

MECH 2430: Thermodynamics: Mid Term

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(Write the answers to all the questions in your own words. Hand-write math answers and upload in the answer script)

1. Given the following sets of values, Calculate the unknown quantity- (10)

$$\begin{aligned}P &= 1.01 \text{ atm} \\n &= 0.00831 \text{ mol} \\T &= 25 \text{ c} \\V &=?\end{aligned}$$

Handwritten solution for question 1:

$$\begin{aligned}P &= 1.01 \text{ atm} \\n &= 0.00831 \text{ mol} \\T &= 25 \text{ c} = 298.15 \text{ K} \\V &=? \\ \text{Gas constant} &= R = 0.0821 \text{ atm} \cdot \text{L} / \text{mol} \cdot \text{K} \\ \text{Ideal gas equation} \\ PV &= nRT \\ V &= \frac{nRT}{P} \\ &= \frac{0.00831 \text{ mol} \times 0.0821 \text{ L atm/mol} \cdot \text{K} \times 298.15 \text{ K}}{1.01 \text{ atm}} \\ &= 0.201 \text{ L or } 201 \text{ ml}\end{aligned}$$

2. Explain first law of thermodynamics by showing the relationship between Q, U and W. (10)

When heat is added to a system, it transforms into other form of energy. Total heat input equals the internal energy generated and work done by the system.

Therefore, $Q=U+W$

3. Calculate the pressure in a 200 Liter Tank containing 23.3 kg Nitrogen gas at 30 C. (10)

$$PV=nRT, \text{ Where } n=m/A=23.3 \cdot 1000 \text{ gm} / 28 \text{ gm/mol}=832.14 \text{ mol} \quad R=8.314 \text{ Jule/mol} \cdot \text{K}$$

$$\text{So, } P=n \cdot R \cdot T / V=832.14 \text{ mol} \cdot 8.314 \text{ (Jule/mol} \cdot \text{K)} \cdot (273+30) \text{ K} / (200 \text{ Liter} / 1000) \text{ m}^3$$

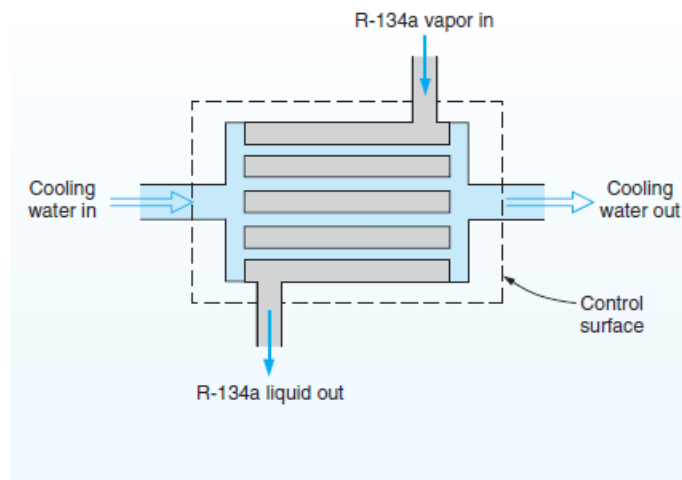
$$=832.14 \cdot 8.314 \cdot 300 / 0.2=10377617 \text{ Jule/m}^3=10377617 \text{ N/m}^2=10377617 \text{ Pa}=10.37 \text{ MPa}$$

4. What is specific volume and density of a liquid? What's their units? How are they related to each other?

(5)

Specific volume = $1/\text{density}$

5. Consider a water-cooled condenser in a large refrigeration system in which R-134a is the refrigerant fluid. Cooling water enters the condenser at 10 C and exits at 20 C at the rate of 1 kg/s. The refrigerant enters the condenser at 800 kPa and 60 C, and exits as a liquid at 45 C. Determine the rate at which refrigerant flows through the condenser. (20)



$$\dot{m}_r(h_i)_r + \dot{m}_w(h_i)_w = \dot{m}_r(h_e)_r + \dot{m}_w(h_e)_w$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m}_r(h_i - h_e)_r = \dot{m}_w(h_e - h_i)_w$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m}_r = \dot{m}_w \frac{(h_e - h_i)_w}{(h_i - h_e)_r}$$

water side \rightarrow 10°C saturated water, $h_i = 42.6 \text{ kJ/kg}$

20°C saturated water, $h_e = 84.2 \text{ kJ/kg}$

R-134a side \rightarrow superheated 800 kPa at 60°C
 $h_i = 294 \text{ kJ/kg}$

saturated liquid at 45°C, $h_e = 114 \text{ kJ/kg}$

$$\therefore \dot{m}_r = 1 * \frac{(84.2 - 42.6)}{(294 - 114)} = 0.23 \text{ kg/s}$$

6. Multiple choice questions

(15)

I. In a standard Pressure and Temperature which substance stays in a gaseous phase?

- a. Water
- b. Mercury
- c. Nitrogen
- d. Calcium

II. Which of the following is the Macroscopic property of a substance?

- a. Heat
- b. Phase
- c. Pressure
- d. Elevation

III. Which of the following is an absolute zero temperature?

- a. 0 °C
- b. 0 F
- c. -273 °C
- d. None of the above

IV. If heat 20 J heat is added on a water bottle (assume no heat loss), then how much internal energy will be raised in the water?

- a. 10 J
- b. -10 J
- c. 20 J

- d. -20 J
- V. The Specific volume and Enthalpy of saturated water vapor at 100 C are
- a. 1.67 m³/kg and 2257 kJ/kg
 - b. 1.67 m³/kg and 2676 kJ/kg
 - c. 0.001 m³/kg and 419.02 kJ/kg
 - d. 17.19 m³/kg and 2515 kJ/kg
7. True/False questions- (10)
- e. Control surface is an imaginary surface representing a confined space where thermodynamic process occurs. **T**
 - f. In SI system the unit of weight is kg but the unit of force is Newton. **F**
 - g. Heat flows from hot to cold. **T**