

8-129 A system consisting of a compressor, a storage tank, and a turbine as shown in the figure is considered. The change in the exergy of the air in the tank and the work required to compress the air as the tank was being filled are to be determined.

Assumptions 1 Changes in the kinetic and potential energies are negligible. **4** Air is an ideal gas with constant specific heats.

Properties The properties of air at room temperature are $R = 0.287 \text{ kPa}\cdot\text{m}^3/\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}$, $c_p = 1.005 \text{ kJ}/\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}$, $c_v = 0.718 \text{ kJ}/\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}$, $k = 1.4$ (Table A-2a).

Analysis The initial mass of air in the tank is

$$m_{\text{initial}} = \frac{P_{\text{initial}}\mathcal{V}}{RT_{\text{initial}}} = \frac{(100 \text{ kPa})(5 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3)}{(0.287 \text{ kPa}\cdot\text{m}^3/\text{kg}\cdot\text{K})(293 \text{ K})} = 0.5946 \times 10^6 \text{ kg}$$

and the final mass in the tank is

$$m_{\text{final}} = \frac{P_{\text{final}}\mathcal{V}}{RT_{\text{final}}} = \frac{(600 \text{ kPa})(5 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3)}{(0.287 \text{ kPa}\cdot\text{m}^3/\text{kg}\cdot\text{K})(293 \text{ K})} = 3.568 \times 10^6 \text{ kg}$$

Since the compressor operates as an isentropic device,

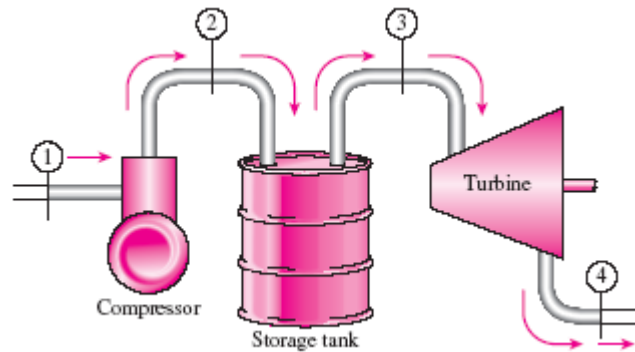
$$T_2 = T_1 \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{(k-1)/k}$$

The conservation of mass applied to the tank gives

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \dot{m}_{\text{in}}$$

while the first law gives

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{d(mu)}{dt} - h \frac{dm}{dt}$$



Employing the ideal gas equation of state and using constant specific heats, expands this result to

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\mathcal{V}c_v}{R} \frac{dP}{dt} - c_p T_2 \frac{\mathcal{V}}{RT} \frac{dP}{dt}$$

Using the temperature relation across the compressor and multiplying by dt puts this result in the form

$$\dot{Q} dt = \frac{\mathcal{V}c_v}{R} dP - c_p T_1 \left(\frac{P}{P_1} \right)^{(k-1)/k} \frac{\mathcal{V}}{RT} dP$$

When this integrated, it yields (i and f stand for initial and final states)

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \frac{\mathcal{V}c_v}{R} (P_f - P_i) - \frac{k}{2k-1} \frac{c_p \mathcal{V}}{R} \left[P_f \left(\frac{P_f}{P_i} \right)^{(k-1)/k} - P_i \right] \\ &= \frac{(5 \times 10^5)(0.718)}{0.287} (600 - 100) - \frac{1.4}{2(1.4) - 1} \frac{(1.005)(5 \times 10^5)}{0.287} \left[600 \left(\frac{600}{100} \right)^{0.4/1.4} - 100 \right] \\ &= -6.017 \times 10^8 \text{ kJ} \end{aligned}$$

The negative result show that heat is transferred from the tank. Applying the first law to the tank and compressor gives

$$(\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_{\text{out}}) dt = d(mu) - h_1 dm$$

which integrates to

$$Q - W_{\text{out}} = (m_f u_f - m_i u_i) - h_1 (m_f - m_i)$$

Upon rearrangement,

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\text{out}} &= Q + (c_p - c_v)T(m_f - m_i) \\ &= -6.017 \times 10^8 + (1.005 - 0.718)(293)[(3.568 - 0.5946) \times 10^6] \\ &= \mathbf{-3.516 \times 10^8 \text{ kJ}} \end{aligned}$$

The negative sign shows that work is done on the compressor. When the combined first and second laws is reduced to fit the compressor and tank system and the mass balance incorporated, the result is

$$\dot{W}_{\text{rev}} = \dot{Q} \left(1 - \frac{T_0}{T_R} \right) - \frac{d(U - T_0 S)}{dt} + (h - T_0 s) \frac{dm}{dt}$$

which when integrated over the process becomes

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\text{rev}} &= Q \left(1 - \frac{T_0}{T_R} \right) + m_i [(u_i - h_1) - T_0 (s_i - s_1)] - m_f [(u_f - h_1) - T_0 (s_f - s_1)] \\ &= -6.017 \times 10^8 \left(1 - \frac{293}{293} \right) + 0.5946 \times 10^6 [(0.718 - 1.005)293] \\ &\quad - 3.568 \times 10^6 [(0.718 - 1.005)293] \left[(0.718 - 1.005)293 + 293(0.287) \ln \frac{600}{100} \right] \\ &= \mathbf{-2.876 \times 10^8 \text{ kJ}} \end{aligned}$$

This is the exergy change of the air stored in the tank.