THERMODYNAMICS

ENTROPY CHANGE AND ISENTROPIC PROCESSES

Heat Transfer as the Area under a T-S Curve

For the reversible process, the equation for dS implies that

$$dS = \frac{\delta Q_{net}}{T}$$
$$\delta Q_{net} = TdS$$

or the incremental heat transfer in a process is the product of the temperature and the differential of the entropy, the differential area under the process curve plotted on the T-S diagram.

In the above figure, the heat transfer in an internally reversible process is shown as the area under the process curve plotted on the T-S diagram.



Entropy as a Property

Entropy is a property, and it can be expressed in terms of more familiar properties. On a unit mass basis we obtain the first *Tds* equation, or Gibbs equation, as

$$Tds = du + Pdv$$

Recall that the enthalpy is related to the internal energy by h = u + Pv. Using this relation in the above equation, the second *Tds* equation is

$$T\,ds = dh - v\,dP$$

The temperature-entropy and enthalpy-entropy diagrams for water are shown below.



Entropy Change and Isentropic Processes

The *entropy-change* and *isentropic relations* for a process can be summarized as follows:

1. Pure substances:

Any process: $\Delta s = s_2 - s_1 (kJ/kg\cdot K)$ Isentropic process: $s_2 = s_1$

2. Incompressible substances (Liquids and Solids):

$$ds = \frac{du}{T} + \frac{P}{T}dv$$

The change in internal energy and volume for an incompressible substance is

$$du = C \, dT$$
$$dv \cong 0$$

The entropy change now becomes

$$ds = \frac{C \, dT}{T} + 0$$
$$\Delta s = \int_{1}^{2} \frac{C(T) \, dT}{T}$$

If the specific heat for the incompressible substance is constant ($C_v = C_p = C_{av}$), then the entropy change is

Any process:

$$s_2 - s_1 = C_{av} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

Isentropic process:

$$T_2 = T_1$$

3. Ideal gases:

Assuming constant specific heats (approximate treatment):

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

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

Isentropic process:

$$\left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)_{s = const.} = \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2}\right)^{k-1}$$

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

$$\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)_{s = const.} = \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2}\right)^k$$