Internal Combustion Engines



The Gasoline Engine



- conversion of chemical energy to mechanical energy
- can obtain very high temperatures due to the short duration of the power stroke

Air Standard Cycle

A closed cycle model for the IC engine, such as the gasoline or diesel cycle. Some assumptions must be made in order to model this complex process.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- air is an ideal gas with constant c_p and c_v
- no intake or exhaust processes
- the cycle is completed by heat transfer to the surroundings

- the internal combustion process is replaced by a heat transfer process from a TER
- all internal processes are reversible
- heat addition occurs instantaneously while the piston is at TDC

Definitions

Mean Effective Pressure (MEP): The theoretical constant pressure that, if it acted on the piston during the power stroke would produce the same *net* work as actually developed in one complete cycle.

 $MEP = rac{ ext{net work for one cycle}}{ ext{displacement volume}} = rac{W_{net}}{V_{BDC} - V_{TDC}}$

The mean effective pressure is an index that relates the work output of the engine to it size (displacement volume).

Otto Cycle

- the theoretical model for the gasoline engine
- consists of four internally reversible processes
- heat is transferred to the working fluid at constant volume

Otto Cycle Efficiency

$$egin{aligned} &\eta = rac{W_{net}}{Q_H} = rac{Q_H - Q_L}{Q_H} = 1 - rac{Q_L}{Q_H} = 1 - rac{Q_{4-1}}{Q_{2-3}} \ &Q_H = mc_v(T_3 - T_2) \ (intake) \ &Q_L = mc_v(T_4 - T_1) \ (exhaust) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\eta = 1 - rac{(T_4 - T_1)}{(T_3 - T_2)} = 1 - \left(rac{T_1}{T_2}
ight) \; rac{\left(rac{T_4}{T_1} - 1
ight)}{\left(rac{T_3}{T_2} - 1
ight)}$$



Since processes 1
ightarrow 2 and 3
ightarrow 4 are isentropic, we know that

 $PV^k = constant$

$${mRT_1\over V_1}\,V_1^k = {mRT_2\over V_2}\,V_2^k$$

and

$$rac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(rac{V_1}{V_2}
ight)^{k-1} \;\; = \;\; \left(rac{V_4}{V_3}
ight)^{k-1} = rac{T_3}{T_4}$$

We can make this equality since

$$rac{V_1}{V_2} = rac{V_4}{V_3} = compression\ ratio = r$$

Therefore

$$\frac{T_3}{T_2}=\frac{T_4}{T_1}$$



Substituting into the equation for η gives

$$\eta = 1 - rac{T_1}{T_2} = 1 - \left(rac{V_2}{V_1}
ight)^{k-1} = 1 - \left(rac{V_1}{V_2}
ight)^{1-k}$$

If we let

$$r=rac{V_1}{V_2}=rac{V_4}{V_3}=compression\ ratio$$

Then

$$\eta_{Otto} = 1 - r^{1-k}$$

Diesel Cycle

• an ideal cycle for the compression ignition engine (diesel engine)



- all steps in the cycle are reversible
- heat is transferred to the working fluid at constant pressure
- heat transfer must be just sufficient to maintain a constant pressure

Diesel Cycle Efficiency

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{c_v(T_4 - T_1)}{c_p(T_3 - T_2)} = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \left(\frac{T_1}{T_2}\right) \frac{\left(\frac{T_4}{T_1} - 1\right)}{\left(\frac{T_3}{T_2} - 1\right)}$$
(1)



where

$$k = rac{c_p}{c_v}$$

If we let

$$egin{array}{rcl} r &=& rac{V_1}{V_2} = compression \ ratio = rac{V_4}{V_2} \ r_v &=& rac{V_3}{V_2} = cutoff \ ratio o \ injection \ period \end{array}$$

From the Otto cycle analysis we know

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{V_1}{V_2}\right)^{k-1} = r^{k-1}$$
 (2)

and for an isentropic process

$$rac{T_3}{T_4} = \left(rac{V_4}{V_3}
ight)^{k-1} = \left(rac{V_4}{V_2} \cdot rac{V_2}{V_3}
ight)^{k-1} = \left(rac{r}{r_v}
ight)^{k-1}$$

From this, we can write

$$\frac{T_3}{T_4} = \frac{r^{k-1}}{r_v^{k-1}} = \frac{T_2/T_1}{r_v^{k-1}}$$

and

$$rac{T_2}{T_1} = rac{T_3}{T_4} \ r_v^{k-1}$$

or

$$\frac{T_4}{T_1} = \frac{T_3}{T_2} r_v^{k-1} \tag{3}$$

From the ideal gas law

$$P_3 = \frac{RT_3}{V_3} = \frac{RT_2}{V_2} = P_2 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \frac{T_3}{T_2} = \frac{V_3}{V_2} = r_v$$
 (4)

Substituting (2), (3), and (4) into (1)

$$\eta_{Diesel} = 1 - rac{1}{r^{k-1}} \left(rac{1}{k}
ight) \left(rac{r_v^k - 1}{r_v - 1}
ight)$$

Dual Cycle (Limited Pressure Cycle)

• better representation of the combustion process in both the gasoline and the diesel engines



Dual Cycle Efficiency

Given

$$egin{array}{rcl} r &=& rac{V_1}{V_2} = compression\ ratio \ r_v &=& rac{V_4}{V_3} = cutoff\ ratio \ r_p &=& rac{P_3}{P_2} = pressure\ ratio \end{array}$$

$$\eta_{Dual} = 1 - rac{r_p r_v^k - 1}{\left[(r_p - 1) + k r_p (r_v - 1)
ight] r^{k - 1}}$$

Note: if $r_p = 1$ we get the diesel efficiency.

Atkinson and Miller Cycles

Similar to the Otto cycle but with constant pressure heat rejection that allows for a higher expansion ratio (more work extraction) compared to the compression ratio and in turn a higher cycle efficiency.



The Atkinson Cycle



The Miller Cycle

Atkinson Cycle Efficiency

If we let

$$r = rac{V_1}{V_2} = compression\ ratio$$

$$r_{lpha} \;\; = \;\; rac{V_4}{V_3} = expansion \; ratio \; (ext{larger than the compression ratio})$$

$$egin{array}{rcl} \eta &=& 1-k\cdot r^{1-k}\cdot \displaystylerac{\left[\displaystylerac{r_lpha}{r}-1
ight]}{\left[\displaystylerac{r_lpha}{r^k}-1
ight]} \ &=& 1-k\left[\displaystylerac{r_lpha-r}{r_lpha^k-r^k}
ight] \end{array}$$

Stirling Cycle



- reversible regenerator used as an energy storage device
- possible to recover all heat given up by the working fluid in the constant volume cooling process
- all the heat received by the cycle is at T_H and all heat rejected at T_L
- $\eta_{Stirling} = 1 T_L/T_H$ (Carnot efficiency)

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

An air-standard Diesel cycle has a compression ratio of 15 and the heat transferred to the working fluid per cycle is 1600 kJ/kg. At the beginning of the compression process, the pressure is 0.1 *MPa* and the temperature is 17 °*C*. Assuming variable specific heats for air, determine:

- a) the pressure and temperature at each point in the cycle
- b) the thermal efficiency

