



# UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

(All rights reserved)

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS: 2016/2017

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

FAEN 205: THERMODYNAMICS

(3 CREDITS)

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

The Universal Gas Constants and Some of the Equations and Tables Needed are Provided on page 2.

1. Steam at 2100 KPa and 260 C expands at constant enthalpy to 125 KPa.
  - a. What is the temperature of the steam in its final state?
  - b. What is the entropy change

*Use steam tables for 1a and 1b*

If the steam were an ideal gas

- c. What would be the final temperature and entropy change (in J/mol K)?

**30 Marks**

2. Liquid water at 25 C and 1 bar fills a rigid vessel. If heat is added to the water until its temperature reaches 50 C, What pressure is developed?  
The average value of  $\alpha$  (coefficient of thermal expansion) and  $\beta$  (coefficient of compressibility) between 25 and 50 C are  $36.2 \times 10^{-5} K^{-1}$  and  $4.42 \times 10^{-5} bar^{-1}$ , respectively. The specific volume of the liquid water at 25 C is  $1.0030 cm^3/g$ .

**15 Marks**

3. A particular power plant operates with a heat source reservoir at 623.15 K and a heat sink reservoir at 303.15 K. It has a thermal efficiency equal to 55 % of the Carnot engine thermal efficiency for the same temperatures.
  - a. What is the thermal efficiency of the plant?
  - b. To what temperature must the heat reservoir be raised to increase the thermal efficiency of the plant to 35 %? Again, the thermal efficiency is 55 % of the Carnot engine value.

**15 Marks**

4. Calculate  $Z$  and  $V$  for ethane at 323.15 K and 15 bar by the following equations
- Generalized virial coefficient correlation
  - The Soave/Redlich/Kwong (SRK) equation. (*solve by iteration*)

**Note:** Ethane exist as a vapor at 323.15 K hence use the equation below

$$Z = 1 + \beta - q\beta \frac{Z - \beta}{(Z + \epsilon\beta)(Z + \sigma\beta)}$$

30 Marks

5. An ideal gas at 2500 KPa is throttled adiabatically to 150 KPa at the rate of 20 mol/s. Determine the rate of entropy generation ( $\dot{S}_G$ ) and the rate of lost work ( $\dot{W}_{lost}$ ).

*Handwritten solution:*

$P_1 = 2500 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $P_2 = 150 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $T = 300 \text{ K}$ ,  $\dot{n} = 20 \text{ mol/s}$

$\Rightarrow \Delta S = -R \ln\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right) = -\frac{8.314}{1000} \times \ln\left(\frac{150}{2500}\right) = 0.023$

$\dot{S}_G = \dot{n} \Delta S = 0.46$

10 Marks

Table A.2 Values of the Universal Gas Constant

$R = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} = 8.314 \text{ m}^3 \text{ Pa mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$	$\dot{W}_{lost}$
$= 83.14 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ bar mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} = 8314 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ kPa mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$	
$= 82.06 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ atm mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} = 82\,363.95 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ torr mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} = 0.08206 \text{ m}^3 \text{ atm kmol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$	
$= 1.9872 \text{ (cal) mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} = 1.986 \text{ (Btu) (lb mole)}^{-1} \text{ (R)}^{-1}$	
$= 0.7302 \text{ (ft)}^3 \text{ (atm) (lb mol)}^{-1} \text{ (R)}^{-1} = 10.73 \text{ (ft)}^3 \text{ (psia) (lb mol)}^{-1} \text{ (R)}^{-1}$	
$= 1545 \text{ (ft) (lb}_f \text{) (lb mol)}^{-1} \text{ (R)}^{-1}$	

Table 3.1: Parameter Assignments for Equations of State

For use with Eqs. (3.49) through (3.56)

Eq. of State	$\alpha(T_r)$	$\sigma$	$\epsilon$	$\tilde{\Omega}$	$\Psi$	$Z_c$
vdW (1873)	1	0	0	1/8	27/64	3/8
RK (1949)	$T_r^{-1/2}$	1	0	0.08664	0.42748	1/3
SRK (1972)	$\alpha_{\text{SRK}}(T_r; \omega)^{\dagger}$	1	0	0.08664	0.42748	1/3
PR (1976)	$\alpha_{\text{PR}}(T_r; \omega)^{\ddagger}$	$1 + \sqrt{2}$	$1 - \sqrt{2}$	0.07780	0.45724	0.30740

$$^{\dagger}\alpha_{\text{SRK}}(T_r; \omega) = \left[ 1 + (0.480 + 1.574\omega - 0.176\omega^2) (1 - T_r^{1/2}) \right]^2$$

$$^{\ddagger}\alpha_{\text{PR}}(T_r; \omega) = \left[ 1 + (0.37464 + 1.54226\omega - 0.26992\omega^2) (1 - T_r^{1/2}) \right]^2$$