

Problem 2 (20 points)

A modified Brayton cycle with ideal intercooling and reheating is supplied with atmospheric air at 100 kPa. Use the air-standard assumption with variable specific heats* and the given design parameters in table 2.1 to complete the following tasks.

- (5 points) Draw the T-s diagram
- (10 points) Calculate q_{in} and w_{net} (kJ/kg) for the cycle.
- (5 points) Calculate the cycle's thermal efficiency

**If you solve this problem using constant specific heats, you will receive half credit for part b and zero credit for part c*

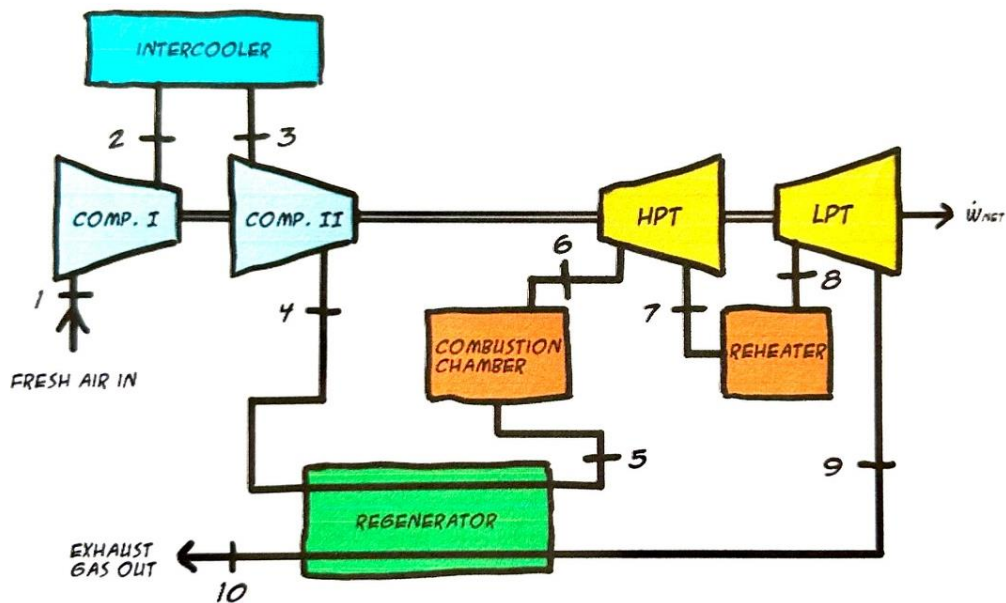


Figure 2.1: Modified Brayton Cycle

Overall Pressure ratio	9
Regenerator Effectiveness	80%
Compressors I and II	$\eta_c = 100\%$ and $T_{inlet} = 15^\circ C$
HPT and LPT	$\eta_T = 100\%$ and $T_{inlet} = 750^\circ C$

Table 2.1: Design Parameters

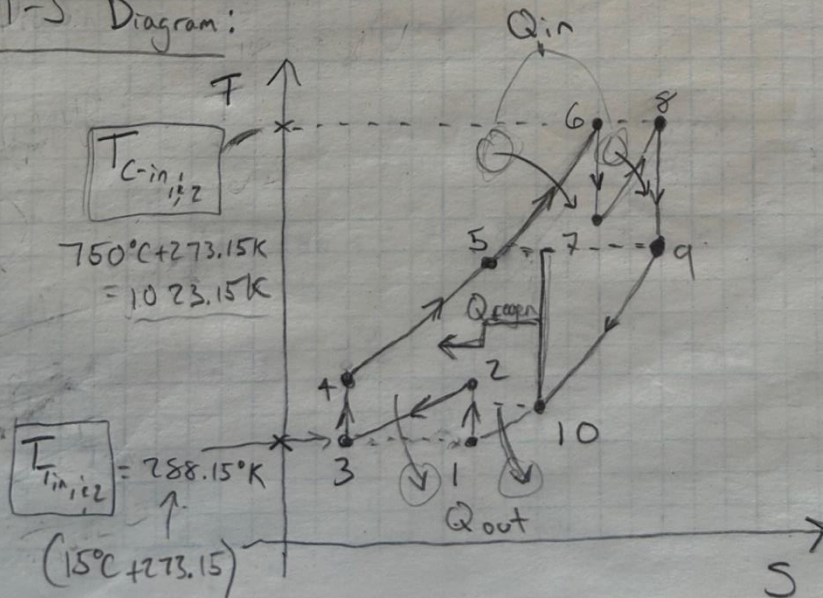
Problem #2:

Given:

- Brayton cycle w/ ideal intercooling & reheating.
- Atmospheric air pressure is 100 kPa
- Pressure ratio, $r_p = \frac{p}{1} \left(\frac{p_{c-out}}{p_{c-in}} \right) \left(\frac{p_{T-in}}{p_{T-out}} \right)$
- Regenerator effectiveness, $\eta_R = 0.80$
- Compressors 1 & 2: $\eta_{c,1,2} = 1.0 // T_{c-in} = 15^\circ\text{C}$
- Hi-PT and Lo-PT; $\eta_{T,1,2} = 1.0 // T_{T-in} = 750^\circ\text{C}$
- USE VARIABLE SPECIFIC HEATS

Purpose: We want to determine a) the proper drawing of the T-S diagram w/ reference to the schematic provided. b) The heat added to the system, q_{in} and the net work, W_{net} of the cycle, and c) to determine the cycle's thermal efficiency, η_{th} .

T-S Diagram:



Design Considerations:

- Both compressors and both Turbines are working "ideally" and considered to produce both isentropic compression and expansions respectively. This is why the lines from stages 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 were all perfectly vertical / linear. — these processes are considered adiabatic (no loss in heat/energy).
- The regenerator effectiveness, η_R , is 80% (0.80) and must be considered when making calculations.

Data Given: • Air pressure = 100 kPa at stage 1

$$\bullet r_p = \frac{9}{1}$$

$$\bullet \eta_R = 0.80 // \eta_T = 1.0 // \eta_c = 1.0$$

$$\bullet T_{c,in} = 288.15^\circ\text{K} / T_{T,in} = 1023.15^\circ\text{K}$$

Procedure: Stage 1: air @ 100 kPa // 288.15°K (15°C)

$$\text{Interpolate for } h_1: \frac{h_1 - 285.14}{290.16 - 285.14} = \frac{288.15 - 285}{290 - 285}$$

$$\therefore \underline{h_1 @ 288.15\text{K} = 288.3 \text{ kJ/kg.K} = h_3}$$

$$\text{Interpolate for } P_1: \frac{P_1 - 1.1584}{1.2311 - 1.1584} = \frac{288.15 - 285}{290 - 285}$$

$$\therefore \underline{P_1 @ 288.15\text{K} = 1.2042 = P_{r3}}$$

Stage 2: using the known P_1 value and r_p we must determine P_2 to then interpolate for enthalpy @ stage 2 (h_2):

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = r_p = \frac{(9)}{(1)} = \frac{P_2}{(1.2042)} \rightarrow P_2 = 10.8378$$

Interpolate for h_2 @ $P_2 = 10.8378$

$$\frac{h_2 - 533.98}{544.35 - 533.98} = \frac{10.8378 - 10.37}{11.1 - 10.37}$$

$$h_2 @ P_2 = 10.8378 = 540.63 \text{ kJ/kg} = h_2$$

Stage 3 → 4: $h_3 = 288.3$ / $P_3 = 1.2042$

$$\therefore h_2 = h_4 \text{ ; } P_2 = P_4$$

Now, we must find enthalpies for Turbines & regen. h_{5-9} :

$$\text{Stage 5: } \eta_r = 0.80 = \frac{h_5 - h_4}{h_9 - h_4}$$

↑ must find value for h_9 before continuing

Now, $h_9 = 580.154$ (as found), we can solve for h_5

$$0.8 = \frac{h_5 - 540.63}{580.154 - 540.63} = \boxed{572.241 = h_5}$$

Stage 6: $T_6 = 1023.15^\circ\text{K}$

Interpolate for h_6 from $T_6 = 1023.15^\circ\text{K}$

$$\frac{h_6 - 1068.89}{1091.85 - 1068.89} = \frac{1023.15 - 1020}{1040 - 1020}$$

$$\underline{h_6}_{@T_6} = 1072.51 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K} = \underline{h_8}$$

Interpolate for P_{r_6} @ $T_6 = 1023.15$

$$\frac{P_{r_6} - 123.4}{133.3 - 123.4} = \frac{1023.15 - 1020}{1040 - 1020}$$

$$\underline{P_{r_6}} = 124.959 = \underline{P_{r_8}}$$

Stage 7:

$$\frac{P_{r_6}}{P_{r_7}} = r_p = \frac{9}{1} = \frac{124.959}{P_{r_7}}$$

$$\therefore \underline{P_{r_7}} = 13.884 = \underline{P_{r_9}}$$

Using P_{r_7} , find h_7 through interpolation:

$$\frac{h_7 - 575.59}{586.09 - 575.59} = \frac{13.884 - 13.50}{14.38 - 13.50}$$

$$\underline{h_7} = 580.154 = \underline{h_9}$$

Stage 10: Determine value for h_{10}

Use conservation of energy derivation:

$$\Delta q_{in} = \Delta q_{out} \rightarrow h_5 - h_4 = h_9 - \boxed{h_{10}}$$

$$\therefore (572.241 - 540.63) = 580.154 - h_{10}$$

$$\underline{h_{10} = 548.535 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}}$$

Final Calculations:

b)

$$q_{in} = (h_6 - h_5) + (h_8 - h_7)$$

$$= (1072.51 - 572.241) + (1072.51 - 580.154)$$

$$\boxed{q_{in} = 992.65 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}}$$

$$W_{net} = W_T - W_C ; \text{ where: } \bullet W_T = (h_6 - h_7) + (h_8 - h_9)$$

$$\bullet W_C = (h_4 - h_3) + (h_2 - h_1)$$

$$W_T = (1072.51 - 580.154) \times 2 \rightarrow \text{since } h_8 = h_6 \text{ \& } h_9 = h_7$$

$$\underline{W_T = 984.712 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}}$$

$$W_C = (540.63 - 288.3) \times 2 \rightarrow \text{since } h_4 = h_2 \text{ \& } h_3 = h_1$$

$$W_C = 504.66 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}$$

$$\therefore W_{net} = 984.712 \text{ kJ/kg} - 504.66 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}$$

c) Determine thermal efficiency, η_{th}

$$\eta_{th} = \frac{W_{net}}{Q_{in}} = \frac{480.04 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot K}{992.65 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot K}$$

$$\eta_{th} = 0.4836 \text{ or } 48.36\%$$

Summary: We determined the following:

① overall heat added to system

$$Q_{in} = 992.65 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot K$$

② Total net work output by the system:

$$W_{net} = 480.04 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot K$$

③ Overall system thermal efficiency:

$$\eta_{th} = 48.36\%$$