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First law as applied to control volumes :

For unsteady-flow problems :

$$\frac{dE_{cv}}{dt} = \sum_{in} \dot{m} \left(h + \frac{1}{2} V^2 + gZ \right) - \sum_{out} \dot{m} \left(h + \frac{1}{2} V^2 + gZ \right) + \dot{Q}_{in} - \dot{W}_{out}$$

For steady-flow problems :

$$\sum_{in} \dot{m} \left(h + \frac{1}{2} V^2 + gZ \right) - \sum_{out} \dot{m} \left(h + \frac{1}{2} V^2 + gZ \right) + \dot{Q}_{in} - \dot{W}_{out} = 0$$

Compressors and Turbines :

Figure shows the blades on the shaft of a Turbine



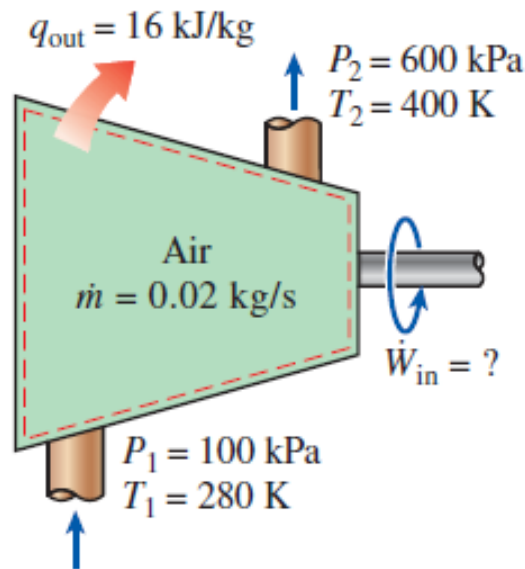
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In steam, gas, or hydroelectric power plants, the device that drives the electric generator is the turbine. As the fluid passes through the turbine, work is done against the blades, which are attached to the shaft. As a result, the shaft rotates, and the turbine produces work

Compressors, as well as pumps and fans, are devices used to increase the pressure of a fluid. Work is supplied to these devices from an external source through a rotating shaft. Therefore, compressors involve work inputs. Even though these three devices function similarly, they do differ in the tasks they perform. A *fan* increases the pressure of a gas slightly and is mainly used to mobilize a gas. A *compressor* is capable of compressing the gas to very high pressures. *Pumps* work very much like compressors except that they handle liquids instead of gases.

Example : Compressor

Air at 100 kPa and 280 K is compressed steadily to 600 kPa and 400 K. The mass flow rate of the air is 0.02 kg/s, and a heat loss of 16 kJ/kg occurs during the process. Assuming the changes in kinetic and potential energies are negligible, determine the necessary power input to the compressor.



Solution : We neglect changes in kinetic and potential energies across the compressor. Further, air is considered as an ideal gas. Thus, Table A-17 can be used to find the properties.

TABLE A-17

Ideal-gas properties of air

T K	h kJ/kg	P_r	u kJ/kg	v_r	s° kJ/kg·K
200	199.97	0.3363	142.56	1707.0	1.29559
210	209.97	0.3987	149.69	1512.0	1.34444
220	219.97	0.4690	156.82	1346.0	1.39105
230	230.02	0.5477	164.00	1205.0	1.43557
240	240.02	0.6355	171.13	1084.0	1.47824
250	250.05	0.7329	178.28	979.0	1.51917
260	260.09	0.8405	185.45	887.8	1.55848
270	270.11	0.9590	192.60	808.0	1.59634
280	280.13	1.0889	199.75	738.0	1.63279
285	285.14	1.1584	203.33	706.1	1.65055
390	390.88	3.481	278.93	321.5	1.96633
400	400.98	3.806	286.16	301.6	1.99194
410	411.12	4.153	293.43	283.3	2.01699
420	421.26	4.522	300.69	266.6	2.04142
430	431.43	4.915	307.99	251.1	2.06533
440	441.61	5.332	315.30	236.8	2.08870
450	451.80	5.775	322.62	223.6	2.11161
460	462.02	6.245	329.97	211.4	2.13407
470	472.24	6.742	337.32	200.1	2.15604
480	482.49	7.268	344.70	189.5	2.17760
490	492.74	7.824	352.08	179.7	2.19876
500	503.02	8.411	359.49	170.6	2.21952
510	513.32	9.031	366.92	162.1	2.23993
520	523.63	9.684	374.36	154.1	2.25997
530	533.98	10.37	381.84	146.7	2.27967

Table A-17 is partially reproduced here.

You can see the full table in Property tables posted in “Resources” section of MOOKIT.

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Example : Compressor

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Since there is only a single inlet and single outlet, the first law equation reduces to : $\dot{m}(h_1 - h_2) - \dot{Q}_{out} + \dot{W}_{in} = 0$

Note that $\dot{Q}_{in} = -\dot{Q}_{out}$ and $-\dot{W}_{out} = \dot{W}_{in}$

$$\dot{W}_{in} = \dot{m}q_{out} + \dot{m}(h_2 - h_1)$$

The enthalpy of an ideal gas depends on temperature only, and the enthalpies of the air at the specified temperatures are determined from the air table (Table A-17) to be

$$h_1 = h_{@ 280 \text{ K}} = 280.13 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$h_2 = h_{@ 400 \text{ K}} = 400.98 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Substituting, the power input to the compressor is determined to be

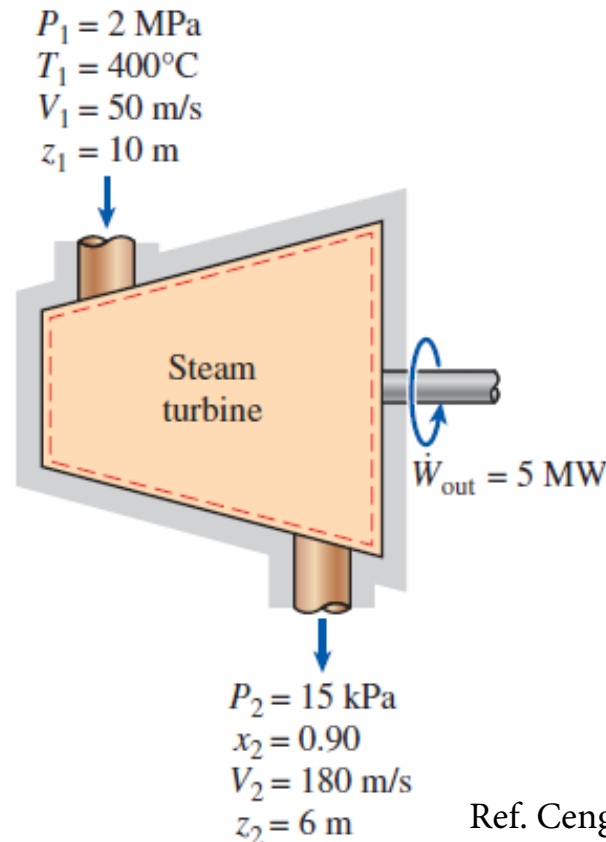
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{W}_{in} &= (0.02 \text{ kg/s})(16 \text{ kJ/kg}) + (0.02 \text{ kg/s})(400.98 - 280.13) \text{ kJ/kg} \\ &= \mathbf{2.74 \text{ kW}}\end{aligned}$$

Discussion Note that the mechanical energy input to the compressor manifests itself as a rise in enthalpy of air and heat loss from the compressor.

Example : Turbine

The power output of an adiabatic steam turbine is 5 MW, and the inlet and the exit conditions of the steam are as indicated in Fig.

- (a) Compare the magnitudes of Δh , Δke , and Δpe .
- (b) Determine the work done per unit mass of the steam flowing through the turbine.
- (c) Calculate the mass flow rate of the steam.



Example : Turbine

(a) At the inlet, steam is in a superheated vapor state, and its enthalpy is

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_1 = 2 \text{ MPa} \\ T_1 = 400^\circ\text{C} \end{array} \right\} h_1 = 3248.4 \text{ kJ/kg} \quad (\text{Table A-6})$$

At the turbine exit, we obviously have a saturated liquid–vapor mixture at 15-kPa pressure. The enthalpy at this state is

$$h_2 = h_f + x_2 h_{fg} = [225.94 + (0.9)(2372.3)] \text{ kJ/kg} = 2361.01 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Then

$$\Delta h = h_2 - h_1 = (2361.01 - 3248.4) \text{ kJ/kg} = \mathbf{-887.39 \text{ kJ/kg}}$$

$$\Delta \text{ke} = \frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{2} = \frac{(180 \text{ m/s})^2 - (50 \text{ m/s})^2}{2} \left(\frac{1 \text{ kJ/kg}}{1000 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2} \right) = \mathbf{14.95 \text{ kJ/kg}}$$

$$\Delta \text{pe} = g(z_2 - z_1) = (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)[(6 - 10) \text{ m}] \left(\frac{1 \text{ kJ/kg}}{1000 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2} \right) = \mathbf{-0.04 \text{ kJ/kg}}$$

Example : Turbine

(b) The energy balance for this steady-flow system can be expressed in the rate form as

$$\dot{m}\left(h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1\right) = \dot{W}_{\text{out}} + \dot{m}\left(h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2\right) \quad (\text{since } \dot{Q} = 0)$$

Dividing by the mass flow rate \dot{m} and substituting, the work done by the turbine per unit mass of the steam is determined to be

$$\begin{aligned} w_{\text{out}} &= -\left[(h_2 - h_1) + \frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{2} + g(z_2 - z_1)\right] = -(\Delta h + \Delta \text{ke} + \Delta \text{pe}) \\ &= -[-887.39 + 14.95 - 0.04] \text{ kJ/kg} = \mathbf{872.48 \text{ kJ/kg}} \end{aligned}$$

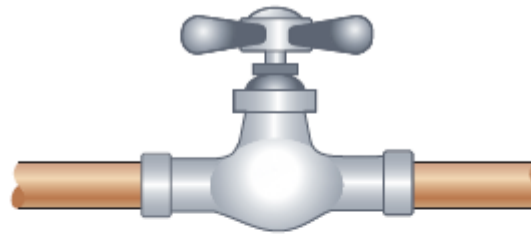
(c) The required mass flow rate for a 5-MW power output is

$$\dot{m} = \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{out}}}{w_{\text{out}}} = \frac{5000 \text{ kJ/s}}{872.48 \text{ kJ/kg}} = \mathbf{5.73 \text{ kg/s}}$$

Example : Turbine

Discussion Two observations can be made from these results. First, the change in potential energy is insignificant in comparison to the changes in enthalpy and kinetic energy. This is typical for most engineering devices. Second, as a result of low pressure and thus high specific volume, the steam velocity at the turbine exit can be very high. Yet the change in kinetic energy is a small fraction of the change in enthalpy (less than 2 percent in our case) and is therefore often neglected.

Throttling valves :



(a) An adjustable valve



(b) A porous plug



(c) A capillary tube

Throttling valves are *any kind of flow-restricting devices* that cause a significant pressure drop in the fluid. Some familiar examples are ordinary adjustable valves, capillary tubes, and porous plugs.

Unlike turbines, they produce a pressure drop without involving any work. The pressure drop in the fluid is often accompanied by a *large drop in temperature*, and for that reason throttling devices are commonly used in refrigeration and air-conditioning applications. The magnitude of the temperature drop (or, sometimes, the temperature rise) during a throttling process is governed by a property called the *Joule-Thomson coefficient*. This property will be discussed later in the course.

Throttling valves :

Throttling valves are usually small devices, and the flow through them may be assumed to be adiabatic ($q \cong 0$) since there is neither sufficient time nor large enough area for any effective heat transfer to take place. Also, there is no work done ($w = 0$), and the change in potential energy, if any, is very small ($\Delta pe \cong 0$). Even though the exit velocity is often considerably higher than the inlet velocity, in many cases, the increase in kinetic energy is insignificant ($\Delta ke \cong 0$).

Thus neglecting the terms as described above, the first law equation reduces to

$$h_2 \cong h_1 \quad (\text{kJ/kg})$$

Throttling valves :

Refrigerant-134a enters the capillary tube of a refrigerator as saturated liquid at 0.8 MPa and is throttled to a pressure of 0.12 MPa. Determine the quality of the refrigerant at the final state and the temperature drop during this process.

SOLUTION Refrigerant-134a that enters a capillary tube as saturated liquid is throttled to a specified pressure. The exit quality of the refrigerant and the temperature drop are to be determined.

Assumptions 1 Heat transfer from the tube is negligible. 2 Kinetic energy change of the refrigerant is negligible.

Analysis A capillary tube is a simple flow-restricting device that is commonly used in refrigeration applications to cause a large pressure drop in the refrigerant. Flow through a capillary tube is a throttling process; thus, the enthalpy of the refrigerant remains constant (Fig. 5–34).

TABLE A-12

Saturated refrigerant-134a—Pressure table

Press., <i>P</i> kPa	Sat. temp., <i>T</i> _{sat} °C	Specific volume, m ³ /kg		Internal energy, kJ/kg			Enthalpy, kJ/kg			Entropy, kJ/kg·K		
		Sat. liquid, <i>v</i> _{<i>f</i>}	Sat. vapor, <i>v</i> _{<i>g</i>}	Sat. liquid, <i>u</i> _{<i>f</i>}	Evap., <i>u</i> _{<i>fg</i>}	Sat. vapor, <i>u</i> _{<i>g</i>}	Sat. liquid, <i>h</i> _{<i>f</i>}	Evap., <i>h</i> _{<i>fg</i>}	Sat. vapor, <i>h</i> _{<i>g</i>}	Sat. liquid, <i>s</i> _{<i>f</i>}	Evap., <i>s</i> _{<i>fg</i>}	Sat. vapor, <i>s</i> _{<i>g</i>}
60	−36.95	0.0007098	0.31121	3.798	205.32	209.12	3.841	223.95	227.79	0.01634	0.94807	0.96441
70	−33.87	0.0007144	0.26929	7.680	203.20	210.88	7.730	222.00	229.73	0.03267	0.92775	0.96042
80	−31.13	0.0007185	0.23753	11.15	201.30	212.46	11.21	220.25	231.46	0.04711	0.90999	0.95710
90	−28.65	0.0007223	0.21263	14.31	199.57	213.88	14.37	218.65	233.02	0.06008	0.89419	0.95427
100	−26.37	0.0007259	0.19254	17.21	197.98	215.19	17.28	217.16	234.44	0.07188	0.87995	0.95183
120	−22.32	0.0007324	0.16212	22.40	195.11	217.51	22.49	214.48	236.97	0.09275	0.85503	0.94779
140	−18.77	0.0007383	0.14014	26.98	192.57	219.54	27.08	212.08	239.16	0.11087	0.83368	0.94456
160	−15.60	0.0007437	0.12348	31.09	190.27	221.35	31.21	209.90	241.11	0.12693	0.81496	0.94190
180	−12.73	0.0007487	0.11041	34.83	188.16	222.99	34.97	207.90	242.86	0.14139	0.79826	0.93965
200	−10.09	0.0007533	0.099867	38.28	186.21	224.48	38.43	206.03	244.46	0.15457	0.78316	0.93773
800	31.31	0.0008458	0.025621	94.79	152.00	246.79	95.47	171.82	267.29	0.35404	0.56431	0.91835
850	33.45	0.0008520	0.024069	97.87	149.98	247.85	98.60	169.71	268.31	0.36413	0.55349	0.91762
900	35.51	0.0008580	0.022683	100.83	148.01	248.85	101.61	167.66	269.26	0.37377	0.54315	0.91692
950	37.48	0.0008641	0.021438	103.69	146.10	249.79	104.51	165.64	270.15	0.38301	0.53323	0.91624
1000	39.37	0.0008700	0.020313	106.45	144.23	250.68	107.32	163.67	270.99	0.39189	0.52368	0.91558
1200	46.29	0.0008934	0.016715	116.70	137.11	253.81	117.77	156.10	273.87	0.42441	0.48863	0.91303
1400	52.40	0.0009166	0.014107	125.94	130.43	256.37	127.22	148.90	276.12	0.45315	0.45734	0.91050

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Throttling valves :

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{At inlet:} \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} P_1 = 0.8 \text{ MPa} \\ \text{sat. liquid} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} T_1 = T_{\text{sat @ } 0.8 \text{ MPa}} = 31.31^\circ\text{C} \\ h_1 = h_{f @ 0.8 \text{ MPa}} = 95.48 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{array} \end{array} \quad (\text{Table A-12})$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{At exit:} \\ \begin{array}{l} P_2 = 0.12 \text{ MPa} \\ (h_2 = h_1) \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} h_f = 22.47 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ h_g = 236.99 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{array} \quad T_{\text{sat}} = -22.32^\circ\text{C} \end{array}$$

Obviously $h_f < h_2 < h_g$; thus, the refrigerant exists as a saturated mixture at the exit state. The quality at this state is

$$x_2 = \frac{h_2 - h_f}{h_{fg}} = \frac{95.48 - 22.47}{236.99 - 22.47} = \mathbf{0.340}$$

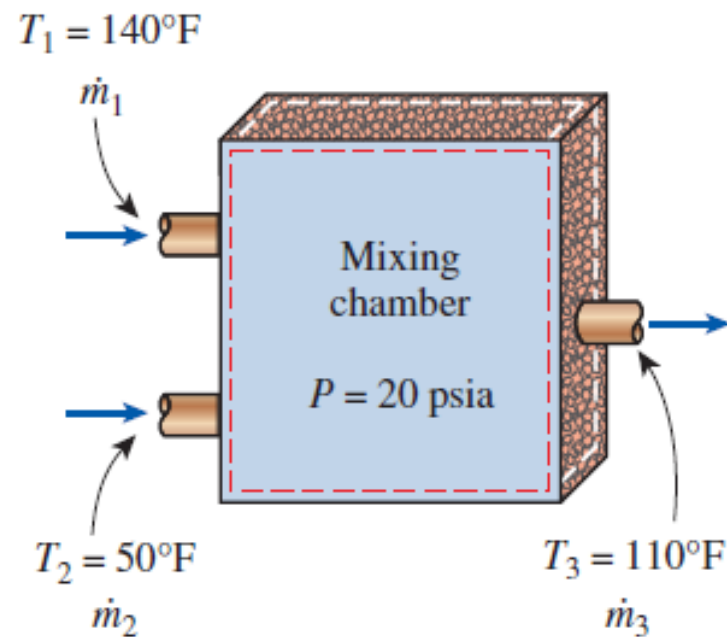
Since the exit state is a saturated mixture at 0.12 MPa, the exit temperature must be the saturation temperature at this pressure, which is -22.32°C . Then the temperature change for this process becomes

$$\Delta T = T_2 - T_1 = (-22.32 - 31.31)^\circ\text{C} = \mathbf{-53.63^\circ\text{C}}$$

Discussion Note that the temperature of the refrigerant drops by 53.63°C during this throttling process. Also note that 34.0 percent of the refrigerant vaporizes during this throttling process, and the energy needed to vaporize this refrigerant is absorbed from the refrigerant itself.

Mixing chambers : example

Consider an ordinary shower where hot water at 140°F is mixed with cold water at 50°F . If it is desired that a steady stream of warm water at 110°F be supplied, determine the ratio of the mass flow rates of the hot to cold water. Assume the heat losses from the mixing chamber to be negligible and the mixing to take place at a pressure of 20 psia.



Mixing chambers : example

SOLUTION In a shower, cold water is mixed with hot water at a specified temperature. For a specified mixture temperature, the ratio of the mass flow rates of the hot to cold water is to be determined.

Assumptions **1** This is a steady-flow process since there is no change with time at any point and thus $\Delta m_{cv} = 0$ and $\Delta E_{cv} = 0$. **2** The kinetic and potential energies are negligible, $ke \equiv pe \equiv 0$. **3** Heat losses from the system are negligible and thus $\dot{Q} \equiv 0$. **4** There is no work interaction involved.

Analysis We take the *mixing chamber* as the system (Fig. 5–36). This is a *control volume* since mass crosses the system boundary during the process. We observe that there are two inlets and one exit.

Under the stated assumptions and observations, the mass and energy balances for this steady-flow system can be expressed in the rate form as follows:

Mass balance:

$$\dot{m}_{in} = \dot{m}_{out} \rightarrow \dot{m}_1 + \dot{m}_2 = \dot{m}_3$$

Mixing chambers : example

Energy balance:

$$\dot{m}_1 h_1 + \dot{m}_2 h_2 = \dot{m}_3 h_3 \quad (\text{since } \dot{Q} \cong 0, \dot{W} = 0, \text{ke} \cong \text{pe} \cong 0)$$

Combining the mass and energy balances,

$$\dot{m}_1 h_1 + \dot{m}_2 h_2 = (\dot{m}_1 + \dot{m}_2) h_3$$

Dividing this equation by \dot{m}_2 yields

$$y h_1 + h_2 = (y + 1) h_3$$

where $y = \dot{m}_1/\dot{m}_2$ is the desired mass flow rate ratio.

The saturation temperature of water at 20 psia is 227.92°F. Since the temperatures of all three streams are below this value ($T < T_{\text{sat}}$), the water in all three streams exists as a compressed liquid. A compressed liquid can be approximated as a saturated liquid at the given temperature.

Mixing chambers : example

Energy balance:

Thus,

$$h_1 \cong h_{f@140^\circ\text{F}} = 107.99 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$h_2 \cong h_{f@50^\circ\text{F}} = 18.07 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$h_3 \cong h_{f@110^\circ\text{F}} = 78.02 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

Solving for y and substituting yields

$$y = \frac{h_3 - h_2}{h_1 - h_3} = \frac{78.02 - 18.07}{107.99 - 78.02} = 2.0$$

Discussion Note that the mass flow rate of the hot water must be twice the mass flow rate of the cold water for the mixture to leave at 110°F.