

CHE260: Thermodynamics Midterm

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1 Basic Thermodynamics

- The ideal gas law

$$PV = mRT \quad (1)$$

- The first law of thermodynamics applies to **closed systems only**:

$$U = Q + W \quad (2)$$

- For an ideal gas,

$$c_p = c_v + R \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta u = c_v \Delta T \quad (4)$$

$$\Delta h = c_p \Delta T \quad (5)$$

- For a liquid or solid

$$\Delta h = c \Delta T + v \Delta P \quad (6)$$

- For a control volume

$$\dot{m} = \rho AV \quad (7)$$

$$\dot{Q} + \dot{W} = \dot{m} \quad (8)$$

and we get the energy rate balance

$$\left(\Delta h + \frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{2} + g \Delta z \right) \quad (9)$$

- At steady state, we have

$$\dot{m}_{\text{in}} = \dot{m}_{\text{out}} \quad (10)$$

- The work done in a polytropic process $(PV)^n = \text{constant}$ is

$$W_{12} = \begin{cases} P_1 V_1 \ln \frac{V_1}{V_2} & n = 1 \\ \frac{P_2 V_2 - P_1 V_1}{n - 1} & \neq 1 \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

2 Entropy

- Entropy can be defined as

$$dS = \frac{dQ}{T} + dS_{\text{gen}} \quad (12)$$

- Entropy can also be defined statistically to be

$$S = k_B \ln \Omega \quad (13)$$

where k_B is Boltzmann's constant and Ω is the number of microstates.

- The change in entropy of an ideal gas with constant specific is given by (all three are equivalent):

$$\Delta s = c_v \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{v_1}{v_2} \quad (14)$$

$$\Delta s = c_v \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1} + c_p \ln \frac{v_2}{v_1} \quad (15)$$

$$\Delta s = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1} \quad (16)$$

$$\Delta s = s_2^\circ - s_1^\circ - R \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1} \quad (17)$$

where s_2°, s_1° are standard specific enthalpy values that can be searched up using a table.

- For an adiabatic and isentropic process, the quantity Pv^γ is constant.
- We can perform an entropy rate balance. We have,

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \dot{S}_{in} - \dot{S}_{out} = \dot{S}_{gen} \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \sum \frac{\dot{Q}}{T} + \sum \dot{m}_{in} s_{in} - \sum \dot{m}_{out} s_{out} + \dot{S}_{gen}. \quad (19)$$

At steady state, $\frac{dS}{dt} = 0$.

- We can write Gibb's Equation in the following forms

$$T ds = du + P dv \quad (20)$$

$$T ds = dh - v dP \quad (21)$$

- Turbine efficiency:

$$\eta_{\text{turbine}} = \frac{h_2 - h_1}{h_{2s} - h_1} \quad (22)$$

and compressor efficiency:

$$\eta_{\text{compressor}} = \frac{h_{2s} - h_1}{h_s - h_1} \quad (23)$$

Remember that turbines create energy so they want to maximize work. Compressors focus on compression using the least amount of work.

- For an isentropic and incompressible process (isothermal), we get Bernoulli's equation:

$$\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{v^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant} \quad (24)$$

3 Phase Change

- The Clapeyron Equation gives

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{h_{fg}}{T(v_g - v_f)} \quad (25)$$

where $h_{fg} \equiv h_g - h_f$. Assuming an ideal gas, we get the Clausius-Clapeyron equation:

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{h_{fg}P}{RT^2} \quad (26)$$

- For phase equilibrium, Gibb's equation becomes

$$s_g - s_f = \frac{h_g - h_f}{T} \quad (27)$$

since pressure and temperature are constant for a system in equilibrium.

- The saturation pressure can be written as

$$P_{\text{sat}} = C \exp\left(-\frac{h_{fg}}{RT_{\text{sat}}}\right) \quad (28)$$

- The quality of a mixture is defined as

$$x = \frac{\text{mass of vapour}}{\text{mass of mixture}} = \frac{m_g}{m} \quad (29)$$

- Suppose ξ is an intensive quantity. The intensive quantity ξ of a mixture is

$$\xi = \xi_f + x(\xi_g - \xi_f) \quad (30)$$

4 Heat Engines

- The thermal efficiency of a heat engine is

$$\eta_{\text{th}} = \frac{W_{\text{net}}}{Q_{\text{in}}} \quad (31)$$

- The thermal efficiency of a carnot engine is

$$\eta_{\text{th,carnot}} = 1 - \frac{Q_C}{Q_H} = 1 - \frac{T_C}{T_H} \quad (32)$$

- The coefficient of performance of a refrigerator is

$$COP_R = \frac{Q_C}{W_{\text{net}}} = \frac{1}{T_H/T_C - 1} \quad (33)$$

and the coefficient of performance of a heat pump is

$$COP_{HP} = \frac{Q_H}{W_{\text{net}}} = \frac{1}{1 - T_C/T_H} \quad (34)$$

- For cyclic cycles, $\Delta U = 0$, so the work that an engine does is $W = Q_h - Q_c$.