EXAMPLE: Useful work and such

Two kg of saturated steam vapor is contained in a piston cylinder at 200 kPa. It undergoes a constant temperature process until the quality is 0.5. The surroundings are at 101 kPa and 300 K.

- (a) Find the work *out* of the steam for this process.
- (b) Find the *useful* work out of the steam for this process.
- (c) What is the *maximum* amount of useful work that can be extracted from the steam
 - 1. at its initial state?
 - 2. at its final state?
 - 3. between the two states?
- (d) How do your answers to (b) and (c) compare? What does that mean?
- (e) Calculate the heat transfer in or out of the system and the entropy generation using a good ole ConApps approach. How does T_0S_{gen} compare to part (d)?

