

Engineering Thermodynamics I

Lecture 10

Entropy

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Lecture learning outcomes:

At the end of this lecture, you will be able to:

- i. Learn how entropy varies in phase transitions (melting, vaporization) and how to calculate entropy changes using thermodynamic tables.
- ii. Gain insights into why entropy changes in liquid and solid phases are generally small and how they can be estimated using heat capacity relationships.
- iii. Explore the fundamental equations governing entropy change in ideal gases, considering isothermal and adiabatic processes.
- iv. Analyze real-world irreversible and reversible processes to determine whether a system obeys the Clausius inequality.
- v. Develop problem-solving techniques for entropy calculations, including identifying system boundaries, choosing appropriate formulas, and interpreting results.
- vi. Apply entropy principles to real-world engineering processes, such as power cycles, refrigeration cycles, and irreversible heat transfer.

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Summary

References

1. Entropy Change of Pure Substances

- For **pure substances**, entropy change occurs during phase transitions, heating, cooling, and expansion or compression processes.
- For **pure substances** (e.g., water, ideal gases), entropy changes depend on:
 - Temperature (T)
 - Pressure (P)
 - Phase (solid, liquid, vapor)
- When a pure substance undergoes **melting, vaporization,** or **sublimation**, its entropy increases due to greater molecular disorder [1].

1. Entropy Change of Pure Substances

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- The value of entropy at a specified state is determined just like any other property.
- In the **compressed liquid** and **superheated vapor** regions, the values can be directly retrieved from the thermodynamic tables corresponding to the specified state.
- In the **saturated mixture** region, they are determined using interpolation based on quality and phase equilibrium data.

$$s = s_f + x s_{fg} \quad \frac{kJ}{kgK}$$

$$s_{@T,P} \cong s_{f@T}$$

$$\Delta S = m(s_2 - s_1)$$

1. Entropy Change of Pure Substances

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- Entropy change for compressed liquid, saturated liquid-vapor mixture and superheated regions of pure substances:

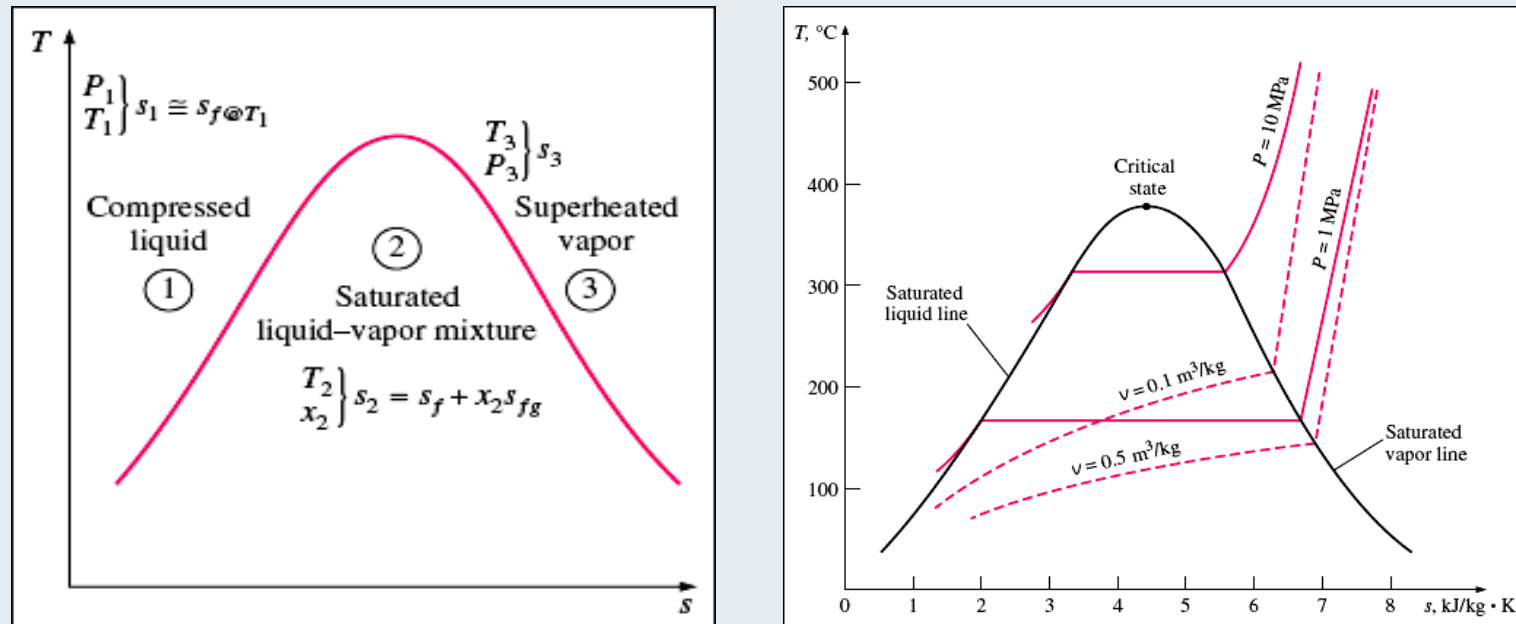


Figure 1: Entropy change of pure substances

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1. Entropy Change of Pure Substances

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Example:

Steam undergoes an isothermal expansion in a piston-cylinder device. Initially, it is at 2 MPa and 300°C, and it expands until its pressure drops to 500 kPa. Determine the entropy change per unit mass of the steam.

Given:

$$P_1 = 2\text{MPa}, T_1 = 300^\circ\text{C}$$

$$P_2 = 500\text{kPa}, T_2 = 300^\circ\text{C} \text{ (Isothermal Process)}$$

Using steam tables for superheated steam at **2MPa** and **300°C**,

the initial entropy s_1 is: $s_1 = 6.7803 \text{ kJ/kg K}$

1. Entropy Change of Pure Substances

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- The final entropy s_2 can be determined for superheated steam at **500kPa** and **300°C** for an isothermal process:

$$s_2 = 7.7210 \text{ kJ/kg K}$$

Therefore, the **entropy change** can be:

$$\Delta s = s_2 - s_1$$

$$\Delta s = 7.7210 - 6.7803$$

$$\Delta s = \mathbf{0.9407 \text{ kJ/kg K}}$$

2. Isentropic Processes

- An **isentropic process** is a thermodynamic process in which entropy remains constant throughout.
- This occurs when a system undergoes a process that is **adiabatic** (no heat transfer), and **reversible** (no friction or dissipation effects).

Characteristics of Isentropic Processes

- **No Heat Transfer:** The process is purely energy-based, with work interactions but no heat exchange.
- **Reversible:** The system experiences no irreversibilities such as friction, turbulence, or non-equilibrium effects.
- **Constant Entropy:** Since the process is reversible and adiabatic, entropy remains unchanged.

2. Isentropic Processes

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- Then it follows that the entropy of a fixed mass does not change during a process that is internally **reversible** and **adiabatic**.

$$\Delta S = 0$$

$$S_2 = S_1$$

- Isentropic processes provide an essential foundation for studying **idealized thermodynamic cycles**, improving energy efficiency, and analyzing real-world engineering systems [2].
- Though real processes contain some irreversibilities, the isentropic assumption serves as a useful approximation for many applications.

2. Isentropic Processes

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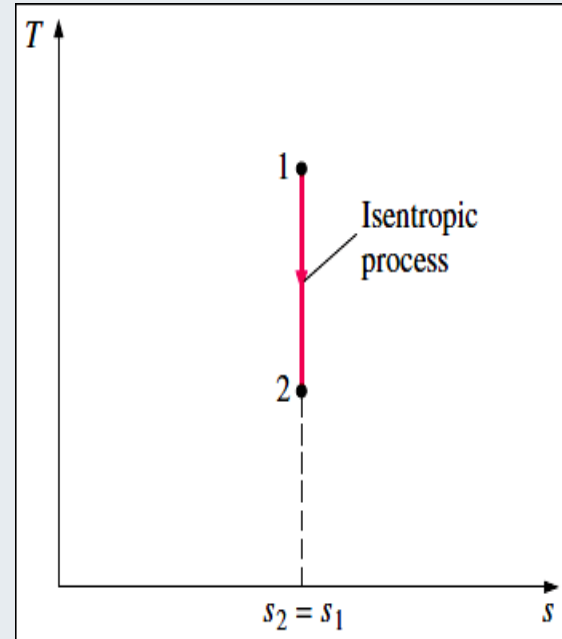
Applications of Isentropic Processes

- **Gas Turbines & Compressors:** Idealized models for power generation and refrigeration cycles assume isentropic compression and expansion.
- **Nozzles & Diffusers:** High-speed gas flow through nozzles and diffusers is often modeled as isentropic to simplify calculations.
- **Idealized Adiabatic Expansion:** Used in thermodynamic cycles such as the Carnot cycle and Rankine cycle.

2. Isentropic Processes

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- The T-s diagram of isentropic processes



3. The Tds Relations

- **Tds (Temperature-Differential Entropy)** relations are fundamental equations in thermodynamics that describe the relationship between temperature, entropy, and other properties such as pressure and volume [3].
- These equations provide a way to express entropy changes in terms of measurable quantities.
- The differential form of the **conservation of energy equation** for a closed stationary system containing a simple compressible substance can be expressed for an internally reversible process as:

$$\delta Q_{Int,rev} - \delta W_{Int,rev} = dU$$

3. The Tds Relations

- From first law of thermodynamics for closed stationary systems,

$$\delta Q_{Int,rev} - \delta W_{Int,rev} = dU$$

But, $\delta Q_{Int,rev} = TdS$ and, $\delta W_{Int,rev} = PdV$

Therefore,

$$TdS = dU + PdV$$

Per unit mass basis,

$$Tds = du + Pdv \quad \frac{kJ}{kg}$$

- This equation is known as **the first Tds**, or **Gibbs equation**.

3. The Tds Relations

$$ds = \frac{du}{T} + \frac{Pdv}{T}$$

- The **second Tds equation** is obtained by eliminating du from above equation by using the definition of enthalpy $h = u + Pv$:

$$h = u + Pv$$

$$dh = du + Pdv + vdP$$

$$Tds = dh - vdP$$

$$ds = \frac{dh}{T} - \frac{vdP}{T}$$

4. Entropy Change of Liquids and Solids

- Unlike gases, liquids and solids exhibit **minimal volume changes** when subjected to temperature variations or pressure changes.
- They are often approximated as **incompressible substances**, meaning their specific volume remains nearly constant.
- Because of their stable molecular arrangement, entropy change in liquids and solids is predominantly influenced by **temperature** variations rather than pressure.

4. Entropy Change of Liquids and Solids

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Thus, $dv \cong 0$ for liquids and solids,

$$ds = \frac{du}{T} + \frac{Pdv}{T}$$

$$ds = \frac{du}{T} = \frac{cdT}{T}$$

Since $C_p = C_v = C$ and $dU = CdT$ for incompressible substances. Then the entropy change during a process is determined by integration to be:

$$S_2 - S_1 = \int_1^2 c(T) \frac{dT}{T} \cong c_{avg} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} \quad \text{kJ/kg K}$$

4. Entropy Change of Liquids and Solids

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Example:

A 5 kg copper block is heated from 25°C to 150°C at atmospheric pressure. The specific heat capacity of copper is $C_p = 0.385$ kJ/kg·K. Determine the entropy change of the copper block.

Given:

Mass of copper: $m = 5\text{ kg}$

$$T_1 = 25^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 298\text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 150^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 423\text{ K}$$

$$C_p = 0.385\text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}$$

4. Entropy Change of Liquids and Solids

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Solution:

For solids and liquids, the entropy change can be determined:

$$\Delta S = mc_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

$$\Delta S = (5\text{kg})(0.385 \text{ kJ/kg K}) \ln \frac{423}{298}$$

$$\Delta S = (1.925) \ln(1.419)$$

$$\Delta S = (1.925)(0.350)$$

$$\Delta S = \mathbf{0.674 \text{ kJ/K}}$$

4. Entropy Change of Ideal Gases

- For an ideal gas, entropy change is influenced by variations in **temperature** and **volume** or **pressure**. The general expression for entropy change is:

$$dS = \frac{dQ_{rev}}{T}$$

- Using the first law of thermodynamics and the definition of specific heat capacity,

$$Tds = C_v dT + PdV$$

Or, $Tds = C_p dT - VdP$

4. Entropy Change of Ideal Gases

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From **the first Tds relation** (Gibbs equation),

$$Tds = du + PdV$$

$$ds = \frac{du}{T} + \frac{Pdv}{T}$$

$$du = C_v dT, \text{ and } P = RT/v$$

$$ds = C_v dT + R \frac{dv}{v}$$

$$s_2 - s_1 = \int_1^2 C_v(T) \frac{dT}{T} + R \ln \frac{v_2}{v_1}$$

$$s_2 - s_1 = C_{v,avg} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{v_2}{v_1} \quad (\text{kJ/kg K})$$

4. Entropy Change of Ideal Gases

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From the second Tds relation,

$$Tds = dh - vdP$$

$$ds = \frac{dh}{T} - \frac{vdP}{T}$$

$$dh = C_p dT, \text{ and } v = RT/P$$

$$ds = C_p dT - R \frac{dP}{P}$$

$$s_2 - s_1 = \int_1^2 C_p(T) \frac{dT}{T} - R \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

$$s_2 - s_1 = C_{p,avg} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1} \quad (\text{kJ/kg K})$$

5. Isentropic Processes of Ideal Gases

- For ideal gases, the entropy change can be determined by:

$$s_2 - s_1 = C_{v,avg} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{v_2}{v_1} \quad (\text{kJ/kg K})$$

$$s_2 - s_1 = C_{p,avg} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1} \quad (\text{kJ/kg K})$$

For an **isentropic process**, $s_2 - s_1 = \Delta S = 0$

From the above relations,

$$\ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \ln \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2} \right)^{R/C_v}$$

5. Isentropic Processes of Ideal Gases

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$$\text{Since } R = C_P - C_v, \quad K = \frac{C_P}{C_v}$$

$$s_2 - s_1 = C_{v,avg} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{v_2}{v_1} \quad (\text{kJ/kg K})$$

$$\text{And thus, } \frac{R}{C_v} = K - 1$$

$$s_2 - s_1 = C_{P,avg} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1} \quad (\text{kJ/kg K})$$

$$\left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)_{s=\text{const}} = \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2}\right)^{k-1} \quad \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)_{s=\text{const}} = \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2}\right)^k \quad \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)_{s=\text{const}} = \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)^{(k-1)/k}$$

$$T v^{k-1} = \text{constant}$$

$$T P^{(1-k)/k} = \text{constant}$$

$$P v^k = \text{constant}$$

5. Isentropic Processes of Ideal Gases

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Example:

An ideal gas undergoes an isentropic expansion from an initial state of 500 kPa and 400 K to a final pressure of 100 kPa. The gas has a constant specific heat ratio (k) of 1.4. Determine the final temperature and the entropy change per unit mass of the gas.

Given:

$$P_1 = 500 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T_1 = 400 \text{ K}$$

$$P_2 = 100 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\text{Specific heat ratio: } k = 1.4$$

5. Isentropic Processes of Ideal Gases

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The entropy change of an ideal gas can be determined:

$$\Delta S = C_{P,avg} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

Since it's an isentropic process,

$$\left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)_{s=const} = \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{(k-1)/k}$$

Substituting values,

$$T_2 = 400 \times \left(\frac{100}{500} \right)^{(1.4-1)/1.4} = 400 \times (0.2)^{0.2857} = \mathbf{229.6 \text{ K}}$$

Since the process is isentropic, entropy remains constant,

$$\text{so } \Delta s = \mathbf{0}$$

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

- Now we extend the analysis to discrete engineering devices working under **steady-flow conditions**, such as **turbines**, **compressors**, and **nozzles**, and we examine the degree of degradation of energy in these devices as a result of irreversibilities.
- However, first we need to define an **ideal process** that serves as a model for the **actual processes**.
- Thus, the ideal process that can serve as a suitable model for adiabatic steady-flow devices is the **isentropic** process [4].

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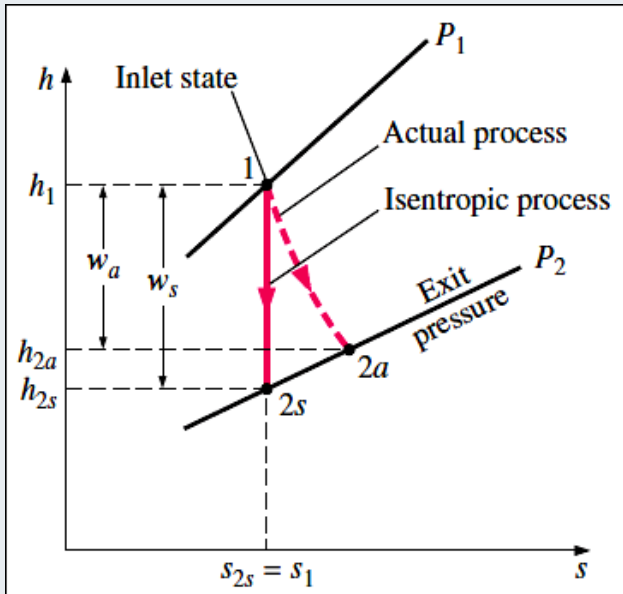
- The more closely the actual process approximates the idealized isentropic process, the better the device performs [5].
- Thus, it would be desirable to have a parameter that expresses quantitatively how efficiently an actual device approximates an idealized one.
- This parameter is the **isentropic** or **adiabatic efficiency**, which is a measure of the deviation of actual processes from the corresponding idealized ones.

1. Isentropic Efficiency of Turbines

- The desired output of a turbine is the work produced, and the **isentropic efficiency** of a turbine is defined as the ratio of the **actual work output** of the turbine to the **work output** that would be achieved if the process between the inlet state and the exit pressure were **isentropic** [6]:

$$\eta_T = \frac{\text{Actual Turbine Work}}{\text{Isentropic Turbine Work}} = \frac{w_a}{w_s}$$

Isentropic Efficiency of Turbines



$$\eta_T \cong \frac{h_1 - h_{2a}}{h_1 - h_{2s}}$$

- Well-designed, large turbines have isentropic efficiencies above **90 percent**.
- For small turbines, however, it may drop even below **70 percent**.

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

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Example:

Steam enters a turbine at 3 MPa and 600°C, and expands isentropically to 10 kPa. However, due to irreversibilities, the actual exit temperature is 50°C. Determine the isentropic efficiency of the turbine.

Given:

Initial State:

$$P_1 = 3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$T_1 = 600^\circ\text{C}$$

From steam tables for superheated steam at 3 MPa

$$\text{and } 600^\circ\text{C}, h_1 = 3656.1 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Final State:

$$P_2 = 10 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T_{2a} = 50^\circ\text{C}$$

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

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For isentropic expansion, let's check the entropy at state 1:

$$s_1 = 7.0227 \text{ kJ/kg K}$$

At 10 kPa, we use the saturated steam tables, the entropy for saturated vapor at 10kPa is:

$$s_g = 7.3595 \text{ kJ/kg K}$$

Since $s_1 < s_g$, the steam is a mixture at the exit.

Therefore, the quality x is found from: $s_1 = s_f + x s_{fg}$

$$x = \frac{s_1 - s_f}{s_g - s_f}$$

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

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Where:

$$s_{f@10kPa} = 0.6492 \text{ kJ/kg K} \quad s_{g@10kPa} = 7.3595 \text{ kJ/kg K}$$

Therefore,

$$x = \frac{7.0227 - 0.6492}{7.3595 - 0.6492} = 0.95$$

Now using enthalpy formula for a mixture:

$$h_{2s} = h_f + x(h_g - h_f)$$

Where,

$$h_{f@10kPa} = 191.81 \text{ kJ/kg} \quad h_{g@10kPa} = 2556.3 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$h_{2s} = 191.81 + 0.95(2556.3 - 191.81)$$

$$h_{2s} = 2438.08 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

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- To find the actual exit enthalpy,

From steam tables for saturated liquid at 50°C:

$$h_{2a} = 209.3 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

To calculate the isentropic efficiency,

$$\eta_T = \frac{h_1 - h_{2a}}{h_1 - h_{2s}} = \frac{3656.1 - 209.3}{3656.1 - 2438.08}$$

$$\eta_T = \mathbf{0.92 = 92\%}$$

2. Isentropic Efficiencies of Compressors and Pumps

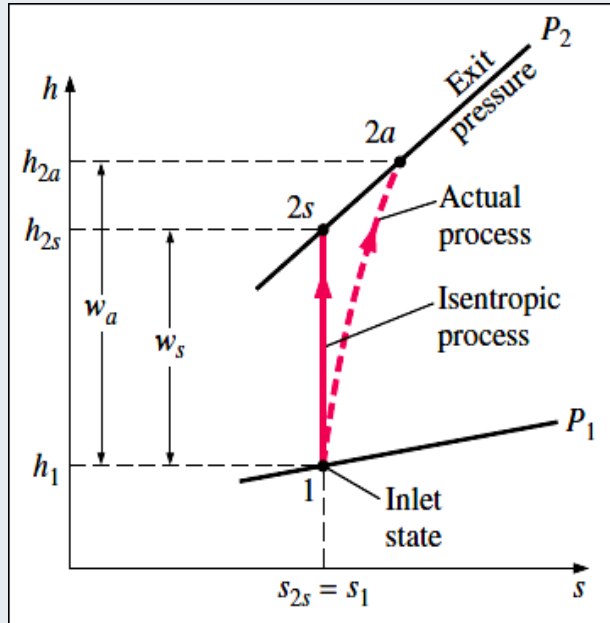
- The isentropic efficiency of a compressor is defined as the ratio of the **work input** required to **raise the pressure of a gas** to a specified value in an isentropic manner to the **actual work input** [6]:

$$\eta_c = \frac{\text{Isentropic Compressor Work}}{\text{Actual Compressor Work}} = \frac{w_s}{w_a}$$

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

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Isentropic Efficiencies of Compressors and Pumps



$$\eta_c \cong \frac{h_{2s} - h_1}{h_{2a} - h_1}$$

$$\eta_P = \frac{w_s}{w_a} = \frac{v(P_2 - P_1)}{h_{2a} - h_1}$$

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

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Example:

An air compressor takes in air at 100 kPa and 300 K and compresses it to 800 kPa. The process is adiabatic, and the exit temperature is 550 K. The specific heat ratio of air is 1.4, and the specific gas constant R is 0.287 kJ/kg·K. Determine the isentropic efficiency of the compressor.

Given:

Inlet state:

$$P_1 = 100 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T_1 = 300 \text{ K}$$

Final State:

$$P_2 = 800 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T_{2a} = 550 \text{ K}$$

Specific heat ratio: $k = 1.4$

Gas constant, $R = 0.287 \text{ kJ/kg K}$

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

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The isentropic exit temperature, T_{2s} ,

For isentropic compression, we use the relation:

$$T_{2s} = T_1 \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{(k-1)/k}$$

Substituting values, $T_{2s} = 300 \left(\frac{800}{100} \right)^{(1.4-1)/1.4} = 526.5 \text{ K}$

The isentropic efficiency of the compressor is given by:

$$\eta_c = \frac{T_{2s} - T_1}{T_{2a} - T_1} = \frac{526.5 - 300}{550 - 300}$$

$$\eta_c = 0.906 = 90.6\%$$

3. Isentropic Efficiency of Nozzles

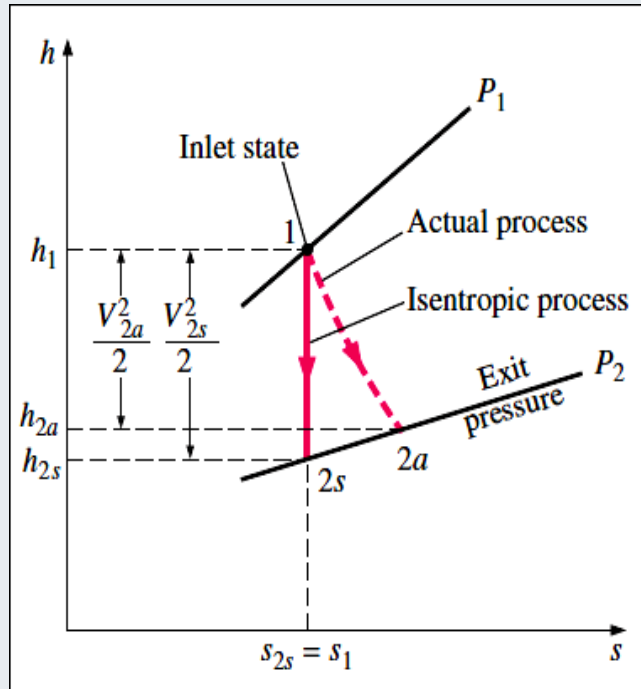
- The isentropic efficiency of a nozzle is defined as the ratio of the **actual kinetic energy** of the fluid at the nozzle exit to the **kinetic energy value at the exit** of an isentropic nozzle for the same inlet state and exit pressure [6].

$$\eta_N = \frac{\text{Actual KE at Nozzle Exit}}{\text{Isentropic KE at Nozzle Exit}} = \frac{V_{2a}^2}{V_{2s}^2}$$

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

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Isentropic Efficiency of Nozzles



$$h_1 = h_{2a} + \frac{V_{2a}^2}{2}$$

$$\eta_N \cong \frac{h_1 - h_{2a}}{h_1 - h_{2s}}$$

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

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Example:

Air enters a nozzle at 600 kPa and 450 K with a velocity of 30 m/s . It expands isentropically to 100 kPa . The actual exit velocity is 500 m/s . Assuming ideal gas behavior with $C_P = 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg K}$ and $k = 1.4$, determine the isentropic efficiency of the nozzle.

Given:

Inlet state:

$$P_1 = 600 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T_1 = 450 \text{ K}$$

$$\vec{V}_1 = 30 \text{ m/s}$$

Final state:

$$P_2 = 100 \text{ kPa} \quad C_P = 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg K}$$

$$\vec{V}_{2a} = 500 \text{ m/s} \quad k = 1.4$$

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

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Solution:

The isentropic exit temperature, T_{2s}

For an isentropic expansion, we use the temperature relation:

$$T_{2s} = T_1 \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{(k-1)/k} = 450 \left(\frac{100}{600} \right)^{(1.4-1)/1.4}$$

$$T_{2s} = 325.8K$$

To find the isentropic exit velocity,

$$\frac{V_{2s}^2}{2} = C_P(T_1 - T_{2s}) + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = (1.005 \times 10^3)(450 - 325.8) + \frac{30^2}{2}$$

Solving for \vec{V}_2 ,

$$\vec{V}_{2s} = 500.64 \text{ m/s}$$

6. Isentropic Efficiencies of Steady-Flow Devices

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To calculate the isentropic efficiency of a nozzle,

$$\eta_N = \frac{V_{2a}^2 - V_1^2}{V_{2s}^2 - V_1^2}$$

Substituting values,

$$\eta_N = \frac{500^2 - 30^2}{500.64^2 - 30^2}$$

$$\eta_N = 0.998 = 99.8\%$$

Summary

- Entropy quantifies system disorder and phase changes involve significant entropy variations, with entropy increasing during vaporization and decreasing during condensation.
- Isentropic Processes are idealized reversible adiabatic processes where entropy remains constant, commonly seen in turbines, compressors, and nozzles.
- For incompressible substances, such as Liquids and Solids, entropy change depends primarily on temperature.
- The entropy change in an ideal gas depends on variations in temperature and pressure.
- Isentropic efficiencies of steady-flow devices measures how closely a real device approaches an ideal isentropic process, typically expressed as a ratio of actual to isentropic performance.

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