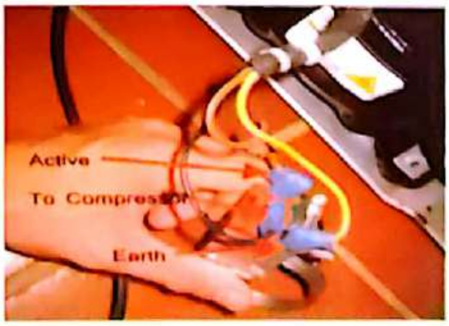
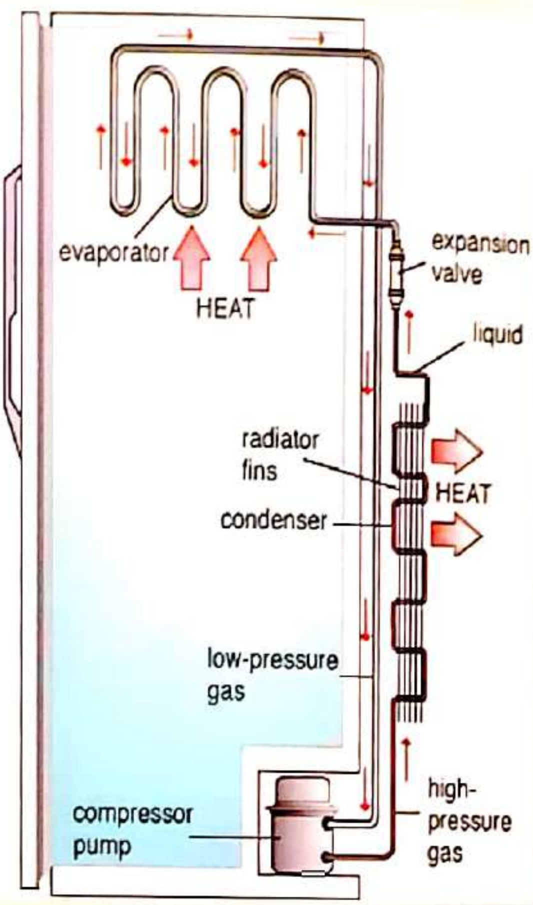


f) **Insulation**: The refrigerator's walls, doors, and compartments are insulated to minimize the exchange of heat between the inside and outside environments. The insulation helps maintain a consistent temperature inside the refrigerator and reduces energy consumption.

g) **Shelves and Compartments**: The interior of a refrigerator typically includes shelves, drawers, and compartments to organize and separate food items. These components allow for efficient storage and easy access to different items.

h) **Refrigerant**: The refrigerant is a special chemical substance that circulates through the entire refrigeration system, alternating between gas and liquid states. It absorbs heat from the refrigerator's interior during evaporation and releases heat during condensation, facilitating the cooling process.

Common refrigerants used today include hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) like R-134a and R-410A.

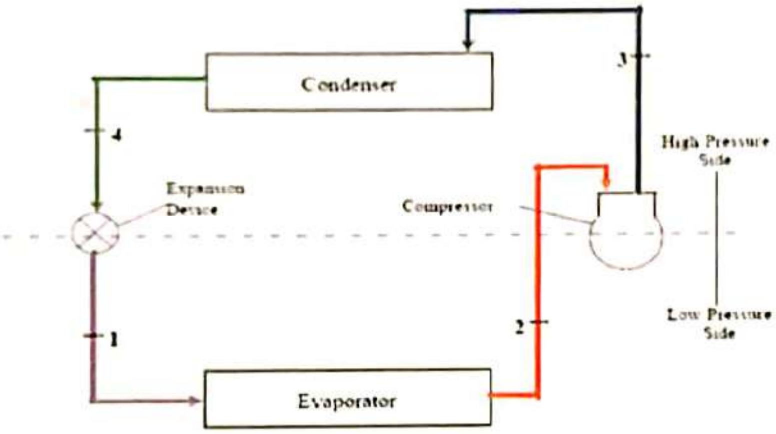


These are the fundamental components of a refrigerator. However, it's important to note that refrigerator designs can vary, and some models may include additional features or components for specific purposes, such as ice makers, water dispensers, or advanced temperature control systems

2. Refrigeration Cycle

The vapor compression refrigeration cycle (VCRS) is the most commonly used refrigeration cycle in refrigerators and air conditioning systems. It involves the circulation of a refrigerant through four main stages (Compression, Condensation, Expansion, and Evaporation) to remove heat from the desired space and release it to the surrounding environment. Here are the stages of

the VCRS cycle:



Typical schematic of a Vapour Compression Refrigeration (VCR) cycle

a) **Compression:**

The cycle begins with the compressor, which is typically an electrically driven mechanical device. The compressor receives the low-pressure, low-temperature refrigerant vapor from the evaporator (the cooling space) and compresses it to a higher pressure and temperature. As the refrigerant is compressed, its temperature and pressure increase.

b) Condensation:

The high-pressure, high-temperature refrigerant vapor leaving the compressor enters the condenser. In the condenser, the refrigerant is cooled down and condensed into a high-pressure liquid state. This heat removal process usually occurs through heat exchange with the surrounding environment or a separate cooling medium (e.g., air or water). As the refrigerant gives off heat, it releases it to the surroundings, causing the refrigerant to condense.

c) Expansion:

After leaving the condenser, the high-pressure liquid refrigerant passes through an expansion valve or throttling device. This valve reduces the pressure of the refrigerant, causing a drop in its temperature. The refrigerant now exists in a low-pressure, low-temperature liquid-vapor mixture state.

d) Evaporation:

The low-pressure, low-temperature refrigerant mixture enters the evaporator, which is located inside the cooling space (e.g., refrigerator). As the refrigerant flowing in evaporator coil absorbs heat from the surroundings (space to be cooled), it evaporates into a low-pressure vapor state. This heat absorption process cools down the interior space, such as the refrigerator compartment, by removing heat from it. The vaporized refrigerant then returns to the compressor, and the cycle repeats.

Throughout the cycle, the refrigerant undergoes phase changes from gas to liquid (in condenser) and back to gas (in evaporator). When it evaporates, it absorbs heat from the surroundings, and when it condenses, it releases heat to the environment.

The efficiency and cooling capacity of the VCRS cycle depend on factors like the type of refrigerant used, the design of the compressor, and the effectiveness of the condenser and evaporator in exchanging heat.

3. Different types of Refrigerants and their characteristics

Refrigerants are typically gases at room temperature and atmospheric pressure, but they can be compressed into a liquid state to make them more practical for use in refrigeration systems.

Formula	Chemical Name	Designation
	100-Ethane Based	
CCl_2FCClF_2	1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane	R113
$CClF_2CClF_2$	1,2-dichloro-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoromethane	R114
$CClF_2CF_3$	chloropentafluoroethane	R115
CF_3CF_3	hexafluoroethane	R116
$CHCl_2CF_3$	2,2-dichloro-1,1,1-trifluoroethane	R123
$CHClFCF_3$	2-chloro-1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	R124
CHF_2CF_3	pentafluoroethane	R125
CH_2FCF_3	1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	R134a
CH_3CCl_2F	1,1-dichloro-1-fluoroethane	R141b
CH_3CClF_2	1-chloro-1,1-difluoroethane	R142b
CH_3CF_3	1,1,1-trifluoroethane	R143a
CH_3CHF_2	1,1-difluoroethane	R152a
CH_3CH_3	ethane	R170

Some common refrigerants include hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs). However, some of these refrigerants are known to have a negative impact on the environment, and their use is being phased out in many countries in favor of more environmentally friendly alternatives. The key characteristics of a refrigerant include the following:

a) **Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP):** This measures the potential of a refrigerant to deplete the ozone layer. Refrigerants with higher ODP values contribute more to ozone depletion. It is desirable to use refrigerants with zero or low ODP.

b) **Global Warming Potential (GWP):** GWP quantifies the greenhouse gas effect of a refrigerant over a specified time frame, usually 100 years, relative to carbon dioxide. Refrigerants with higher GWP values have a greater impact on climate change. Lower-GWP refrigerants are preferred to mitigate global warming.

c) **Thermodynamic Properties:** These properties include the refrigerant's boiling point, condensing temperature, latent heat of vaporization, specific heat, and heat transfer coefficients. These properties determine the refrigerant's ability to transfer heat efficiently, which affects the cooling capacity and energy efficiency of the system.

d) **Pressure-Temperature Relationship:** The relationship between pressure and temperature determines the operating conditions of the refrigerant in the system. It helps define the necessary pressure levels for compression, condensation, expansion, and evaporation processes.

Modern refrigerants, such as hydrofluoroolefins (HFOs) and hydrocarbons (HCs), have lower global warming potential (GWP) and ozone depletion potential (ODP) compared to older refrigerants, making them a more environmentally friendly choice. However, some of these refrigerants are flammable or have safety concerns, and their use requires appropriate safety measures and guidelines to be followed.

Overall, the selection of a refrigerant depends on a variety of factors, including efficiency, safety, environmental impact, cost, and compatibility with the refrigeration system.

4. Nomenclature of Refrigerants

The nomenclature of refrigerants is based on a standardized system developed by organizations such as the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). This system provides a way to identify and categorize refrigerants based on their chemical composition and properties. The nomenclature typically includes a prefix and a number to indicate specific characteristics of the refrigerant. Here is a breakdown of the nomenclature system:

a) Prefix:

- "R" stands for refrigerant and is commonly used for most refrigerants.
- "H" indicates a hydrocarbon refrigerant.
- "C" indicates a chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) refrigerant (no longer in use).
- "HC" indicates a hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) refrigerant (phasing out).
- "HFC" indicates a hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerant.

b) Number:

- The number following the prefix usually corresponds to the refrigerant's chemical composition and properties.
- For example, R134a indicates a specific HFC refrigerant with the number "134a," which refers to 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane.

Refrigerants are internationally designated as "R" followed by certain numbers such as R – 11, R – 12, R – 114 etc.
Refrigerants followed by a two digit number indicates that a refrigerant is derived from methane base.
Refrigerants followed by three digit number indicates that refrigerant is derived from ethane base.

Chemical Formula $C_m H_n Cl_p F_q$

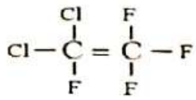
Chemical formula is correct, when: $n + p + q = 2m + 2$

Complete numerical designation

$$R_{(m-1)\ (n+1)\ (q)}$$

Example :- Designate: Dichloro-tetrafluro-ethane

$C_2\,Cl_2\,F_4$



$$C_m\,H_n\,Cl_p\,F_q$$

$$m = 2 \quad n = 0 \quad p = 2 \quad q = 4$$

$$n + p + q = 2m + 2$$

$$0 + 2 + 4 = (2 \times 2) + 2$$

$$6 = 6$$

Chemical formula is "Correct"

$$R\,(m - 1)\,(n + 1)\,q$$

$$R\,(2 - 1)\,(0 + 1)\,4$$

$$R_{114}$$

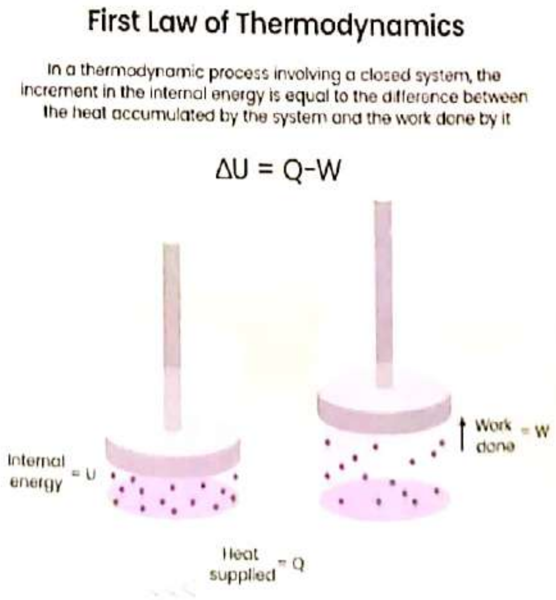
The nomenclature system helps in identifying and differentiating refrigerants based on their chemical composition and characteristics. It aids in understanding the properties, safety considerations, and environmental impact of refrigerants, facilitating proper handling, selection, and usage in refrigeration and air conditioning systems.

5. Scientific Laws/Principles involved in Refrigerator

The operation of a refrigerator is based on several principles of physics and thermodynamics. Here are some of the scientific laws and principles involved in refrigeration:

a) The First Law of Thermodynamics:

The first law of thermodynamics, which states that energy cannot be created or destroyed but can only be transferred or transformed, is fundamental to the operation of a refrigerator. In the context of a refrigerator, this law is observed through the various energy transfers that occur during the cooling process.



When a refrigerator operates, it requires work input, typically in the form of electricity, to drive the compressor. The compressor increases the pressure of the refrigerant, causing it to release heat as it condenses. This heat is then expelled to the external environment through the condenser coil, adhering to the principle of energy conservation.

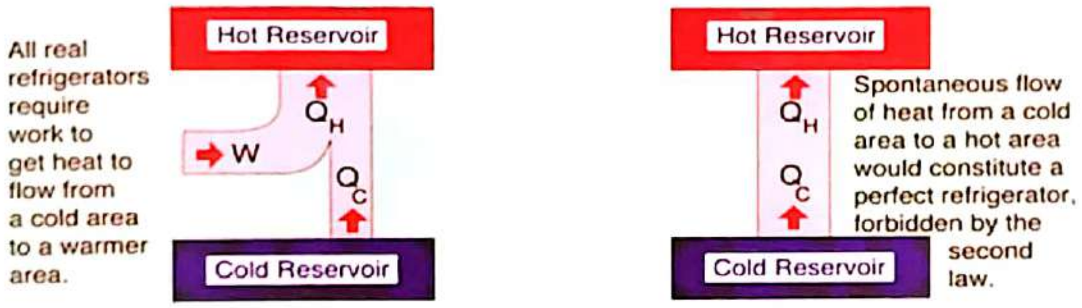
Inside the refrigerator, the evaporator coil allows the refrigerant to evaporate, absorbing heat from the refrigerator's interior and causing the temperature to decrease. This absorbed heat energy is effectively transferred from the refrigerator to the refrigerant.

First law of thermodynamics ensures that the energy input to the refrigerator through work is balanced by the energy transferred as heat from the interior to the exterior, maintaining the energy conservation principle throughout the refrigeration cycle.

b) The Second Law of Thermodynamics

In simpler terms, the second law of thermodynamics states that heat cannot flow on its own from a colder object to a hotter object without any external work being done. Energy naturally moves from areas of high temperature to areas of low temperature. This means that a perfect refrigerator, which transfers heat from a cold space to a hot space, cannot exist.

The same principle applies to air conditioners and heat pumps. These devices work by using energy to transfer heat from a cooler area to a warmer area, contrary to the natural flow of heat. In order to achieve this transfer, work needs to be done on the system.



Second law of thermodynamics

A refrigerator operates by using a compressor to compress a gas, which increases the temperature of the gas. The heat from the gas is then transferred to the surroundings, typically through the condenser coils. The compressed gas is then allowed to expand, resulting in a cooling effect as the gas absorbs heat from the cooling space. This heat transfer process cools down the interior space of the refrigerator.

It is worth noting that while energy can be transferred from a colder object to a hotter object through the transfer of energetic particles or electromagnetic radiation, the overall net transfer of energy will always be from the hotter object to the colder object in any spontaneous process. To accomplish the transfer of net energy to the hotter object, external work must be performed.

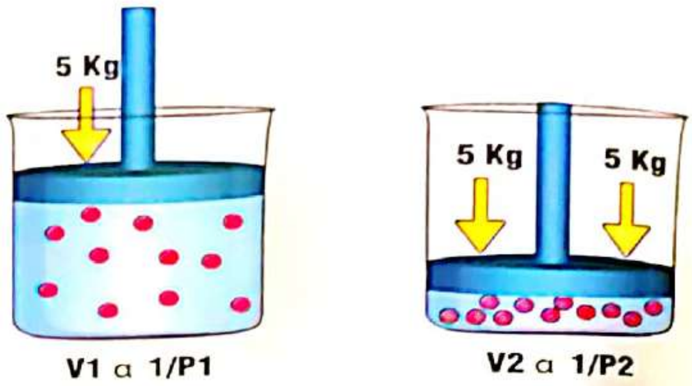
c) Boyle's Law

Boyle's Law, named after physicist Robert Boyle, describes the relationship between the pressure and volume of a gas at a constant temperature. Boyle's law states that at a constant temperature, the pressure and volume of a gas are inversely proportional. This means that if the pressure of a gas is increased, its volume will decrease, and vice versa. Mathematically, it can be expressed as:

$$P1 \times V1 = P2 \times V2$$

Where, P1 and V1 are the initial pressure and volume, and P2 and V2 are the final pressure and volume of the gas.

Boyle's Law is applicable to the compressor of a refrigerator because it explains the relationship between pressure and volume of the refrigerant gas. As the compressor reduces the volume of the gas by compressing it, the pressure increases. This increase in pressure helps in transferring heat to the surroundings, initiating the condensation process and allowing the refrigeration cycle to continue effectively.



d) Charles's Law

Charles's Law, also known as the Law of Volume-Temperature Relationship, states that, at a constant pressure, the volume of a gas is directly proportional to its temperature. Mathematically, it can be expressed as:

$$\frac{V1}{T1} = \frac{V2}{T2}$$

Where, V1 and T1 are the initial volume and temperature, and V2 and T2 are the final volume and temperature of the gas.

By applying Charles's Law, we can understand the relationship between the volume and temperature of the refrigerant gas at different stages of the refrigeration cycle. The law helps in determining how changes in temperature affect the volume of the gas and how this affects the operation and performance of the refrigerator.

e) Pascal's Law

Pascal's Law, also known as the Principle of Transmission of Fluid Pressure, states that when pressure is applied to a fluid in a confined space, the pressure change is transmitted equally in all directions. In other words, any change in pressure at one point within an enclosed fluid will be transmitted undiminished to all other parts of the fluid and to the walls of the container. This principle is a fundamental concept in fluid mechanics.

In the context of a refrigerator, Pascal's Law is applicable as the compressor applies pressure to the refrigerant gas, which causes the gas to compress. The increase in pressure ensures that the compressed gas moves uniformly throughout the refrigeration system.

Additionally, Refrigeration systems consist of a network of pipes and tubing that transport the refrigerant. Pascal's Law is relevant to these components as any pressure applied at one point in the system will be transmitted equally throughout the fluid.

By understanding and applying Pascal's Law in the design, manufacturing, and operation of refrigeration systems, engineers and technicians can ensure proper pressure distribution, reliable fluid flow, and efficient performance. This principle helps maintain the desired pressure levels, ensures consistent operation, and contributes to the overall effectiveness of the refrigeration system.

f) Carnot cycle and the Reversed Carnot cycle

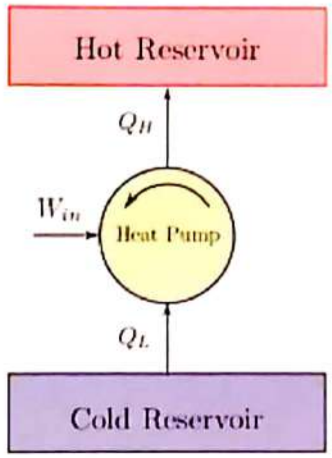
The Carnot cycle and the reversed Carnot cycle have significant relevance in the analysis of refrigeration systems. The Carnot cycle, originally developed for heat engines, is often applied to refrigerators to assess their maximum possible efficiency. It consists of four reversible processes: isothermal expansion, adiabatic expansion, isothermal compression, and adiabatic compression. In a refrigerator, the Carnot cycle establishes an upper limit on the coefficient of performance (COP), which represents the ratio of heat removed from the cold reservoir to the work input.

The reversed Carnot cycle, or Carnot heat pump, is the inverse of the Carnot cycle and is employed in refrigerators and heat pumps to transfer heat from a low-temperature reservoir (refrigerator's interior) to a high-temperature reservoir (external environment) with the aid of external work.

While real-world refrigeration systems cannot achieve the ideal efficiency of the Carnot or reversed Carnot cycles due to practical limitations and irreversibility's, these theoretical cycles serve as valuable benchmarks for evaluating and comparing the performance of actual refrigeration systems. They provide insights into the fundamental principles of energy transfer, heat exchange, and the relationship between temperature differentials and efficiency in refrigeration processes.

g) Coefficient of performance of Refrigerator

The coefficient of performance (COP) is a measure of the efficiency of a refrigerator. It is defined as the ratio of the heat removed from the refrigerated space to the work required to remove that heat. In other words, it is the amount of heat that a refrigerator can remove for a given amount of work put into it. The COP of a refrigerator is typically greater than one, indicating that the amount of heat removed is greater than the work put into the system.



The COP of a refrigerator can be expressed mathematically as:

$$COP = \frac{Q_L}{W_{in}}$$

where Q_L is the amount of heat removed from the refrigerated space, and W_{in} is the amount of work input into the system (usually measured in watts).

The COP of a refrigerator depends on various factors, including the design of the refrigerator, the type of refrigerant used, and the operating conditions. Generally, the higher the COP, the more efficient the refrigerator is at removing heat. For example, a COP of 3.0 means that the refrigerator removes three times as much heat as the amount of work put into the system. A higher COP indicates that the refrigerator is more efficient and requires less energy to operate.

h) Heat Transfer

The concepts of heat transfer are highly applicable to refrigerators as they play a fundamental role in the cooling process. Three modes of heat transfer are particularly relevant to refrigeration systems:

i) **Conduction:** Conduction refers to the transfer of heat through direct contact between substances or particles. In a refrigerator, conduction occurs primarily within the solid components, such as pipes, coils, and walls. For example:

- The evaporator coil in the refrigerator absorbs heat from the cooling space through conduction as the refrigerant vapor inside the coil comes into contact with the surrounding air or objects.
- The condenser coil releases heat to the surroundings through conduction as the high-pressure refrigerant gas inside the coil transfers its heat to the coil walls, which, in turn, conduct the heat to the surrounding environment.

ii) **Convection:** Convection is the transfer of heat through the movement of a fluid, such as air or water. It is an essential mode of heat transfer in refrigeration systems:

- In the evaporator, warm air from the cooling space comes into contact with the cold evaporator coil. Heat transfers through convection as the air surrounding the coil becomes cooler, creating a temperature gradient that drives the heat transfer process.
- In the condenser, the surrounding air or water absorbs heat from the hot condenser coil, and convection carries the heat away from the coil surface.

iii) **Radiation:** Radiation is the transfer of heat through electromagnetic waves. While it is typically less significant in refrigerators compared to conduction and convection, radiation still plays a role:

- The condenser coil may radiate heat to the surroundings as the high-temperature coil emits thermal radiation, transferring heat energy to cooler objects or surfaces in its vicinity.

By understanding and managing these heat transfer mechanisms, refrigeration systems can efficiently remove heat from the cooling space and transfer it to the surrounding environment. Proper design and optimization of heat exchangers, insulation, and refrigerant flow paths help enhance heat transfer, improve energy efficiency, and ensure effective cooling performance in refrigerators.

6. Key Performance Parameters of a Household Refrigerator:

a) **Cooling Efficiency:** The cooling efficiency of a refrigerator determines how effectively it can lower and maintain the temperature inside. A higher cooling efficiency ensures that food and beverages stay fresh and chilled, minimizing the risk of spoilage.

b) **Energy Efficiency:** Energy efficiency is crucial as it directly impacts electricity consumption and operating costs. A refrigerator with a higher energy efficiency rating consumes less power, resulting in reduced energy bills and environmental impact.

c) **Storage Capacity:** The storage capacity indicates the available space inside the refrigerator for storing food items. Sufficient storage capacity is important to accommodate groceries, leftovers, and other perishable items, ensuring convenience and avoiding overcrowding.

d) **Temperature Control:** Precise temperature control allows users to adjust and maintain the desired cooling levels. Accurate temperature settings help preserve the quality and freshness of different types of food items, preventing them from freezing or spoiling.

e) **Frost-Free Operation:** Frost build-up in the freezer compartment can affect cooling efficiency and storage space. A refrigerator with a frost-free feature prevents ice formation, eliminating the need for manual defrosting and ensuring optimal performance.

f) **Noise Level:** The noise level of a refrigerator is important, especially in households where a quiet environment is desired. Lower noise levels contribute to a more comfortable living space, particularly in open-concept kitchen areas.

g) **Energy Star Rating:** An Energy Star-rated refrigerator signifies compliance with energy-saving standards set by environmental protection agencies. Choosing an Energy Star-certified refrigerator ensures superior energy efficiency, reducing environmental impact and saving on electricity costs.

These key performance parameters collectively determine the overall functionality and user experience of a household refrigerator. Considering these parameters helps consumers make informed decisions based on their specific needs and preferences, leading to optimal performance, cost savings, and customer satisfaction.

7. Questionaire

Q1. How does the expansion of a refrigerant contribute to cooling in a refrigeration cycle?

a) The expansion increases the pressure, causing cooling.
b) The expansion decreases the pressure, causing cooling.
c) The expansion increases the temperature, causing cooling.
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Answer: b) The expansion decreases the pressure, causing cooling.

Explanation: During the expansion process, the refrigerant undergoes a drop in pressure, which leads to a decrease in temperature according to the ideal gas law. This decrease in temperature allows the refrigerant to absorb heat from the surroundings, contributing to the cooling effect.

Q2. Which phase change occurs during evaporation in a refrigeration cycle?

e) Gas to liquid
f) Liquid to gas
g) Gas to solid
h) Solid to gas

Answer: b) Liquid to gas

Explanation: During the evaporation process, the refrigerant changes from a liquid state to a gas state. This phase change occurs by absorbing heat from the cooling space, resulting in cooling.

Q3. How does evaporation cause cooling in a refrigeration cycle?

a) Evaporation releases heat to the surroundings.
b) Evaporation absorbs heat from the surroundings.
c) Evaporation increases the pressure, causing cooling.
d) Evaporation increases the temperature, causing cooling.

Answer: b) Evaporation absorbs heat from the surroundings.

Explanation: During the evaporation process, the refrigerant absorbs heat from the cooling space, which causes it to change from a liquid to a gas. This heat absorption results in cooling within the refrigerated area or the cooling space, helping to maintain lower temperatures.

Q4. What is the purpose of a compressor in a refrigerator?

i) Cooling the refrigerant
j) Increasing the pressure of the refrigerant
k) Expanding the refrigerant
l) Removing heat from the refrigerator

Answer: b) Increasing the pressure of the refrigerant

Explanation: The compressor in a refrigerator increases the pressure of the refrigerant, enabling it to release heat during the condensation process.

Q5. Which component of a refrigerator is responsible for removing heat from the refrigerant?

e) Condenser
f) Evaporator
g) Expansion valve
h) Compressor

Answer: a) Condenser

Explanation: The condenser in a refrigerator is responsible for removing heat from the refrigerant and releasing it to the external environment.

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