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S O L U T I O N S

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1. (15 pts)

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Determine the product of 5 and 8.

SOLUTION

$$5 \times 8 = 40$$

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2. (16 pts)

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Determine the quotient of 3.8 and 352.0.

SOLUTION

$$3.8 \div 352.0 = 0.011$$

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3. (17 pts)

Superheated steam at 4 MPa and 352.0°C is to be converted to saturated steam at 3 MPa in a desuperheater. This desuperheater is supplied with inlet liquid water at 54.0°C. The unit should produce saturated steam at a rate of 46.0 kg s⁻¹. Assuming adiabatic operation, and assuming the liquid inlet is saturated, what is the mass flowrate of the inlet water?

The following enthalpies will be useful:

Superheated steam at 352.0°C and 4 MPa: $\hat{H} = 3,101.90$ kJ/kg;

Saturated liquid water at 54.0°C: $\hat{H}^L = 226.05$ kJ/kg; and

Saturated water vapor at 3 MPa: $\hat{H}^V = 2,803.61$ kJ/kg.

SOLUTION

Let stream 1 be the liquid water stream, which we assume is saturated liquid, stream 2 be the superheated steam inlet, and stream 3 be the saturated steam outlet. Hence, $\dot{m}_3 = 15 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$ as given. The mass and energy balance yield the two unknowns \dot{m}_1 and \dot{m}_2 :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{m}_1 + \dot{m}_2 &= \dot{m}_3 \\ \dot{m}_1 \hat{H}_1 + \dot{m}_2 \hat{H}_2 &= \dot{m}_3 \hat{H}_3\end{aligned}$$

Solving these two simultaneously yields

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{m}_1 &= \dot{m}_3 \left(\frac{\hat{H}_2 - \hat{H}_3}{\hat{H}_2 - \hat{H}_1} \right) \\ &= (15) \left(\frac{3,101.90 - 2,803.61}{3,101.90 - 226.05} \right) = \boxed{4.77 \text{ kg s}^{-1}}.\end{aligned}$$

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