



ME 354

THERMODYNAMICS 2
MIDTERM EXAMINATION

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Instructions

1. This is a 2 hour, closed-book examination.
2. Answer all questions in the space provided. If additional space is required, use the back of the pages or the blank pages included.
3. Permitted aids include:
 - Property Tables Booklet (Fundamentals of Thermodynamics, Borgnakke and Sonntag, 7th ed) or a photocopy of this booklet
 - one 8.5 in. \times 11 in. crib sheet. (one side only)
 - calculator
4. It is your responsibility to write clearly and legibly. Clearly state all assumptions. Part marks will be given for part answers, provided that your methodology is clear.

| Question | Marks | Grade |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 10 | |
| 2 | 20 | |
| 3 | 20 | |
| TOTAL | 50 | |

Question 1 (10 marks)

Determine the maximum useful work in ***kJ*** that could be obtained from ***0.6 m³*** of compressed air at ***250 °C*** and ***700 kPa***. Assume the dead state conditions to be ***T₀ = 25 °C*** and ***P₀ = 1 atm = 101.325 kPa***.

Assumptions

1. air is an ideal gas
2. properties are independent of temperature and determined at ***25 °C***

The maximum useful work that could be obtained is equivalent to the availability of the air,
 $\Phi = m \times \phi$

Air is assumed to be an ideal gas, therefore,

$$v = \frac{R \times T}{P} = \frac{(0.287 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K})(250 + 273.15) \text{ K}}{(700 \text{ kPa}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ kJ/m}^3}{\text{kPa}} \right)} = 0.2145 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$$

The mass of the air is

$$m = \frac{V}{v} = \frac{0.6 \text{ m}^3}{0.2145 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}} = 2.797 \text{ kg}$$

The specific control mass availability can be written as

$$\phi = (u - u_0) + P_0(v - v_0) - T_0(s - s_0)$$

First,

$$(u - u_0) = c_v(T - T_0) = (0.717 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K})(523.15 - 298.15) \text{ K} = 161.325 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

From the ideal gas equation used at the dead state

$$v_0 = \frac{R \cdot T_0}{P_0} = \frac{(0.287 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K})(298.15 \text{ K})}{(101.325 \text{ kPa}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ kJ/m}^3}{\text{kPa}} \right)} = 0.8445 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_0(v - v_0) &= (101.325 \text{ MPa})(0.2145 - 0.8445) \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ kJ/m}^3}{\text{kPa}} \right) \\ &= -63.835 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 s - s_0 &= c_p \ln \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right) - R \ln \left(\frac{P}{P_0} \right) \\
 &= 1.004 \frac{kJ}{kg \cdot K} \ln \left(\frac{523.15}{298.15} \right) - (0.287) \frac{kJ}{kg \cdot K} \ln \left(\frac{700}{101.325} \right) \\
 &= 0.0098 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot K
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$T_0(s - s_0) = (298.15 \text{ K})(0.0098 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot K) = 2.929 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Collecting terms

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi &= (u - u_0) + P_0(v - v_0) - T_0(s - s_0) \\
 &= 161.325 - 63.835 - 2.929 = 94.561 \text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

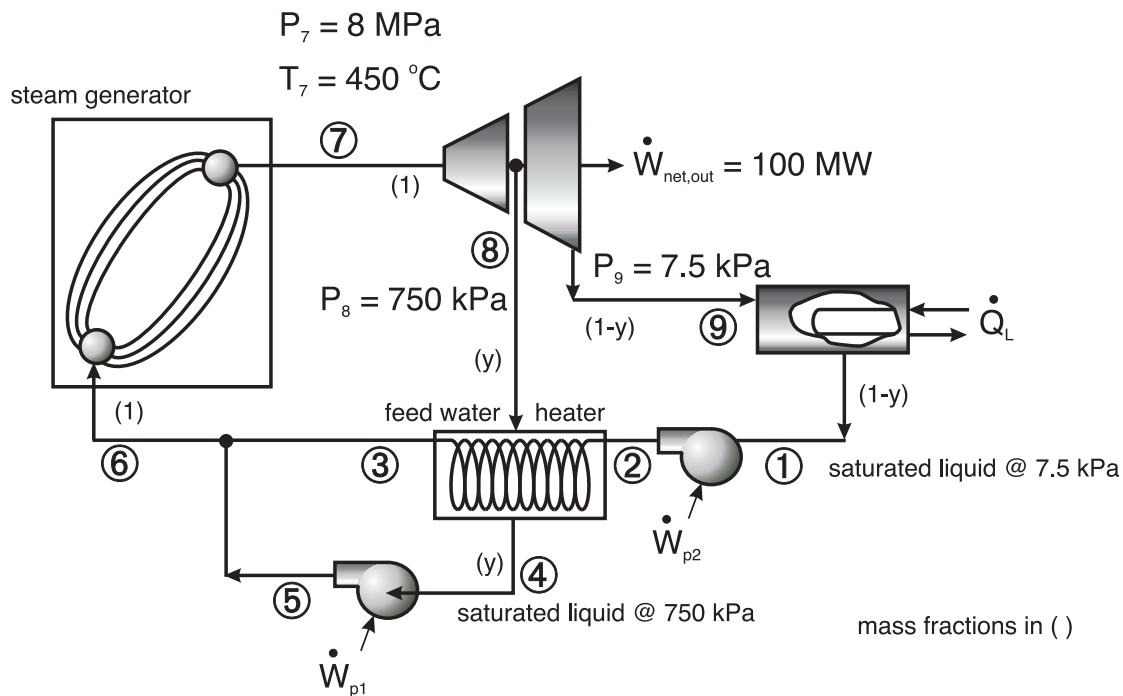
The availability and in turn the maximum actual work that could be done is

$$\Phi = m \times \phi = 2.797 \text{ kg} \times 94.561 \text{ kJ/kg} = 264.5 \text{ kJ} \Leftarrow$$

Question 2 (20 marks)

Water is used as the working fluid in a regenerative Rankine cycle where the circulation pumps and all stages of the turbine are considered to be isentropic. Superheated vapor enters the turbine at **8 MPa** and **450 °C**. After isentropic expansion in the first stage of the turbine, steam is extracted at an intermediate pressure of **0.75 MPa** and passed to a closed feedwater heater. The feedwater leaves the heater at **8 MPa** and a temperature equal to the saturation temperature at **0.75 MPa**. The saturated liquid condensate from the feedwater heater leaves at **0.75 MPa** and is pumped into the feedwater line as shown below. The condenser pressure is **7.5 kPa**. For a net power output from the cycle of **100 MW**.

- draw the process diagram for this system and clearly label all relevant state points
- determine the enthalpy at each state point in the process.
- find the rate of heat transfer [**MW**] to the working fluid passing through the steam generator.
- determine the thermal efficiency of the cycle.

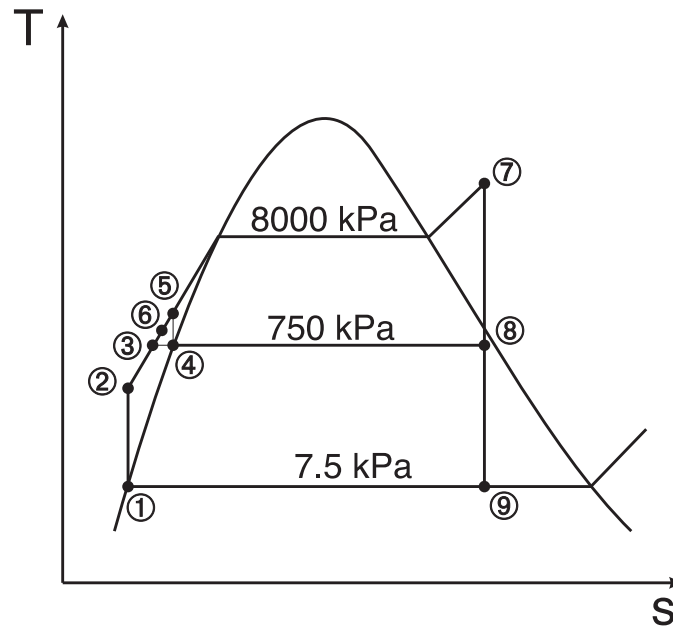
**Assumptions**

- steady state
- $KE = PE \approx 0$
- all processes are internally irreversible (except for the mixing of streams 3 and 5 to form 6)

4. turbines, pumps and feedwater heater are adiabatic
5. the condensate at the exit of the feedwater heat is a saturated liquid at **0.75 MPa**
6. the condensate at the exit of the condenser is a saturated liquid at **7.5 kPa**

| State | P (kPa) | T ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) | h (kJ/kg) | s (kJ/kg \cdot K) | v (m^3/kg) | |
|-------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 7.5 | | 168.77 | | 0.001008 | sat. liq. |
| 2 | 8000 | | 176.83 | | | |
| 3 | 8000 | | 713.34 | | | sub cooled |
| 4 | 750 | | 709.45 | | 0.001111 | sat. liq. |
| 5 | 8000 | | 717.51 | | | |
| 6 | 8000 | | 714.22 | | | |
| 7 | 8000 | 450 | 3271.99 | 6.5550 | | |
| 8 | 750 | | 2708.84 | 6.5550 | | $s_8 = s_7$ |
| 9 | 7.5 | | 2043.00 | 6.5550 | | $s_9 = s_7$ |

Part a)



Part b)

State 8

$$x_8 = \frac{s_8 - s_f}{s_{fg}} = \frac{6.5550 - 2.0199}{4.6647} = 0.972$$

$$h_8 = x_8 \times h_{fg} + h_f = 0.972 \times 2056.98 + 709.45 = 2708.84 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

State 9

$$x_9 = \frac{s_9 - s_f}{s_{fg}} = \frac{6.5550 - 0.5763}{7.6751} = 0.779$$

$$h_9 = x_9 \times h_{fg} + h_f = 0.779 \times 2406.02 + 168.77 = 2043.00 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

State 2

$$\begin{aligned} h_2 = h_1 + v_1(P_2 - P_1) &= 168.77 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + 0.001008 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg}} (8000 - 7.5) \text{ kPa} \left(\frac{1 \text{ kJ/m}^3}{\text{kPa}} \right) \\ &= 176.83 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

State 5

$$\begin{aligned} h_5 = h_4 + v_4(P_5 - P_4) &= 709.45 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + 0.001111 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg}} (8000 - 750) \text{ kPa} \left(\frac{1 \text{ kJ/m}^3}{\text{kPa}} \right) \\ &= 717.51 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

State 3

The liquid at point 3 is sub cooled and at a pressure of **8 MPa**. We can determine the enthalpy by using a double iteration in Table B.1.4:

The saturation temperature at **0.75 MPa** is

$$T_{sat@0.75 \text{ MPa}} = 167.77 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{at } 5 \text{ MPa and } 167.7 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow h = 711.65 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\text{at } 10 \text{ MPa and } 167.7 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow h = 714.47 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\text{at } 8.0 \text{ MPa and } 167.7 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow h_3 = 713.34 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

State 6

The mass fraction, **y**, can be calculated by performing a heat balance over the feedwater heater

$$y \times h_8 + (1 - y) \times h_2 = y \times h_4 + (1 - y)h_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{h_3 - h_2}{(h_8 - h_4) + (h_3 - h_2)} \\ &= \frac{713.34 - 176.83}{(2708.84 - 709.45) + (713.34 - 176.83)} = 0.2116 \end{aligned}$$

Using an energy balance at the common node between states 3, 5 and 6

$$h_6 = (1 - y)h_3 + yh_5 = (1 - 0.2116)(713.34) + (0.2116)(717.51) = 714.22 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Part b)

The heat transfer in the steam generator is given as

$$\dot{Q}_H = \dot{m}_7(h_7 - h_6)$$

where the mass flow rate of the system can be determined as

$$\dot{m}_7 = \frac{\dot{W}_{net,out}}{W_{out}} = \frac{\dot{W}_{net,out}}{\frac{\dot{W}_t}{\dot{m}_7} - \frac{\dot{W}_p}{\dot{m}_7}}$$

The work in the turbine is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\dot{W}_t}{\dot{m}_7} &= (h_7 - h_8) + (1 - y)(h_8 - h_9) \\ &= (3271.99 - 2708.84) + (1 - 0.2116)(2708.84 - 2043.00) \text{ kJ/kg} \\ &= 1088.1 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

The work of the pumps is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\dot{W}_p}{\dot{m}_7} &= (1 - y)(h_2 - h_1) + (y)(h_5 - h_4) \\ &= (1 - 0.2116)(176.83 - 168.77) + (0.2116)(717.51 - 709.45) \text{ kJ/kg} \\ &= 8.06 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

and the mass flow in the system is

$$\dot{m}_7 = \frac{\dot{W}_{net,out}}{\frac{\dot{W}_t}{\dot{m}_7} - \frac{\dot{W}_p}{\dot{m}_7}} = \frac{(100 \text{ MW})}{(1088.1 - 8.06) \text{ kJ/kg}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ kJ/s}}{1 \text{ MW}} = 92.59 \text{ kg/s}$$

The heat transfer rate in the steam generator is

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{in} &= \dot{m}_7(h_7 - h_6) \\ &= (92.59 \text{ kg/s})(3271.99 - 714.22) \text{ kJ/kg} = \underline{236.8 \text{ MW} \Leftarrow} \end{aligned}$$

Part c)

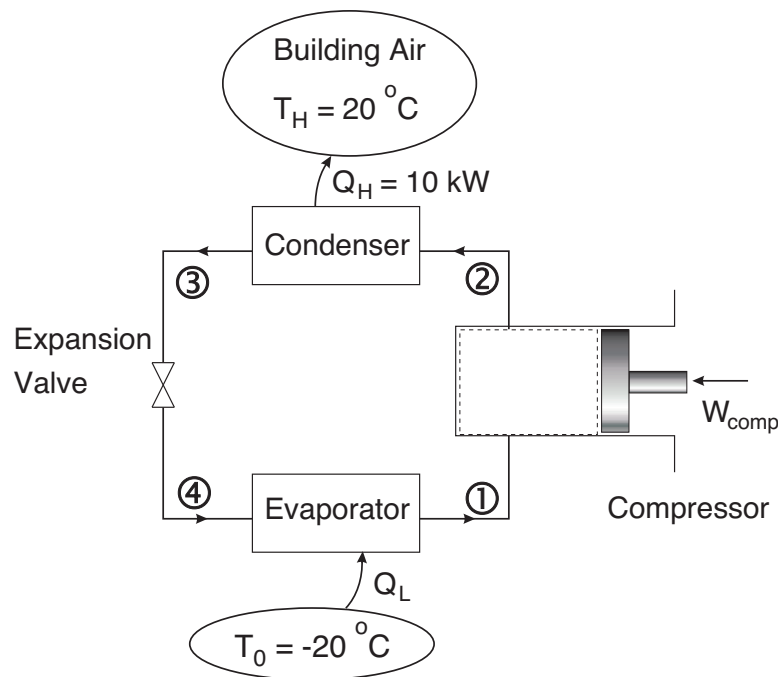
The thermal efficiency is

$$\eta = \frac{\dot{W}_{out}}{\dot{Q}_{in}} = \frac{100 \text{ MW}}{236.8 \text{ MW}} = 0.422 = \underline{42.2\% \Leftarrow}$$

Question 3 (20 marks)

A vapour-compression, heat pump, using R-134a, is designed to provide **10 kW** of heat between the reference atmosphere (T_0) at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and a building at $20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The inlet state to the compressor is a saturated vapour at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The compressor exit state is at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 800 kPa while the inlet state to the valve is at $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

- determine the coefficient of performance of the heat pump
- determine the availability destruction across each component in the system [kJ/kg]
- determine the second law efficiency
- determine the mass flow rate [kg/s]



| State | $T[^\circ\text{C}]$ | $P[\text{kPa}]$ | $h[\text{kJ/kg}]$ | $s[\text{kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}]$ |
|-------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | -30 | 85.1 | 379.80 | 1.7493 |
| 2 | 50 | 800 | 435.11 | 1.7768 |
| 3 | 25 | 800 | 234.7 | 1.1201 |
| 4 | -30 | 85.1 | 234.7 | 1.1525 |

Assumptions

1. steady state, steady flow
2. $KE = PE = 0$
3. the condenser is considered a constant pressure device, therefore $P_2 = P_3$
4. since we do not have sub-cooled tables for R134a, we will use the property approximations in the sub-cooled region

Given that state point 3 is at **800 kPa** and **25 °C**, this point is in the sub-cooled region. The approximations for sub-cooled properties give:

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_3(25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}) &= h_f(25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}) + v_f(25\text{ }^\circ\text{C})[P_3 - P_{sat}(25\text{ }^\circ\text{C})] \\
 &= 234.59\text{ kJ/kg} + 0.000829\text{ m}^3/\text{kg} [800\text{ kPa} - 666.3\text{ kPa}] \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kPa} \cdot \text{m}^3} \\
 &= 234.7\text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$s_3(25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = s_f(25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 1.1201\text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}$$

To find the entropy at state point 4, we need to determine the quality of the refrigerant based on the value of the enthalpy.

$$h = h_f + x \cdot h_{fg}$$

or at $T_4 = -30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

$$x = \frac{234.7 - 161.12}{218.68} = 0.3365$$

Therefore the entropy is

$$s_4 = 0.8499(1 - 0.3365) + 0.3365(1.7493) = 1.1525\text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}$$

Part a)

The COP of the heat pump is given as

$$COP = \frac{\text{benefit}}{\text{cost}} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{cond}/\dot{m}}{\dot{W}_{comp}/\dot{m}}$$

At the condenser

$$\frac{\dot{Q}_{cond}}{\dot{m}} = h_2 - h_3 = 435.11 - 234.7 = 200.41\text{ kJ/kg}$$

At the compressor

$$\frac{\dot{W}_{comp}}{\dot{m}} = h_2 - h_1 = 435.11 - 379.80 = 55.31 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

And the COP is

$$COP = \frac{\dot{Q}_{cond}/\dot{m}}{\dot{W}_{comp}/\dot{m}} = \frac{200.41}{55.31} = 3.62 \Leftarrow$$

Part b)

The reference temperature is given as $T_0 = -20^\circ\text{C}$.

At the compressor

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\dot{i}_{comp}}{\dot{m}} &= T_0(s_2 - s_1) = (-20 + 273.15) \text{ K} \times (1.7768 - 1.7493) \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \\ &= 6.96 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

At the condenser

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\dot{i}_{cond}}{\dot{m}} &= T_0 \left[(s_3 - s_2) + \frac{\dot{Q}_{cond}/\dot{m}}{T_H} \right] \\ &= (-20 + 273.15) \text{ K} \times \left[(1.1201 - 1.7768) + \frac{200.41}{20 + 273.15} \right] \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \\ &= 6.82 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

At the expansion valve

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\dot{i}_{valve}}{\dot{m}} &= T_0(s_4 - s_3) = (-20 + 273.15) \text{ K} \times (1.1525 - 1.1201) \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \\ &= 8.20 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

At the evaporator

The heat transfer at the evaporator is given by

$$\frac{\dot{Q}_{evap}}{\dot{m}} = h_1 - h_4 = (379.80 - 234.7) = 145.1 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\dot{I}_{evap}}{\dot{m}} &= T_0 \left[(s_1 - s_4) - \frac{\dot{Q}_{evap}/\dot{m}}{T_L} \right] \\
&= (-20 + 273.15) \text{ K} \times \left[(1.7493 - 1.1525) - \frac{145.1}{(-20 + 273.15)} \right] \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \\
&= 5.98 \text{ kJ/kg}
\end{aligned}$$

at T_L

For the heat transfer processes, we note that at the evaporator there is no entropy production because T_L is at the reference temperature T_0 .

at T_H

$$\frac{\dot{I}_{T_H}}{\dot{m}} = \left[1 - \frac{T_0}{T_H} \right] \times \frac{\dot{Q}_{cond}}{\dot{m}} = \left[1 - \frac{253.15}{293.15} \right] \cdot 200.41 \text{ kJ/kg} = 27.35 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Part c)

The second law efficiency is given as

$$\eta_{2nd} = \frac{\left[1 - \frac{T_0}{T_H} \right] \times \frac{\dot{Q}_{cond}}{\dot{m}}}{\dot{W}/\dot{m}} = \frac{27.35 \text{ kJ/kg}}{55.31 \text{ kJ/kg}} = 0.495 \Leftarrow$$

Part d)

The mass flow rate of the refrigerant is

$$\dot{m} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{cond}}{\dot{Q}_{cond}/\dot{m}} = \frac{10 \text{ kW}}{200.41 \text{ kJ/kg}} = 0.05 \text{ kg/s} \Leftarrow$$