

## Availability



### Reading

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### Problems

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## Second Law Analysis of Systems

### AVAILABILITY:

- the theoretical maximum amount of work that can be obtained from a system at a given state  $P_1$  and  $T_1$  when interacting with a reference atmosphere at the constant pressure and temperature  $P_0$  and  $T_0$ .
- also referred to as “exergy”.

The following observations can be made about availability:

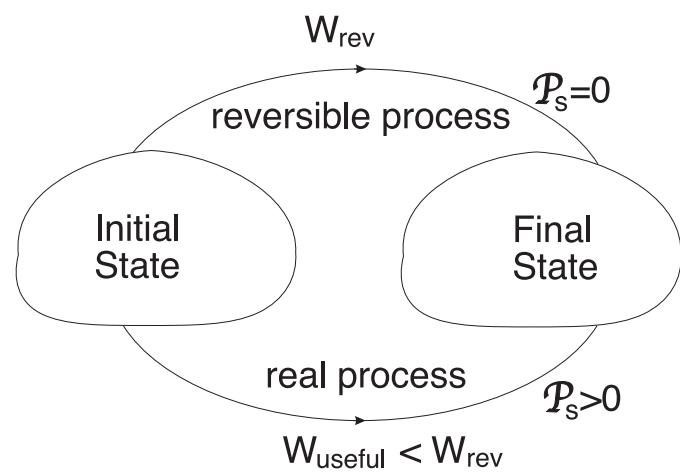
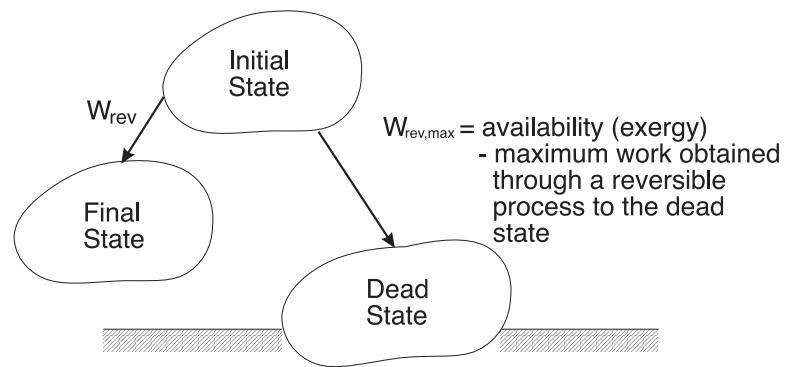
1. Availability is a **property** - since any quantity that is fixed when the state is fixed is a property.
2. Availability is a **composite property** - since its value depends upon an external datum - the temperature and pressure of the dead state.
3. Availability of a system is 0 at its **dead state** when  $T = T_0$  and  $P = P_0$ .
4. Unless otherwise stated, assume the dead state to be:

$$P_0 = 1 \text{ atm}$$

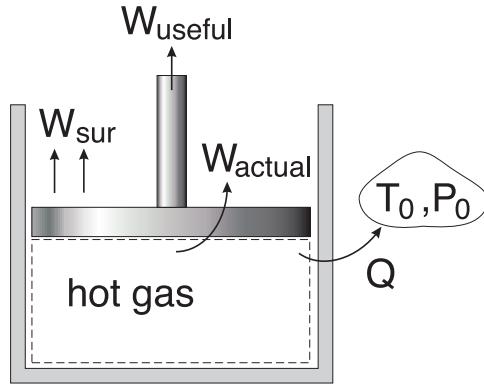
$$T_0 = 25^\circ\text{C}$$

5. The maximum work is obtained through a reversible process to the dead state.

$$\underbrace{REVERSIBLE\ WORK}_{W_{rev}} = \underbrace{USEFUL\ WORK}_{W_{useful}} + \underbrace{IRREVERSIBILITY}_{X_{des}}$$



## Control Mass Analysis



- we know

$$W_{rev} = W_{useful} + X_{des}$$

but as shown in the figure, the actual work of the process is divided into two components

$$W_{actual} = W_{useful} + W_{sur}$$

- where  $W_{sur}$  is the part of the work done against the surroundings to displace the ambient air

$$W_{sur} = P_0(V_2 - V_1) = -P_0(V_1 - V_2)$$

- this is unavoidable → this is not useful work. Nothing is gained by pushing the atmosphere away.

To find  $W_{actual}$ , from the 1st law

$$E_1 - Q - W_{actual} = E_2 \rightarrow Q = E_1 - E_2 - W_{actual}$$

From the 2nd law

$$S_{gen} = \Delta S_{system} + \Delta S_{sur} \geq 0$$

$$= S_2 - S_1 + \frac{Q}{T_0}$$

But from the 1st law balance we know

$$\frac{Q}{T_0} = \frac{E_1 - E_2 - W_{actual}}{T_0}$$

and when we combine this with the 2nd law

$$S_{gen} = S_2 - S_1 + \frac{E_1 - E_2 - W_{actual}}{T_0}$$

which leads to

$$W_{actual} = (E_1 - E_2) + T_0(S_2 - S_1) - T_0 S_{gen}$$

or by reversing the order of  $S_2$  and  $S_1$

$$W_{actual} = (E_1 - E_2) - T_0(S_1 - S_2) - T_0 S_{gen}$$

But we also know that

$$W_{useful} = W_{actual} - W_{sur}$$

therefore

$$W_{useful} = (E_1 - E_2) - T_0(S_1 - S_2) + \underbrace{P_0(V_1 - V_2)}_{-W_{sur}} - T_0 S_{gen}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} W_{rev} &= W_{useful} + X_{des} \\ &= W_{actual} - W_{sur} + X_{des} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$X_{des} = T_0 S_{gen}$$

Therefore

$$W_{rev} = (E_1 - E_2) - T_0(S_1 - S_2) + P_0(V_1 - V_2)$$

In summary

$W_{actual} = (E_1 - E_2) - T_0(S_1 - S_2) - T_0S_{gen}$
$W_{useful} = (E_1 - E_2) - T_0(S_1 - S_2) + P_0(V_1 - V_2) - T_0S_{gen}$
$X = W_{rev} = (E_1 - E_2) - T_0(S_1 - S_2) + P_0(V_1 - V_2)$

Define

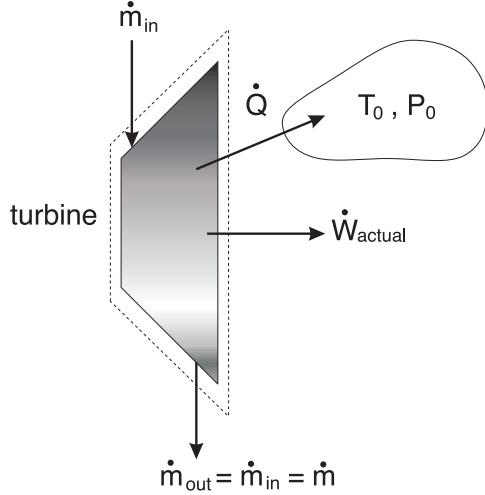
$$\begin{aligned} X &= \text{CONTROL MASS AVAILABILITY} \\ &= W_{rev} \text{ (in going to the dead state)} \\ &= (E - E_0) - T_0(S - S_0) + P_0(V - V_0) \end{aligned}$$

where the specific availability is defined as

$$\phi = \frac{X}{m}$$

## Control Volume Analysis

Consider a steady state, steady flow (SS-SF) process



From the 1st law

$$\frac{dE_{cv}}{dt} = -\dot{W}_{actual} - \dot{Q} + \left[ \dot{m} \left( h + \frac{(v^*)^2}{2} + gz \right) \right]_{in} - \left[ \dot{m} \left( h + \frac{(v^*)^2}{2} + gz \right) \right]_{out} \quad (1)$$

From the 2nd law

$$\frac{dS_{cv}}{dt} = \left( \dot{m} s + \frac{\dot{Q}^0}{T_{TER}} \right)_{in} - \left( \dot{m} s + \frac{\dot{Q}}{T_0} \right)_{out} + \dot{S}_{gen} \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2) through the  $\dot{Q}$  term, leads to the actual work output of the turbine, given as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{W}_{actual} &= \left[ \dot{m} \left( h + \frac{(v^*)^2}{2} + gz - T_0 s \right) \right]_{in} - \left[ \dot{m} \left( h + \frac{(v^*)^2}{2} + gz - T_0 s \right) \right]_{out} - T_0 \dot{S}_{gen} \\ &= \dot{m} [-T_0 \Delta s + \Delta h + \Delta KE + \Delta PE] - (T_0 \dot{S}_{gen}) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The specific flow availability,  $\psi$ , is given as

$$\psi = -T_0(s - s_0) + (h - h_0) + \left( \frac{(v^*)^2}{2} - \frac{(v_0^*)^2}{2} \right) + g(z - z_0^*) \quad (4)$$

# Efficiency and Effectiveness

## 1. First law efficiency (thermal efficiency)

$$\eta = \frac{\text{net work output}}{\text{gross heat input}} = \frac{W_{net}}{Q_{in}}$$

Carnot cycle

$$\eta = \frac{Q_H - Q_L}{Q_H} = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H}$$

## 2. Second Law Efficiency (effectiveness)

$$\eta_{2nd} = \frac{\text{net work output}}{\text{maximum reversible work}} = \frac{\text{net work output}}{\text{availability}}$$

$$\text{Turbine} \rightarrow \eta_{2nd} = \frac{\dot{W}/\dot{m}}{\psi_e - \psi_i}$$

$$\text{Compressor} \rightarrow \eta_{2nd} = \frac{\psi_e - \psi_i}{\dot{W}/\dot{m}}$$

$$\text{Heat Source} \rightarrow \eta_{2nd} = \frac{\dot{W}/\dot{m}}{\dot{Q}/\dot{m} \left[ 1 - \frac{T_0}{T_{TER}} \right]}$$

## 3. Isentropic efficiency (process efficiency)

(a) adiabatic turbine efficiency

$$\eta_T = \frac{\text{work of actual adiabatic expansion}}{\text{work of reversible adiabatic expansion}} = \frac{W_{act}}{W_S}$$

(b) adiabatic compressor efficiency

$$\eta_C = \frac{\text{work of reversible adiabatic compression}}{\text{work of actual adiabatic compression}} = \frac{W_S}{W_{act}}$$