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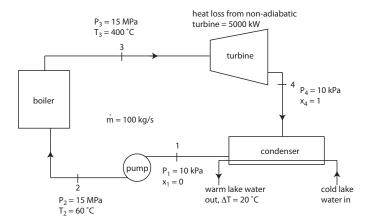
Happy 156th birthday, Sir Dugald Clerk, inventor of the two-stroke engine, b. 31 March 1854.

1. (25) A calorically imperfect ideal gas, with gas constant R and initially at P_1 , V_1 , fills a cylinder which is capped by a frictionless mobile piston. The gas is heated until $V = V_2$. The specific heat is given by

$$c_v(T) = c_{vo} + \alpha T,$$

where c_{vo} and α are constants. Find the final temperature and the heat transferred to the gas in terms of given quantities.

- 2. (25) A sphere of aluminum with radius of 0.01 m is initially at 1500 K. It is suddenly immersed in a very large tub of water at 300 K. The heat transfer coefficient is $h = 10 \ kW/m^2/K$. Assuming the sphere has a spatially uniform temperature and constant material properties, find the time when the sphere's temperature is 400 K.
- 3. (50) Consider the Rankine cycle below. Find



- (a) the heat transfer rate to the boiler (kW),
- (b) the power output of the turbine (kW),
- (c) the overall thermal efficiency,
- (d) the thermal efficiency of a Carnot cycle operating between the same temperature limits,
- (e) an accurate sketch of the cycle on a T-s diagram,
- (f) the mass flow rate of external lake cooling water to exchange heat with the condenser if the lake cooling water temperature rise is designed to be 20 $^{\circ}C$.