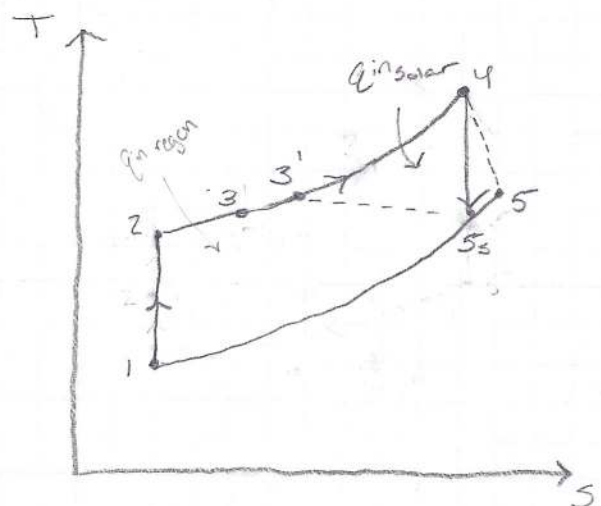
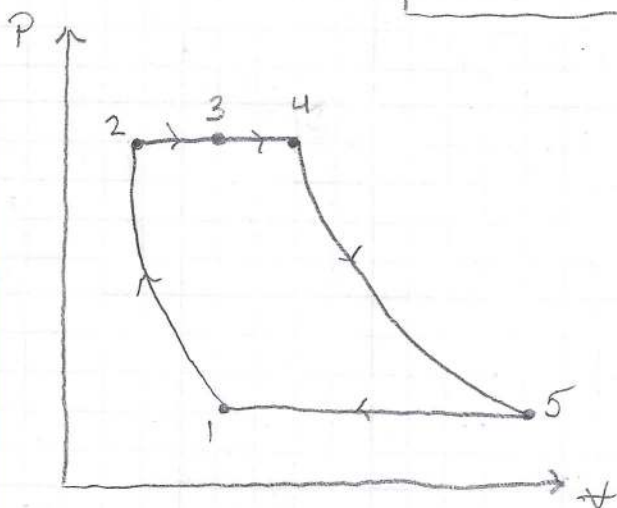
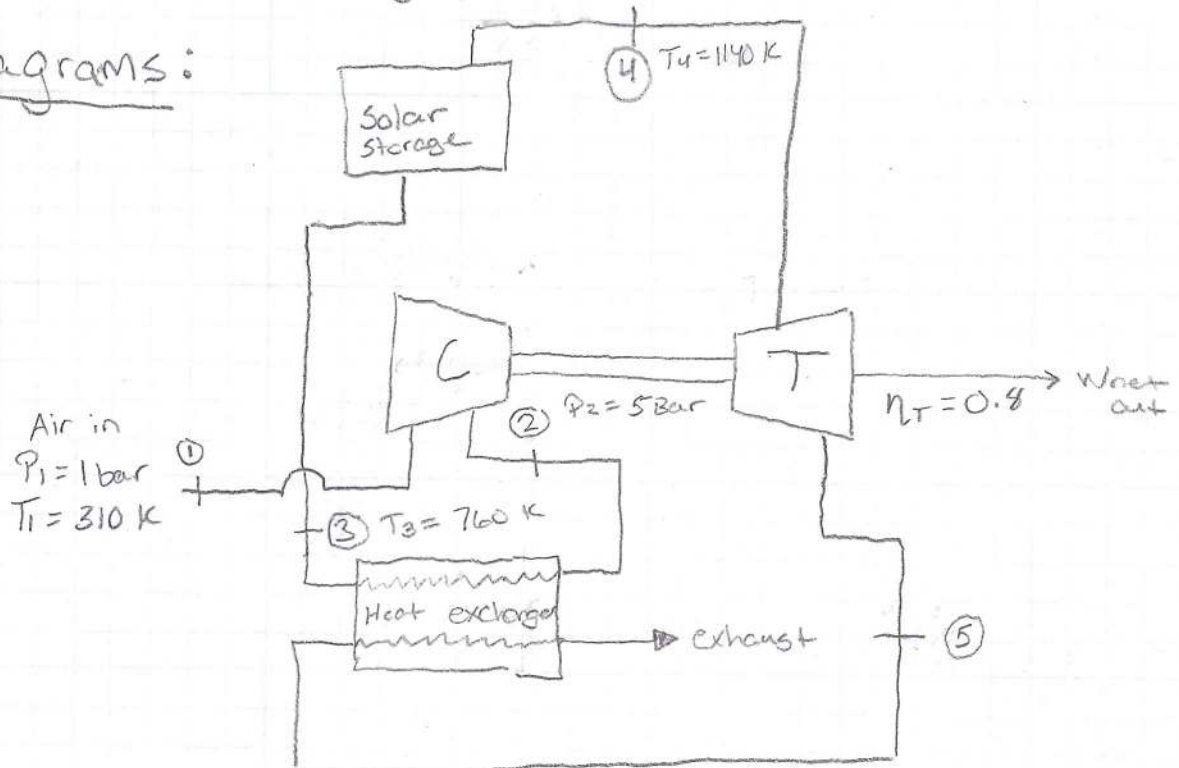


## Problem 1

Purpose:

Given the Brayton cycle with solar energy added, Determine the Thermal efficiency and effectiveness of the heat exchanger. Also find the mass air flow rate to reach a net power output of 500 kW. Lastly, Determine the thermal efficiency if the heat exchanger was operating at 100% effectiveness.

Diagrams:

1 → 2 ) Isentropic compression

2 → 3 )  $P = \text{const}$  ,  $q_{in}$

3 → 4 )  $P = \text{const}$  ,  $q_{in \text{ solar}}$

4 → 5 ) Isentropic expansion

Sources: Cengel & Boles & Kanoglu  
Thermodynamics An engineering  
approach, 9th edition Mcraw Hill, 2019

Design Considerations:

I assume the following:

- 1) Air behaves as an Ideal gas.
- 2)  $c_p$  &  $c_v$  are constant at 300 K
- 3) Isentropic efficiency of turbine is 0.8
- 4) There are no heat losses in transfer of air  
Through the system
- 5) There are no mechanical losses due to  
bearings ect.
- 6) From table A-2  $c_p = 1.005$   $c_v = 0.718$   
 $k = c_p/c_v = 1.4$

Data and Variables:

$$P_1 = 1 \text{ bar} = 100 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T_1 = 310 \text{ K}$$

$$P_2 = 5 \text{ bar} = 500 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T_3 = 760 \text{ K}$$

$$T_4 = 1140 \text{ K}$$

$$\eta_T = 0.8$$

$$W_{\text{net}} = 500 \text{ kW}$$

Materials:

Air as an Ideal gas

## Procedure & Calculations:

I will first find all values of air for the various stages.

— Process 1 → 2) Isentropic compression

$$T_1 = 310 \text{ K} \quad P_2 = 500 \text{ kPa}$$

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

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \quad T_2 = T_1 \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}}$$

$$T_2 = 310 \text{ K} \left( \frac{500 \text{ kPa}}{100 \text{ kPa}} \right)^{\frac{1.4-1}{1.4}} = 490.98 \text{ K}$$

— Process 2 → 3)  $P = \text{const}$ ,  $q_{\text{in}}$ , Heat exchanger

$$P_2 = 500 \text{ kPa} \quad T_3 = 760 \text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 490.98 \text{ K} \quad P_3 = 500 \text{ kPa}$$

$$q_{\text{in}} = c_p (T_3 - T_2) = 1.005 (760 \text{ K} - 490.98 \text{ K})$$

$$q_{\text{in}} (\text{Heat exchanger}) = 270.36 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

— Process 3 → 4)  $P = \text{const}$ ,  $q_{\text{in solar}}$ , Solar

$$P_3 = 500 \text{ kPa} \quad T_4 = 1140 \text{ K}$$

$$T_3 = 760 \text{ K} \quad P_4 = 500 \text{ kPa}$$

$$q_{\text{in solar}} = c_p (T_4 - T_3) = 1.005 (1140 \text{ K} - 760 \text{ K})$$

$$q_{\text{in solar}} = 381.9 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

— Process 4 → 5) Isentropic expansion

$$\frac{T_4}{T_{5s}} = \left( \frac{P_4}{P_5} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \quad \frac{P_4}{P_5} = r_p = \frac{P_{\text{max}}}{P_{\text{min}}} = \frac{500 \text{ kPa}}{100 \text{ kPa}} = 5$$

$$T_{5s} = \frac{T_4}{(r_p)^{\frac{k-1}{k}}} = \frac{1140}{(5)^{\frac{1.4-1}{1.4}}} = 720.78 \text{ K}$$

$$\eta_T = \frac{T_4 - T_5}{T_4 - T_{5s}} \quad T_5 = T_4 - \eta_T (T_4 - T_{5s})$$

$$T_5 = 1140 - 0.8 (1140 - 720.78) = 804.62 \text{ K}$$

I will now use values from Processes to solve questions

a) Thermal efficiency and the heat exchanger effectiveness

$$\eta_{Th} = \frac{w_{net}}{q_{in, solar}}$$

$$w_T = c_p (T_4 - T_5) = 1.005 (1140 - 804.62) = 335.38 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$w_c = c_p (T_2 - T_1) = 1.005 (490.98 - 310) = 181.88 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$w_{net} = w_T - w_c = 335.38 - 181.88 = 153.5 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\eta_{Th} = \frac{153.5}{381.9} = \boxed{40.19\%}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{T_3 - T_2}{T_5 - T_2} = \frac{760 - 490.98}{804.62 - 490.98} = \boxed{0.858}$$

b) The mass air flow rate in kg/s for a net power output of 500 kW

$$500 \text{ kW} = 500 \text{ kJ/s}$$

$$\dot{m} = \frac{\dot{w}_{net}}{w_{net}} = \frac{500 \text{ kJ/s}}{153.5 \text{ kJ/kg}} = \boxed{3.26 \text{ kg/s}}$$

c) Thermal efficiency if heat exchanger were operating at 100% effectiveness

$$q_{regen, max} = c_p (T_5 - T_2) = 1.005 (804.62 - 490.98) = 315.21$$

$$q_{regen, max} - q_{actual} = 315.21 \text{ kJ/kg} - 270.36 \text{ kJ/kg} = 44.85 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$q_{in, solar} - 44.85 \text{ kJ/kg} = 381.9 - 44.85 = 337.05 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\eta_{Th} = \frac{153.5}{337.05} = \boxed{45.54\%}$$

## Summary:

The Brayton cycle with solar energy added appears to be relatively efficient compared to most other cycles. Having a heat exchanger equipped, especially one with 85% effectiveness helps immensely. While theoretically impossible, the 100% effective heat regenerator raised the efficiency by 5%. If one could acquire such a regenerator, it would probably be very expensive and not be able to outweigh the cost of energy without it.

## Analysis:

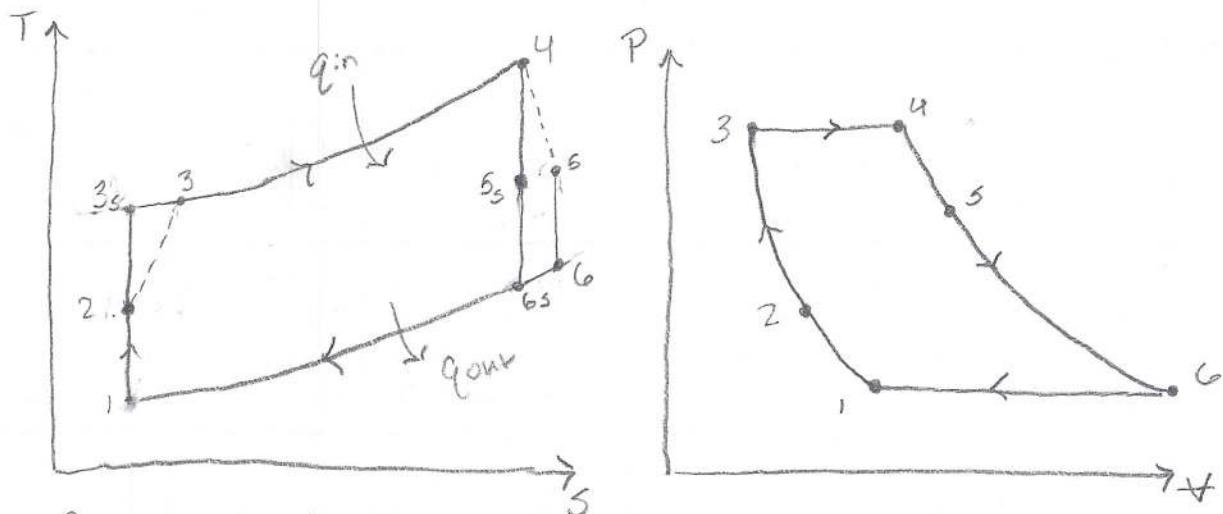
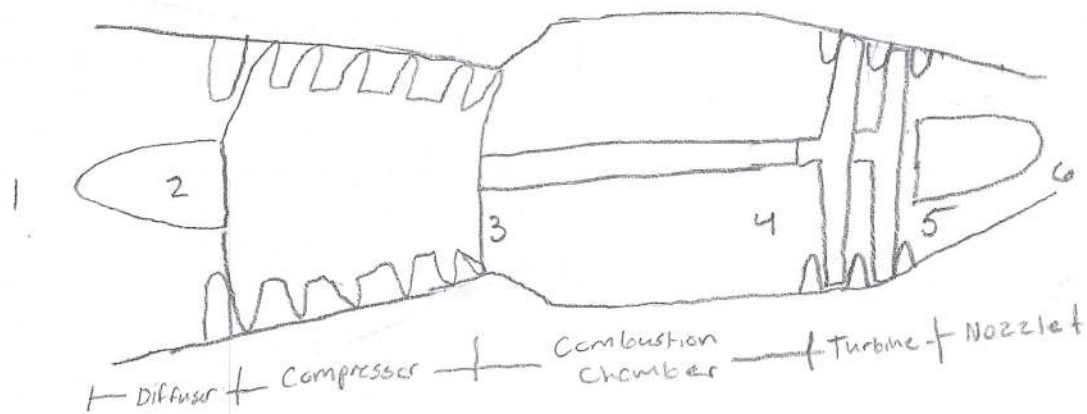
This system operates under the assumption it will be provided 381.9  $\text{kJ/kg}$  energy from the solar storage. Therefore the solar panels need to average that or greater. If the solar storage were to run low the efficiency of this system would greatly diminish. So this needs to be somewhere where the amount of daylight is pretty standard, or a back up energy source would need to be considered.

## Problem 2

### Purpose:

Given the set of conditions, I must find the pressure of the combustion gasses at the turbine exit. As well as the velocity of the gasses at the nozzle exit, And lastly the thrust produced if the diffuser inlet is 1.6 m.

### Diagrams:



- Process 1  $\rightarrow$  2 ) Diffuser, Isentropic compression
- Process 2  $\rightarrow$  3 ) Isentropic compression, Wein
- Process 3  $\rightarrow$  4 ) Isobaric heat addition
- Process 4  $\rightarrow$  5 ) Turbine, Isentropic expansion
- Process 5  $\rightarrow$  6 ) Nozzle, Isentropic expansion

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Design considerations:

I assume the following:

- 1) Air behaves as an Ideal gas
- 2) Variable specific heats
- 3) There are no heat losses due to mechanical components

Data & Variables:

$$\begin{aligned}V_{\text{aircraft}} &= 900 \text{ km/h} \\T_1 &= -35^\circ\text{C} = 238.15 \text{ K} \\P_1 &= 40 \text{ kPa} \\T_4 &= 950^\circ\text{C} = 1223.15 \text{ K}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}W_T &= 500 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ \eta_c &= 0.8 \\ \eta_T &= 0.9\end{aligned}$$

Materials:

Air as an Ideal gas

## Procedure & Calculations:

I first need to find the states of air at each process.

Finding Stage 1 States

$$T_1 = 238.15 \text{ K}$$

$$P_1 = 40 \text{ kPa}$$

T	h
230	230.02
238.15	$h_1$
240	240.02

$$\frac{238.15 - 230}{240 - 230} = \frac{h_1 - 230.02}{240.02 - 230.02}$$
$$h_1 = 238.17 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

T	Pr
230	0.5477
238.15	$Pr_1$
240	0.6355

$$\frac{238.15 - 230}{240 - 230} = \frac{Pr_1 - 0.5477}{0.6355 - 0.5477}$$
$$Pr_1 = 0.6193$$

Process 1  $\rightarrow$  2) Isentropic compression

$$h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} = h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} \quad V_2 = 0$$

$$V_1 = 900 \frac{\text{km/h}}{3.6 \frac{\text{km/h}}{\text{m/s}}} = 250 \text{ m/s}$$

$$h_2 = h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = 238.17 \text{ kJ/kg} + \frac{(250 \text{ m/s})^2}{2} \left( \frac{1 \text{ kJ/kg}}{1000 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2} \right)$$

$$h_2 = 238.17 \text{ kJ/kg} + 31.25 \text{ kJ/kg} = 269.42 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Process 2  $\rightarrow$  3) Isentropic compression

$$W_c = \frac{W_s}{0.8} \quad W_s = 500 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$W_c = \frac{500 \text{ kJ/kg}}{0.8} = 625 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$W_c = h_3 - h_2 \quad h_3 = W_c + h_2$$

$$h_3 = 625 \text{ kJ/kg} + 269.42 \text{ kJ/kg} = 894.42 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

States of air at Stage 4

$$T_4 = 1223.15 \text{ K}$$

T	h
1220	1301.31
1223.15	$h_4$
1240	1324.93

$$\frac{1223.15 - 1220}{1240 - 1220} = \frac{h_4 - 1301.31}{1324.93 - 1301.31}$$

$$h_4 = 1305.03 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Process 4 → 5 } Turbine

$$W_T = 500 \text{ kJ/kg} = h_4 - h_5$$

$$h_5 = h_4 - W_T = 1305.03 \text{ kJ/kg} - 500 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$h_5 = 805.03 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Process 5 → 6 } Nozzle

$$\frac{P_{r35}}{P_{r1}} = \frac{P_{r4}}{P_{r5}} = r_p = \frac{P_{\max}}{P_{\min}}$$

Solving for  $p_{\max}$

$$W_{cs} = 500 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$W_{cs} = h_{35} - h_2$$

$$h_{35} = 500 \text{ kJ/kg} + 238.17 \text{ kJ/kg} = 738.17 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

h	Pr
734.82	32.02
738.17	$P_{r35}$
745.62	33.72

$$\frac{738.17 - 734.82}{745.62 - 734.82} = \frac{P_{r35} - 32.02}{33.72 - 32.02}$$

$$P_{r35} = 32.55$$

$$\frac{P_{r35}}{P_{r1}} = \frac{P_3}{P_1}$$

$$P_3 = \frac{P_{r35}}{P_{r1}} P_1 = \frac{32.55}{0.6193} \cdot 40 \text{ kPa} = 2102.37 \text{ kPa}$$

h	Pr
1301.31	254.7
1305.03	$P_{r4}$
1324.93	272.3

$$\frac{1305.03 - 1301.31}{1324.93 - 1301.31} = \frac{P_{r4} - 254.7}{272.3 - 254.7}$$

$$P_{r4} = 257.47$$

$$\frac{P_{r35}}{P_{r1}} = \frac{P_{r4}}{P_{r5}}$$

$$P_{r5} = \frac{P_{r4}}{r_p} = \frac{257.47}{52.56} = 4.9$$

$$Pr_{05} = 4.9$$

$P_r$	$h$
4.522	421.26
4.9	$h_{05}$
4.915	431.43

$$\frac{4.9 - 4.522}{4.915 - 4.522} = \frac{h_{05} - 421.26}{431.43 - 421.26}$$

$$h_{05} = 431.04 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Assumption: Nozzle work is the same between an Isentropic turbine process and the turbine process after efficiency.  $W_{N5} = W_N$

$$W_T = \eta_T W_{T5} \quad W_{T5} = \frac{W_T}{\eta_T} = \frac{500}{0.9} = 555.55 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$W_{N5} = (h_4 - h_{05}) - W_{T5} = (1305.03 - 431.04) - 555.55$$

$$W_{N5} = 318.44$$

$$W_{N5} = W_N = h_5 - h_6 \quad h_6 = h_5 - W_N$$

$$h_6 = 805.03 \text{ kJ/kg} - 318.44 \text{ kJ/kg} = 486.59 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

— Solving questions

a) The pressure of combustion gases at turbine exit

$$P_4 = P_{max} = \boxed{2102.37 \text{ kPa}}$$

b) The velocity of gases at nozzle exit

$$h_6 + \frac{V_6^2}{2} = h_5 + \frac{V_5^2}{2} \quad V_5 = 0$$

$$V_6 = \sqrt{2 \cdot h_5 - h_6} = \sqrt{2 \cdot (805.03 - 486.59) \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \left( \frac{1000 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2}{1 \text{ kJ/kg}} \right)}$$

$$\boxed{V_6 = 798.05 \text{ m/s}}$$

c) the Thrust for this engine if difuser inlet diameter is 1.6 m

$$A = \pi \frac{d^2}{4} = \pi \frac{1.6 \text{ m}^2}{4} = 2.01 \text{ m}^2$$

$$F = \dot{m}(V_{\text{exit}} - V_{\text{inlet}})$$

$$F = \frac{V_i A}{v_i} (V_{\text{exit}} - V_{\text{inlet}})$$

$$v_i = \frac{RT_i}{P_i} = \frac{0.287 \left( \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{m}^3}{1 \text{ kJ}} \right) 238.15 \text{ K}}{40 \text{ kPa}}$$

$$v_i = 1.709 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$$

$$F = \frac{250 \text{ m/s} \cdot 2.01 \text{ m}^2}{1.709 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}} (798.05 - 250) \text{ m/s}$$

$$= 161144.017 \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2} = 161144.017 \text{ N}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{F} = 161.14 \text{ kN}}$$

### Summary:

Overall I believe all numbers came out reconcle. The only part im concerned about is the assumption I made for the Isentropic nozzle work and the actual nozzle work. The result of the velocity leaving the nozzle makes me think I should be close if anything.

### Analysis:

The find thrust of this motor with a 1.6 m inlet seems pretty decent for a lightweight jet. Of course in real life there would be alot more losses due to mechanical components and heat.