

Open and Closed Systems Study Material

Open system

In open systems, matter may flow in and out of the system boundaries. The first Law of thermodynamic for open systems states, the increase in the internal energy of a system is equal to the amount of energy added to that the amount of internal energy within the equals the difference between the amount of heat added to or extracted from the system and the work done by or to the system. The first law for dosed systems is stated by

$$dU = \delta Q - \delta W$$

Where U is the average internal energy within the system. Q is the heat added to or extracted from (he system and W is the work done by or to the system.

The region of space enclosed by open system boundaries is usually called a control volume, and it may or may not correspond to physical walls. If we choose the shape of the control volume such that all flow of matter into the system performs work as if it were a piston of fluid pushing mass into the systmem, and the system performs work on the flow of matter out as if it were driving a piston of fluid. There are then two types of work performed, flow described above which performed on the fluid (this is also often called PV work) and shaft work which may be performed on some mechanical devices. These two types of work are expressed in the equation.

$$\delta W = d(P_{out} V_{out}) - d(P_{in} V_{in}) + \delta W_{shaft}$$

Substitution into the equation above for the control volume CV yields

$$\begin{split} dU_{cv} &= dU_{in} + d(P_{in} `V_{in}) - dU_{out} - d(P_{out} \\ V_{out}) + \delta Q - \delta W_{shaft} \end{split}$$

The definition of enthalpy, H, Permits us to use this thermodynamic potential to account for both internal enery and PV work in fluids for open systems.

$$dU_{cv}=dH_{in}-dH_{out}+\delta Q-\delta W_{shaft}$$

During steady –state operation of a device (see turbine, pump and engine), any system property within the control volume is independent of time Therefore, the internal energy of the system enclosed by the control volume remains constant, which implies that dUI in the expression above may be set equal to zero. This yields a useful expression for the power generation or requirement for these devices in the absence of chemical reactions.

$$\delta W_{shaft}/dt = dH_{in}/dt - dH_{out}/dt + \delta \emptyset/dt$$

Closed Systems:

In a closed system, no mass may be transferred in or out of the system boundaries. The system will always contain the same amount odf matter, but heat and work can be exchanged across the boundary of the system,. Whether a



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system can exchange heat, work or both is dependent on the property of its boundary.

Adiabatic boundary – not allowing any heat exchange .

Rigid boundary – not allowing exchange of work

One example is fluid being compressed by a piston in a cylinder. Another example of a closed -volume calorimeter used in measuring the heat combustion of a particular reaction. Electrical enery travels across the boundary to produce a spark between electrodes and initiates the combustion. Heat transfer occurs across the boundary after combustio n but no mass transfer takes place either way.

Beginning with the first law of thermodynamics for an open system, this is expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} Du &= Q \text{-}W + m_i (h + 1/2 v^2 + gz) i \text{-} \\ m_e (h + 1/2 v^2 + gz) e \end{aligned}$$

Where U is internal energy, Q is heat transfer, W is work, and since no mass is transferred in or out of the system, both expressions involving mass flow, zeros, and the first law of thermodynamics for a closed system is derived. The first law of thermodynamics for a closed system states that the amount of internal energy within the system equals the difference between the amount of heat added to or extracted from the system and the work

done by or to the system, The first law for closed systems is stated by

$$dU = \delta Q - \delta W$$

Where U is the average internal energy within the system, Q is the heat added to or extracted from the system and W is the work done by or to the system.

Substituting the amount of work needed to accomplish a reversible process, which is stated by

$$\delta W=PdV$$

Where P is the measured pressure and V is the volume, and the heat required to accomplish a reversible process stated by the second law of thermodynamics, the universal principle of entropy, stated by

$$\delta Q = TdS$$

Where T is the absolute temperature and S is the entropy of the system, derives the fundamental thermodynamic relationship used to compute changes in internal energy, which is expressed as

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Isolated System:

An isolated system is more restrictive than a closed system as it does not interact with its surroundings in any way. Mass and energy remains constant within the system, and no energy or mass transfer lakes place across the boundary. As time passes in an isolated system, internal differences in the system tend to even out and pressures and temperatures tend to equalize, as do density differences. A system in which all equalizing processes have gone practically to completion is considered to be in a state of thermodynamic equilibrium.

The second law of thermodynamics is only true for isolated systems. It states that the entropy of an isolated system not in equilibrium will tend to increase over time: approaching maximum value at equilibrium. Overall in an isolated system, the available energy can never, increase, and its complement, entropy, can never, decrease. A closed system's entropy can decrease.



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