

Chapter 8 — Entropy Production and Accounting

1. Define, illustrate, and explain the following terms and concepts:

Second Law of Thermodynamics

Reversible processes

internally *reversible* vs internally *irreversible*

Entropy

units: kJ/K ; Btu/°R

specific entropy: s

units: kJ/(K kg); Btu/(°R lbm)

Thermodynamic temperature

Application of Accounting Principle for Entropy

rate of accumulation of entropy within the system

amount of entropy within the system: $S_{sys} = \int_V s \rho dV$

transport rate of entropy across system boundaries

transport rate of entropy by heat transfer: $\sum \frac{\dot{Q}_j}{T_{b,j}}$

transport rate of entropy by mass flow: $\sum_{in} \dot{m}_i s_i - \sum_{out} \dot{m}_e s_e$

production/consumption of entropy

EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE ---- Entropy can only be produced and in the limit of an internally reversible process entropy is conserved.

Rate of entropy production:

$$\dot{S}_{gen} \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{Internally irreversible} \\ = 0 & \text{Internally reversible} \end{cases}$$

Accounting Equation for Entropy

rate form:
$$\frac{dS_{sys}}{dt} = \sum \frac{\dot{Q}_j}{T_{b,j}} + \sum_{in} \dot{m}_i s_i - \sum_{out} \dot{m}_e s_e + \dot{S}_{gen}$$

Carnot Efficiency for a Power Cycle

Isentropic Process

2. Apply the accounting equation for entropy in conjunction with the conservation of energy equation to calculate the entropy generation rate or entropy generation for a steady-state device or cycle.

3. Given sufficient information, determine the specific entropy change Δs for a substance when one of the following models apply:
 - Ideal gas with room-temperature specific heats
 - Incompressible substance with room-temperature specific heats
4. Apply the entropy accounting equation in conjunction with the conservation of energy equation to calculate the entropy generation or the entropy generation rate for a system when all other necessary information is known
5. Apply the accounting equation for entropy in conjunction with the conservation of energy equation to determine the theoretical “best” performance, i.e. theoretical maximum thermal efficiency or coefficient of performance for a cycle.
6. Determine if a specific device or system is operating in a reversible fashion, an irreversible fashion, or is not physically possible.
7. Evaluate the performance of a device or system when it is operating in an internally reversible fashion.