

MEMS 0051 - Introduction to Thermodynamics
Quiz #4

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Problem 1

Determine the polytropic index for a process where a fluid goes from an initial state with a pressure 101.325 [kPa] and a volume of 0.5 [m³] to a final state with a pressure of 500 [kPa] and a volume of 0.15 [m³].

[Solution:](#)

$$n = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{V_1}{V_2}\right)} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{500 \text{ [kPa]}}{101.325 \text{ [kPa]}}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{0.5 \text{ [m}^3\text{]}}{0.15 \text{ [m}^3\text{]}}\right)} = 1.326$$

Problem 2

Determine the change in internal energy when air is heated from 298.15 to 600 [K] during a constant volume process.

[Solution:](#)

Best method, use Table A7.1:

$$\Delta u = u_f - u_1 = 435.10 - 213.04 \text{ [kJ/kg]} = 222.06 \text{ [kJ/kg]}$$

Second method, use C_v :

$$\Delta u = u_2 - u_1 = C_v(T_2 - T_1) = 0.717 \text{ [kJ/kg-K]}(600 - 298.15 \text{ [K]}) = 216.426 \text{ [kJ/kg-K]}$$

Problem 3

Determine the change in internal energy when saturated water vapor is heated from 100 to 150 °C.

[Solution:](#)

Using Table B.1.1:

$$\Delta u = u_g(150[^\circ\text{C}]) - u_g(100[^\circ\text{C}]) = 2,559.54 - 2,506.5 \text{ [kJ/kg]} = 53.04 \text{ [kJ/kg]}$$