

Homework #2 Solutions

MEMS 0051 - Introduction to Thermodynamics

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Problem #1

Consider a 2,000 [kg] car driving up a 10 [m] tall hill. The car is driving at a velocity of 10 [m/s] and has a total internal energy (U) of 600 [kJ] [1 kJ = 10³ J]. Determine:

- (a) Determine the kinetic energy (KE) of the car [kJ].

$$KE = \frac{mV^2}{2} = \frac{2,000 \text{ [kg]}(10 \text{ [m/s]})^2}{2} = 100 \text{ [kJ]}$$

- (b) Determine the potential energy (PE) of the car based on the hill height [kJ].

$$PE = mgh = (2,000 \text{ [kg]})(9.81 \text{ [m/s}^2\text{]})(10 \text{ [m]}) = 196 \text{ [kJ]}$$

- (c) Determine the total energy (E) of the car [kJ].

$$E = U + KE + PE = 600 + 100 + 196 = 896 \text{ [kJ]}$$

- (d) Determine the total specific energy (e) of the car [kJ/kg].

$$e = \frac{E}{m} = \frac{896 \text{ [kJ]}}{2,000 \text{ [kg]}} = 0.448 \text{ [kJ/kg]}$$

- (e) Determine the specific internal energy (u) of the car [kJ/kg].

$$u = \frac{U}{m} = \frac{600 \text{ [kJ]}}{2,000 \text{ [kg]}} = 0.3 \text{ [kJ/kg]}$$

Problem #2

Answer the following questions based on the P-T diagram for CO₂ given below. (Short answers are fine, no need to re-draw the diagram on your solution)

- What phase is CO₂ in at the following temperature and pressure combinations?
 - 250 K, 10⁴ [kPa] **liquid**
 - 170 K, 10² [kPa] **solid**
 - 270 K, 10¹ [kPa] **vapor**
 - 330 K, 10² [kPa] **supercritical fluid**
- Consider a piece of dry ice that is dropped into a room at 20 °C and 1 atm (101.3 [kPa]). What phase change(s) will the dry ice undergo? **sublimation (solid to gas)**
- Consider CO₂ gas enclosed in an isothermal chamber fixed at 250 K. More CO₂ is injected into the chamber, causing the internal pressure to rise from 100 [kPa] to 10⁴ [kPa]. What phase change(s) will the CO₂ undergo? **condensation (vapor to liquid)**

Problem #3

Answer the following questions based on the T-v diagram for H₂O given below. (Short answers are fine, no need to re-draw the diagram on your solution)

- What phase(s) of H₂O are present at the following conditions?
 - 200 °C, 2 [m³/kg] **vapor**
 - 200 °C, 10⁻⁴ [m³/kg] **liquid**
 - 0.1 [MPa], 0.1 [m³/kg] **liquid+vapor**
 - 400 °C, 10⁻² [m³/kg] **supercritical fluid**
- What phase change is occurring for a mass of H₂O going from B→C on the diagram? **vaporization (liquid to gas)**
- Let's say that we know the temperature and pressure of a mass of H₂O are 1 [MPa] and 179.9 °C. Can we determine the specific volume of this sample? Why or why not? **No, because those are the saturation temperature and pressure; a third property is needed to fix the state in the two-phase region.**
- Consider liquid water enclosed in a piston-cylinder. The water is heated, causing an isobaric expansion at 0.1 [MPa] until all of the water boils, making saturated vapor. What is the final specific volume of the sample? **2 [m³/kg]**

Problem #4

You will need the steam tables (Tables B.1.1-B.1.5) in order to complete these exercises.

- Determine the phase(s) for each of the following water states:
 - 70 °C, 50 [kPa] **liquid**
 - 100 °C, 0.1 [m³/kg] **liquid+vapor**
 - 75 [kPa], 3.0 [m³/kg] **vapor**
 - 10 [kPa], 50 °C **vapor**
 - 125 °C, 250 [kPa] **liquid**
- Look up the requested properties for H₂O at the following states:
 - Specific volume at 100 [kPa], 250 °C **$T > T_{\text{sat}}$ for the given saturation pressure, meaning its a superheated vapor. Using Table B.1.3 on pg. 784, $\nu=2.40604$ [m³/kg]**
 - Specific internal energy at 5,000 [kPa], 120 °C **PP_{sat} for the given saturation temperature, meaning its a compressed liquid. Using Table B.1.4. on pg. 790, $u=501.79$ [kJ/kg], which is close to $\nu_f(120\text{ °C})=503.48$ [kJ/kg]**
 - Specific volume for saturated liquid at 40 °C **Using Table B.1.1 on pg. 776, $\nu_f=0.001008$ [m³/kg]**
- Use linear interpolation (show your work) to calculate the following properties for H₂O at the given states:
 - Specific internal energy at 10,000 [kPa], 75 °C **Using Table B.1.4 on pg. 790:**

$$\frac{75 - 60\text{ [°C]}}{80 - 60\text{ [°C]}} = \frac{u - 249.34\text{ [kJ/kg]}}{332.56 - 249.34\text{ [kJ/kg]}} \implies u = 311.755\text{ [kJ/kg]}$$

- Specific volume of superheated steam existing at 250 °C and 1,700 [kPa] **Using Table B.1.3 on pg. 786:**

$$\frac{1,700 - 1,600\text{ [kPa]}}{1,800 - 1,600\text{ [kPa]}} = \frac{\nu - 0.14184\text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}}{0.12497 - 0.14184\text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}} \implies \nu = 0.133405\text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}$$

- Specific volume of water existing at 375 °C and 5,500 [kPa] **Using Table B.1.3 on pg. 788, we first interpolate to get $\nu(350\text{ °C})$ at 5,500 [kPa]:**

$$\frac{5,500 - 5,000\text{ [kPa]}}{6,000 - 5,000\text{ [kPa]}} = \frac{\nu - 0.05194\text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}}{0.04223 - 0.05194\text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}} \implies \nu = 0.047085\text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}$$

Next we interpolate to get $\nu(400\text{ °C})$ at 5,500 [kPa]:

$$\frac{5,500 - 5,000\text{ [kPa]}}{6,000 - 5,000\text{ [kPa]}} = \frac{\nu - 0.05781\text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}}{0.04739 - 0.05781\text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}} \implies \nu = 0.0526\text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}$$

Lastly, we interpolate between 350 [°C] and 400 [°C] at 5,500 [kPa]:

$$\frac{375 - 350 [^{\circ}\text{C}]}{400 - 350 [^{\circ}\text{C}]} = \frac{\nu - 0.047085 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]}{0.0526 - 0.047085 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]} \implies \nu = 0.0498425 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]$$

This is seen graphically as:

| 5,000 [kPa] | | 5,500 [kPa] | | 6,000 [kPa] | |
|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| T [°C] | ν [m ³ /kg] | T [°C] | ν [m ³ /kg] | T [°C] | ν [m ³ /kg] |
| 350 | 0.05194 | 350 | 0.047085 | 350 | 0.04223 |
| 375 | | 375 | 0.0498425 | 375 | |
| 400 | 0.05781 | 400 | 0.0526 | 400 | 0.04739 |

(d) Specific volume of water at 75 °C and 500 [kPa] Using Table B.1.4 on pg. 790:

$$\frac{75 - 60 [^{\circ}\text{C}]}{80 - 60 [^{\circ}\text{C}]} = \frac{\nu - 0.001017 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]}{0.001029 - 0.001017 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]} \implies \nu = 0.001026 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]$$

(e) Specific volume of water at 100 °C and 1,500 [kPa] Using Table B.1.4 on pg. 790:

$$\frac{1,500 - 500 [\text{kPa}]}{2,000 - 500 [\text{kPa}]} = \frac{\nu - 0.001043 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]}{0.001043 - 0.001043 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]} \implies \nu = 0.001043 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]$$

(f) Specific volume of water at 22.5 °C and 17,500 [kPa] Using Table B.1.4 on pg. 791, we first interpolate to get $\nu(20 [^{\circ}\text{C}])$ at 17,500 [kPa]:

$$\frac{17,500 - 15,000 [\text{kPa}]}{20,000 - 15,000 [\text{kPa}]} = \frac{\nu - 0.000995 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]}{0.000993 - 0.000995 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]} \implies \nu = 0.000994 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]$$

Next we interpolate to get $\nu(00 [^{\circ}\text{C}])$ at 17,500 [kPa]:

$$\frac{17,500 - 15,000 [\text{kPa}]}{20,000 - 15,000 [\text{kPa}]} = \frac{\nu - 0.001001 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]}{0.000999 - 0.001001 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]} \implies \nu = 0.001 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]$$

Lastly, we interpolate between 20 [°C] and 40 [°C] at 17,500 [kPa]:

$$\frac{22.5 - 20 [^{\circ}\text{C}]}{40 - 20 [^{\circ}\text{C}]} = \frac{\nu - 0.000994 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]}{0.001 - 0.000994 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]} \implies \nu = 0.00099475 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]$$

This is seen graphically as:

| 15,000 [kPa] | | 17,500 [kPa] | | 20,000 [kPa] | |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| T [°C] | ν [m ³ /kg] | T [°C] | ν [m ³ /kg] | T [°C] | ν [m ³ /kg] |
| 20 | 0.000995 | 20 | 0.000994 | 20 | 0.000993 |
| 22.5 | | 22.5 | 0.00099475 | 22.5 | |
| 40 | 0.001001 | 40 | 0.001 | 40 | 0.000999 |

4. Your friend asks you for the specific volume (ν) of liquid water at room conditions (25 °C, 100 [kPa]), but you can't find that low of a pressure in the compressed liquid water table. Is it okay to use the saturated liquid value (ν_f) at 25 °C as an approximation? Why or why not? Yes, it is okay to use the saturated liquid value as an approximation because liquid water is incompressible, so specific volume doesn't vary much with pressure ($\nu \approx \nu_f$).
5. Now your (pesky) friend asks you for the specific volume (ν) of water vapor at 200 °C, 50 [kPa]. Is it okay to use the saturated vapor value (ν_g) at 200 °C as an approximation? Why or why not? No, it is not okay to use the saturated vapor volume as an approximation because water vapor is a compressible gas, so specific volume varies significantly with pressure. In this case, $\nu=4.35595 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]$, which is about 40x greater than the saturated value of $\nu_g=0.12736 [\text{m}^3/\text{kg}]$.