

Energy Conversion Equations

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Engineering Formulas

Here are some of the basic engineering formulas/equations related to energy conversion systems:

Continuity Equation

$$m = \rho v A$$

Momentum Equation

$$F = (vm + pA)_{\text{out} - \text{in}}$$

Energy Equation

$$Q - W = ((h + v^2/2 + gh)m)_{\text{out} - \text{in}}$$

State Equation for Ideal Gas

$$pv = RT/MW$$

Perfect Gas

$$c_p = \text{constant}$$

$$\kappa = C_p/C_v$$

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Isentropic Compression

$$T_2/T_1 = (p_2/p_1)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma}$$

$$T_2/T_1 = (V_1/V_2)^{(\gamma-1)}$$

$$p_2/p_1 = (V_1/V_2)^\gamma$$

Combustion -- Flame Temperature

$$h_{\text{reactants}} = h_{\text{products}}$$

Isentropic Expansion

$$T_1/T_2 = (p_1/p_2)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma}$$

$$T_1/T_2 = (V_2/V_1)^{(\gamma-1)}$$

$$p_1/p_2 = (V_2/V_1)^\gamma$$

Sonic Velocity

$$v_s = (\gamma RT/MW)^{1/2}$$

Mach Number

$$\mathbf{M} = v/v_s$$

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Isentropic Flow

$$T_t/T = (1 + M^2(\gamma - 1)/2)$$

$$p_t/p = (1 + M^2(\gamma - 1)/2)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)}$$

$$h_t = (h + v^2/2)$$

$$T_t = (T + v^2/(2C_p))$$

Thrust

$$\text{Thrust} = \dot{m}v + (p - p_a)A$$

Cycle Efficiency

$$\text{Cycle Efficiency} = \text{Net Work/Heat}$$

Carnot Cycle Efficiency

$$\text{Carnot Cycle Efficiency} = 1 - T_{\text{heat rejection}}/T_{\text{heat addition}}$$

Brayton Cycle Efficiency

$$\text{Brayton Cycle Efficiency} = 1 - 1/(p_2/p_1)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma}$$

Otto Cycle Efficiency

$$\text{Compression Ratio} = V_1/V_2$$

$$\text{Otto Cycle Efficiency} = 1 - 1/\text{Compression Ratio}^{(\gamma-1)}$$

Diesel Cycle Efficiency

$$\text{Compression Ratio (CR)} = V_1/V_2$$

$$\text{Cut-Off Ratio (COR)} = V_3/V_2$$

$$\text{Diesel Cycle Efficiency} = 1 - (\text{COR}^\gamma - 1)/(\gamma * \text{CR}^{(\gamma-1)} * (\text{COR} - 1))$$

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Fuel Cell

$$\text{Fuel Cell Efficiency} = - (G_{\text{out}} - G_{\text{in}})/\text{HHV}$$

Heat Rate

$$\text{Heat Rate} = (1/\text{Cycle Efficiency}) * 3,412$$