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**ChBE 2130 Thermodynamics I**  
**Fall 2015**  
**Exam 2**

**Remember**

- Write down relevant relationships needed to solve each problem
- Provide details, intermediate steps, and units
- Note any assumptions
- Show your work
- Where indicated, place your final answer on the \_\_\_\_\_
- **Submit your crib sheet with your exam.**

| Problem    | Possible Points | Score |
|------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1          | 20              |       |
| 2          | 24              |       |
| 3          | 24              |       |
| 4          | 32              |       |
| Crib Sheet | Yes    No (-5)  |       |
| Total      | 100             |       |

1. Concept Questions [20 pts: 5 points each, no partial credit within sub-problem]

- An ideal gas is compressed isothermally. What happens to the **entropy** of the gas?
  - a. Increases
  - b. Decreases
  - c. Remains the same
  - d. Not enough information to determine
  
- The pressure of an ideal gas is increased while keeping the entropy constant. What happens to the **enthalpy** of the gas?
  - a. Increases
  - b. Decreases
  - c. Remains the same
  - d. Not enough information to determine
  
- A power plant operates using a hot reservoir of 350°C and a cold reservoir of 30°C. The system (heat engine) efficiency is 55% of the Carnot efficiency for these reservoirs. What is the system efficiency?
  - a. 55%
  - b. 50.3%
  - c. 28.3%
  - d. 26.7%
  
- Which of the following systems is isentropic?
  - a. An adiabatic system
  - b. An isothermal system
  - c. A reversible adiabatic system
  - d. A reversible isothermal system

2. A closed, rigid vessel containing 4 lb<sub>m</sub> of saturated vapor methane has a total volume of 4 ft<sup>3</sup> (State 1). The surroundings are at 80°F. Heat transfers from the surroundings to the vessel until the final temperature of the methane is 80°F (State 2).

**Note: Temperature conversion of °F + 460 = °R and Entropy values on the diagram are in units of btu lb<sub>m</sub>/R where R is °Rankine**

- a. **[6 pts]** What is the final pressure (State 2)?

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- b. **[8 pts]** What is the entropy change of methane?

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- c. **[10 pts]** If the heat transfer is 420 btu, what is the total entropy generation?

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3. An inventor proposes a process whereby 1.5 kmol of an ideal gas (constant  $C_p = 30 \text{ kJ/kmol K}$ ) is taken from 10 bar and 300 K to 1 bar and 500 K in a non-flow closed system. The process receives 50,000 kJ of heat reversibly from the surroundings at 300 K. The process produces work.

**Note: For an ideal gas,  $C_p - C_v = R$**

- a. **[12 pts]** Based upon an energy balance, how much work is produced?

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- b. **[12 pts]** Is the process feasible (i.e. consistent with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Law)?

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4. Consider a Carnot Cycle operating on steam (Steam Table Attached). The fluid is condensed at 30°C and evaporated at 200°C. The process steps are:

Isothermal expansion from State 1 to 2

Adiabatic expansion from State 2 to 3

Isothermal compression from State 3 to 4

Adiabatic compression from State 4 to 1

- a. **[12 pts]** Complete the following chart:

| State | Temp (°C) | Entropy (kJ/ kg K) |
|-------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1     |           |                    |
| 2     |           |                    |
| 3     |           |                    |
| 4     |           |                    |

- b. **[8 pts]** Determine the heat transfer in the boiler in kJ/kg
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- c. **[8 pts]** Determine the cycle efficiency

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- d. **[4 pts]** Suppose that the turbine and pump operated at 85% efficiency. In other words, they did **not** operate isentropically (there was irreversibility in the equipment operation). Compare the entropy change of the steam for one complete cycle with the entropy change of a reversible cycle. Does  $\Delta S$  increase, decrease, or remain the same?

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