



For BC: $Q = \text{negative}$ (given)
 $W = \text{zero}$ ($W = -p \cdot \Delta V$ and $\Delta V = 0$)
 $\Delta U = \text{negative}$ ($\Delta U = Q + W$ means $\Delta U = \text{negative} + 0$)

For CA: $\Delta U = \text{negative}$ (given)
 $W = \text{positive}$ ($W = -p \cdot \Delta V$ and V decreases)
 $Q = \text{negative}$ ($\Delta U = Q + W$ so $Q = \Delta U - W$
 $Q = \text{negative} - \text{positive}$)

For AB: $W = \text{negative}$ ($W = -p \cdot \Delta V$ and V increases)
 $\Delta U = \text{positive}$ ($\Delta U_{\text{net}} = 0$ and $\Delta U_{\text{net}} = \Delta U_{AB} + \Delta U_{BC} + \Delta U_{CA}$
 $0 = \Delta U_{AB} + \text{negative} + \text{neg.}$)
 $Q = \text{positive}$ ($\Delta U = Q + W$ so $Q = \Delta U - W$
 $= \text{positive} - \text{negative}$)