APPLIED THERMODYNAMICS TUTORIAL 10(11/10/2016) Solution

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Assumptions 1 Steady operating conditions exist. 2 Kinetic and potential energy changes are negligible.

Analysis In an ideal vapor-compression refrigeration cycle, the compression process is isentropic, the refrigerant enters the compressor as a saturated vapor at the evaporator pressure, and leaves the condenser as saturated liquid at the condenser pressure. From the refrigerant tables (Tables A-12 and A-13),

$$\begin{array}{l} P_1 = 140 \; \mathrm{kPa} \\ sat. \; \mathrm{vapor} \end{array} \right\} h_1 = h_{g \;@\; 140 \, \mathrm{kPa}} = 239.16 \; \mathrm{kJ/kg} \\ sat. \; \mathrm{vapor} \end{array} \right\} h_1 = h_{g \;@\; 140 \, \mathrm{kPa}} = 0.94456 \; \mathrm{kJ/kg \cdot K} \\ P_2 = 600 \; \mathrm{kPa} \\ s_2 = s_1 \end{array} \right\} h_2 = 269.20 \; \mathrm{kJ/kg} \\ h_3 = 600 \; \mathrm{kPa} \\ sat. \; \mathrm{liquid} \end{array} \right\} h_3 = h_{f \;@\; 600 \, \mathrm{kPa}} = 81.51 \; \mathrm{kJ/kg} \\ h_4 \cong h_3 = 81.51 \; \mathrm{kJ/kg} \; (\mathrm{throttling}) \end{array}$$

The cooling load of this refrigerator is

$$\dot{Q}_L = \dot{m}_{ice} (\Delta h)_{ice} = (7/3600 \text{ kg/s})(293 \text{ kJ/kg}) = 0.7642 \text{ kW}$$

Then the mass flow rate of the refrigerant and the power input become

$$\dot{m}_R = \frac{\dot{Q}_L}{h_1 - h_4} = \frac{0.7642 \text{ kW}}{(239.16 - 81.51) \text{ kJ/kg}} = 0.004847 \text{ kg/s}$$

and

$$\dot{W}_{\text{in}} = \dot{m}_R (h_2 - h_1) = (0.004847 \text{ kg/s})(269.20 - 239.16) \text{ kJ/kg} = 0.146 \text{ kW}$$

