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Thermodynamics  
EXAM AREA

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1(a) Using the Gibbs Equations and the Maxwell Relations below, derive a general differential for the enthalpy in terms of the pressure and temperature. In your derivation, please identify and explain each step. The result should be of the form,

$$dh = \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial T} \right)_P dT + \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial P} \right)_T dP$$

1(b) The coefficient of  $dT$  in the preceding equation is better known by what name and symbol?

1(c) Using the equation derived above, show that the enthalpy of an ideal gas depends only on the temperature.

1(d) Using the result from Parts 2 and 3, derive the formula for the enthalpy of an ideal gas with constant specific heat in terms of  $T$  and  $P$ .

1(e) Explain in physical terms why the enthalpy does not depend on the pressure. Your explanation should refer to the internal energy as well.

1(f) Using the appropriate Gibbs equation derive the integral equation for the entropy of an ideal gas as a function of temperature and pressure. This equation is of the form,

$$s = s(T, P)$$

Why are the previous results important in this derivation?

Table 1. The Gibbs Equations

$$dU = TdS - PdV$$

$$dH = TdS + VdP$$

$$dA = -SdT - PdV$$

$$dG = -SdT + VdP$$

Table 2. The Maxwell Relations

$$\left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial V} \right)_{S, N_k} = - \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial S} \right)_{V, N_k}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial P} \right)_{S, N_k} = \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} \right)_{P, N_k}$$

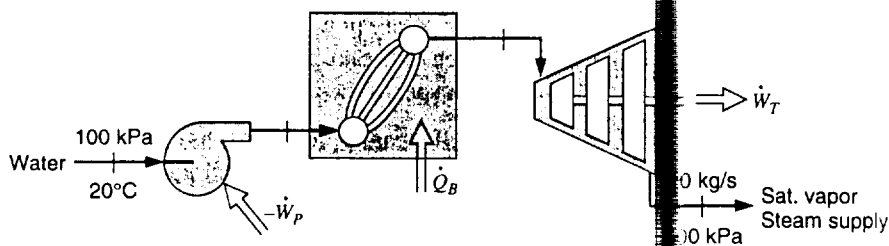
$$\left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_{T, N_k} = \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_{V, N_k}$$

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2. A 10 kg/s steady supply of saturated-vapor steam at 500 kPa is required for drying a wood chip in a paper mill. You are to compare two alternative systems for producing this saturated vapor. One is a conventional system using a water pump to pump water to a steam generator (boiler) which exits the boiler at the required steam supply condition, i.e., 500 kPa, saturated vapor.

The second uses co-generation. In this system, the required steam supply will be the exhaust steam turbine as shown below. In this co-generation system, water at 20°C, 100 kPa, is pumped to a pressure of 5 MPa and then fed to a steam generator (boiler) and then to a steam turbine which exhausts at the required conditions. In both systems the isentropic efficiency of the pump is 85% and in the co-generation system, that of the turbine is 85%. The pump and turbine are adiabatic.

- What is the difference in the heat transfer rate required by the steam generator between the two systems?
- What is the difference in the net power between the two systems?
- What is the fraction of additional heat required by the co-generation system that is converted to net work by the co-generation system; i.e., the ratio of the additional net work calculated in b) divided by the additional heat required calculated in a)?



3. An adiabatic compressor is used to fill a  $0.5 \text{ m}^3$  rigid tank with atmospheric air (101 kPa). Initially, the air in the tank is at 101 kPa,  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . The filling process of the tank is isothermal. The desired final pressure in the tank is 1000 kPa, what will be the minimum input work of the compressor?

4. A tank having a volume of 5 cubic feet contains initially nitrogen gas at 11 atm and 70F. It develops a slow leak and, after a long time, the pressure drops to 5 atm. Assume that the nitrogen is an ideal gas. Assume the contents in the tank remain isothermal during the process.
- (a) Determine the mass of the nitrogen which escapes from the tank.
- (b) Determine the heat transfer, in BTU, through the tank walls.