

**Given:**

R-134a enters the capillary tube of a refrigerator as a saturated liquid at 0.8 MPa and is throttled to a pressure of 0.12 MPa.

$$P_1 := 0.8 \text{ MPa} \quad P_2 := 0.12 \text{ MPa}$$

**Required:**

Determine the quality of the R-134a at its final state and the temperature drop during the process.

**Solution:**

Going to Table A-12 @  $P := P_1 = 0.8 \text{ MPa}$  and  $x = 0$  shows

$$h_1 := 95.48 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \quad T_1 := 31.31 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

For a capillary tube, the enthalpy during the process remains constant so

$$h_2 := h_1 = 95.48 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}$$

Going to Table A-12 @  $P := P_2 = 0.12 \text{ MPa}$  and  $h := h_2 = 95.48 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}$  shows that the state is in the two phase mixture region.

$$h_f := 22.47 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \quad h_g := 236.99 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \quad T_2 := (-22.32) \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

$$x := \frac{h_2 - h_f}{h_g - h_f} = 0.3403$$

The temperature difference across the device is

$$\Delta T := T_2 - T_1 = -53.63 \text{ K} \quad \Delta T = -53.63 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$