

19.39. Model: We will use the Carnot engine to find the maximum possible efficiency of a floating power plant.
Solve: The efficiency of a Carnot engine is

$$\eta_{\max} = \eta_{\text{Carnot}} = 1 - \frac{T_{\text{C}}}{T_{\text{H}}} = 1 - \frac{(273 + 5) \text{ K}}{(273 + 30) \text{ K}} = 0.0825 = 8.25\%$$