Thermodynamics (ESC-S202)

Lecture- 11 & 12 Work and Heat Transfer



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Indicator Diagram

An indicator diagram is a trace made by reciprocating pressure gauge called the indicator, attached to the cylinder of a reciprocating engine. This represents the work done in one engine cycle.



The area of the indicator diagram represents the magnitude of the net work done by the system in on engine cycle.

$$p_m = \frac{a_d}{l_d} \times K$$

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> The mean effective pressure (m.e.p.) p_m is defined in the following way:

$$p_m = \frac{a_d}{l_d} \times K$$

Where K is indicator spring constant $(\frac{N}{cm^2} \times cm \ travel)$ \triangleright Work done in one engine cycle= $(p_m, A)L$

A= cross-sectional area of the cylinder

$$A = \frac{\pi}{4}D^2$$

Where D is the cylinder diameter. L= stroke of piston or length of cylinder.

Indicated Power-

- > The power developed inside the cylinder of the engine is called indicated power(IP).
- > Let N be the revolutions per minute (rpm) of the crankshaft.
- ➤ In a four stroke cycle, the engine cycle is completed in four stroke of the piston or in two revolutions of the crankshaft.
- In a two stroke cycle, the engine cycle is completed in two stroke of the piston or in one revolutions of the crankshaft.

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> For a two stroke engine

Work done in one minute= p_mALN

> For a four stroke engine

Work done in one minute= $p_m AL \frac{N}{2}$

$$IP = \frac{p_m AL\left(N \text{ or } \frac{N}{2}\right)n}{60} \text{ kW}$$

Where

 p_m is in kPa and n is the number of cylinders in the engine.

Brake Power

The power available at the crankshaft is always less than the Indicated power due to the friction etc., and is called the brake power or shaft power.

$$BP = T\omega$$

Where

- ► T is the torque transmitted to the crankshaft.
- $\sim \omega$ is the angular velocity of the crankshaft in radian/sec.

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$$BP = \frac{2\pi T}{60}$$

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 $\eta_{mech} = \frac{BP}{IP}$

Above expression is used for calculating mechanical efficiency.

Q.1 A single-cylinder, double-acting, reciprocating water pump has an indicator diagram which is a rectangle 0.075 m long and 0.05 m high. The indicator spring constant is 147 MPa per m. The pump runs at 50 rpm. The pump cylinder diameter is 0.15 m and the piston stroke is 0.20 m. Find the rate in kW at which the piston does work on the water.

Q.2 A single-cylinder, single-acting, 4 stroke engine of 0.15 m bore develops an indicated power of 4 kW when running at 216 rpm. Calculate the area of the indicator diagram that would be obtained with an indicator having a spring constant of 25 × 106 N/m3. The length of the indicator diagram is 0.1 times the length of the stroke of the engine.