

31.23 $200^\circ F$ water enters an open feedwater heater operating at 100psia and is heated by $100\text{psia}, 400^\circ F$ steam. The output from the feedwater heater is saturated liquid. Assuming steady state operation, what percentage of the total flow comes from the $200^\circ F$ water?

- A. 4%
- B. 12%
- C. 88%
- D. 96%

Let the $200^\circ F$ water be considered State 1, the $400^\circ F$ steam be considered State 2, and the exiting saturated liquid be considered State 3.

For State 1, using the **Properties of Saturated Water and Steam** table by pressure, notice the temperature, T_1 , is less than the saturation temperature, T_{sat} , for $P_1 = 100\text{psia}$.

$$P_1 = 100\text{psia}$$

$$T_1 = 200^\circ F$$

$$T_{sat@100\text{psia}} = 327.8^\circ F$$

$$T_1 < T_{sat}$$

Therefore, the water at State 1 is a compressed liquid. To find the enthalpy, h_1 , use the specific heat capacity and temperature differential.

$$\Delta h = c_p \Delta T$$

$$h_{sat} - h_1 = c_p (T_{sat} - T_1)$$

$$h_1 = h_{sat} - c_p (T_{sat} - T_1) = 298.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}} - \left(1 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}^\circ F} \right) (327.8^\circ F - 200^\circ F) = 170.7 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}}$$

For State 2, look up the enthalpy, h_2 , using the **Properties of Superheated Steam** table.

$$P_2 = 100\text{psia}$$

$$T_2 = 400^\circ F$$

$$h_2 = 1228.2 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}}$$

For State 3, the exit condition is saturated liquid. Use the **Properties of Saturated Water and Steam** table again to specify the enthalpy at State 3, h_3 .

$$P_3 = 100 \text{ psia}$$

$$T_3 = T_{sat@100 \text{ psia}} = 327.8^\circ \text{ F}$$

$$h_3 = 298.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}}$$

Write the mass balance for a **Steady-Flow System**. For simplicity, let the mass flow rate for State 3, \dot{m}_3 , equal $1 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}$. Write an expression for \dot{m}_1 to be used in substitution in the next step.

$$\dot{m}_1 + \dot{m}_2 = \dot{m}_3$$

$$\dot{m}_3 = 1 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}$$

$$\dot{m}_1 = 1 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} - \dot{m}_2$$

Write the energy balance. Substitute for \dot{m}_1 . Solve for \dot{m}_2 . Plug back into the expression above to solve for \dot{m}_1 .

$$\dot{m}_1 h_1 + \dot{m}_2 h_2 = \dot{m}_3 h_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{m}_1 \left(170.7 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}} \right) + \dot{m}_2 \left(1228.2 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}} \right) &= \dot{m}_3 \left(298.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}} \right) \\ \left(1 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} - \dot{m}_2 \right) \left(170.7 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}} \right) + \dot{m}_2 \left(1228.2 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}} \right) &= \left(1 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} \right) \left(298.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}} \right) \\ 170.7 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr}} - \dot{m}_2 \left(170.7 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}} \right) + \dot{m}_2 \left(1228.2 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}} \right) &= 298.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr}} \\ \dot{m}_2 \left(1057.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}} \right) &= 127.8 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr}} \\ \dot{m}_2 &= 0.121 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{m}_1 = 1 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} - \dot{m}_2 = 1 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} - 0.121 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} = 0.879 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}$$

Since \dot{m}_3 was set equal to $1 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}$, the mass flow rates already represent the respective fractions of each stream entering the feedwater heater, as shown below.

$$\frac{\dot{m}_1}{\dot{m}_3} = \frac{0.879 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}}{1 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}} = 0.879$$

Answer C