8-132 Steam enters an adiabatic turbine at a specified state, and leaves at a specified state. The mass flow rate of the steam and the isentropic efficiency are to be determined.

Assumptions **1** This is a steady-flow process since there is no change with time. **2** Potential energy changes are negligible. **3** The device is adiabatic and thus heat transfer is negligible.

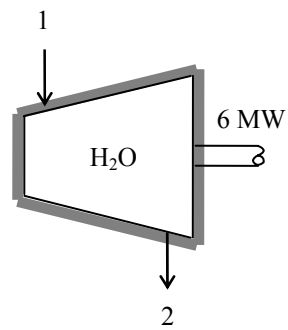
Analysis (*a*) From the steam tables (Tables A-4 and A-6),

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} P_1 = 7 \text{ MPa} \\ T_1 = 600°\text{C} \end{array}\right\} \begin{array}{l} h_1 = 3650.6 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ s_1 = 7.0910 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K} \end{array}$$

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} P_2 = 50 \text{ kPa} \\ T_2 = 150°\text{C} \end{array}\right\} h_{2a} = 2780.2 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

There is only one inlet and one exit, and thus $\dot{m}_1 = \dot{m}_2 = \dot{m}$. We take the actual turbine as the system, which is a control volume since mass crosses the boundary. The energy balance for this steady-flow system can be expressed in the rate form as

$$\underbrace{\dot{E}_{\text{in}} - \dot{E}_{\text{out}}}_{\substack{\text{Rate of net energy transfer} \\ \text{by heat, work, and mass}}} = \underbrace{\Delta\dot{E}_{\text{system}}^{\nearrow 0 \text{ (steady)}}}_{\substack{\text{Rate of change in internal, kinetic,} \\ \text{potential, etc. energies}}} = 0$$



$$\dot{E}_{\text{in}} = \dot{E}_{\text{out}}$$

$$\dot{m}(h_1 + V_1^2/2) = \dot{W}_{\text{a,out}} + \dot{m}(h_2 + V_1^2/2) \quad (\text{since } \dot{Q} \cong \Delta\text{pe} \cong 0)$$

$$\dot{W}_{\text{a,out}} = -\dot{m}\left(h_2 - h_1 + \frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{2}\right)$$

Substituting, the mass flow rate of the steam is determined to be

$$6000 \text{ kJ/s} = -\dot{m}\left(2780.2 - 3650.6 + \frac{(140 \text{ m/s})^2 - (80 \text{ m/s})^2}{2}\left(\frac{1 \text{ kJ/kg}}{1000 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2}\right)\right)$$

$$\dot{m} = \mathbf{6.95\ \ kg/s}$$

(*b*) The isentropic exit enthalpy of the steam and the power output of the isentropic turbine are

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} P_{2s} = 50 \text{ kPa} \\ s_{2s} = s_1 \end{array}\right\} \begin{array}{l} x_{2s} = \dfrac{s_{2s} - s_f}{s_{fg}} = \dfrac{7.0910 - 1.0912}{6.5019} = 0.9228 \\ h_{2s} = h_f + x_{2s}h_{fg} = 340.54 + (0.9228)(2304.7) = 2467.3 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{array}$$

and

$$\dot{W}_{\text{s,out}} = -\dot{m}\left(h_{2s} - h_1 + \left\{\left(V_2^2 - V_1^2\right)/2\right\}\right)$$

$$\dot{W}_{\text{s,out}} = -(6.95 \text{ kg/s})\left(2467.3 - 3650.6 + \frac{(140 \text{ m/s})^2 - (80 \text{ m/s})^2}{2}\left(\frac{1 \text{ kJ/kg}}{1000 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2}\right)\right)$$

$$= 8174 \text{ kW}$$

Then the isentropic efficiency of the turbine becomes

$$\eta_T = \frac{\dot{W}_a}{\dot{W}_s} = \frac{6000 \text{ kW}}{8174 \text{ kW}} = 0.734 = \mathbf{73.4\%}$$

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