

**MEMS 0051**  
**Spring 2018**  
**Midterm #1**  
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The following rules apply:

- All work must be done in the blue testing book. Any work done on the exam question sheet will not be graded.
- All work must be substantiated. A result with no methodology and mathematics will not be graded.
- Do not write in the table to the right.

Problem	Points	Score
1	10	
2	30	
3	30	
4	30	
Total:	100	

**BONUS** (5 pts):

This date, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1923, marks the opening of this pharaoh's tomb by archaeologist Howard Carter.

**Written Problem #1**

1. (10 points) Determine the polytropic index for a process where air, initially in a piston cylinder with a pressure of 1,000 [kPa] and a volume of  $8 \cdot 10^{-5}$  [m<sup>3</sup>], is expanded to a pressure of 350 [kPa] and a volume of  $8 \cdot 10^{-4}$  [m<sup>3</sup>].

Solution:

$$n = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{V_1}{V_2}\right)} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{350 \text{ [kPa]}}{1,000 \text{ [kPa]}}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{8 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ [m}^3\text{]}}{8 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ [m}^3\text{]}}\right)} \Rightarrow \boxed{n = 0.456} \quad 10 \text{ (pts)}$$

**Written Problem #2**

2. (30 points) Water vapor at 3,000 [kPa] and 300°C is contained within a piston-cylinder. The water is cooled in a constant volume process until the temperature reaches 200°C. The water is then compressed in a constant temperature process until the pressure is 2,500 [kPa]. **Determine the following:**

1. The specific volumes at States 1, 2 and 3.
2. The quality at State 2.

Solution:

1. At State 1,  $T > T_{\text{sat}}$  at 3,000 [kPa], which means this is a superheated vapor. Using Table B.1.3 on page 787,

$$\boxed{\nu_1 = 0.08114 \text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}} \quad 7 \text{ (pts)}$$

At State 2, the specific volume is the same as State 1 because it is cooled in a *constant volume* process:

$$\boxed{\nu_2 = 0.08114 \text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}} \quad 7 \text{ (pts)}$$

At State 3,  $P > P_{\text{sat}}$  at 200°C, thus it exists as a compressed/subcooled liquid. Using either Table B.1.4 and interpolating, or recognizing  $\nu = \nu(T)$  and  $\nu \neq \nu(P)$ , we can use Table B.1.1 on page 778,

$$\boxed{\nu_3 = 0.001156 \text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}} \quad 7 \text{ (pts)}$$

2. To determine the quality at State 2, we recognize  $\nu_f < \nu_2 < \nu_g$ . Therefore,

$$x_2 = \frac{\nu - \nu_f}{\nu_g - \nu_f} = \frac{0.08114 - 0.001156 \text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}}{0.12736 - 0.001156 \text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}} \Rightarrow \boxed{x_2 = 0.634} \quad 9 \text{ (pts)}$$

**Written Problem #3**

3. (30 points) One kilogram of air undergoes a thermodynamic cycle consisting of three processes:
1. From the initial state, it proceeds to State 2 via a constant volume process
  2. From State 2, it proceeds to State 3 via a constant temperature process
  3. From State 3, it proceeds back to the initial state via a constant pressure process

At State 1, the temperature 300 [K] and the pressure is 100 [kPa]. At State 2, the pressure is 200 [kPa]. The critical pressure of air is 3.786 [MPa] and the critical temperature of air is 132.63 [K]. Using the Ideal Gas law, **determine the following**:

1. The temperature at State 2.
2. The specific volume at State 3.
3. If this process satisfies the requirements to treat air as an Ideal Gas.

Solution:

To determine the temperature at State 2, use the Ideal Gas law, noting the volume, mass and gas constant are all constant,

$$\frac{P_1 \forall}{mRT_1} = \frac{P_2 \forall}{mRT_2} \implies T_2 = \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)T_1 = \left(\frac{200 \text{ [kPa]}}{100 \text{ [kPa]}}\right)(300 \text{ [K]}) \implies \boxed{T_2 = 600 \text{ [K]}} \quad 10 \text{ (pts)}$$

The specific volume at State 3 is found by using the Ideal Gas law. The temperature at State 3 is the same as State 2, and the pressure at State 3 is the same as State 1. The gas constant is found from Table A.5 on page 760,

$$\nu_3 = \frac{RT_3}{P_3} = \frac{RT_2}{P_1} = \frac{(0.287 \text{ [kJ/kg-K]})(600 \text{ [K]})}{100 \text{ [kPa]}} \implies \boxed{\nu_3 = 1.722 \text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}} \quad 10 \text{ (pts)}$$

To verify the reduced temperature, we take our minimum temperature,

$$T_r = \frac{300 \text{ [K]}}{132.63 \text{ [K]}} \implies \boxed{T_r = 2.26 > 2} \quad 5 \text{ (pts)}$$

To verify the reduced pressure, we take the maximum pressure,

$$P_r = \frac{P}{P_c} = \frac{200 \text{ [kPa]}}{3,786 \text{ [kPa]}} \implies \boxed{P_r = 0.053 \ll 1} \quad 5 \text{ (pts)}$$

**Written Problem #4**

4. (30 points) Water is contained within a piston-cylinder device and undergoes a series of processes from an initial state with a pressure of 1,000 [kPa] and a temperature of 400°C, to a final state. The processes are as follows:
1. The water vapor is cooled in a constant pressure process to saturated vapor.
  2. The water is then cooled in a constant volume process to 150°C.

**Determine the following:**

1. Determine the work into the system, in [kJ/kg].

2. Determine the heat out of the system, in [kJ/kg].

Solution:

The work into the system is the sum of the work of the two individual processes:

$$W_{1 \rightarrow 3} = W_{1 \rightarrow 2} + W_{2 \rightarrow 3}$$

We know State 2 to State 3 is constant volume, such that  $W_{2 \rightarrow 3} = 0$ . Therefore, all that is needed is the specific volume at States 1 and 2. At State 1,  $T > T_{\text{sat}}$  at 1,000 [kPa], which means it is a superheated vapor. Therefore, the specific volume is found from Table B.1.3 from page 785,

$$\nu_1 = 0.30659 \text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]} \quad 5 \text{ (pts)}$$

At State 2, the water exists as a saturated vapor at 1,000 [kPa]. Thus, using Table B.1.2 on page 782,

$$\nu_2 = 0.19444 \text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]} \quad 5 \text{ (pts)}$$

Thus, the total work per unit mass is the work from State 1 to State 2, which is a constant pressure process:

$$\frac{W_{1 \rightarrow 3}}{m} = 1,000 \text{ [kPa]} (0.001127 - 0.30659 \text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}) \implies \boxed{\frac{W_{1 \rightarrow 3}}{m} = -112.15 \text{ [kJ/kg]}} \quad 5 \text{ (pts)}$$

The heat per unit mass into the system is the difference of internal energies between State 3 and 1 plus the work into the system:

$$\frac{Q_{1 \rightarrow 3}}{m} = \{(u_2 - u_1) + (u_3 - u_2)\} + \frac{W_{1 \rightarrow 3}}{m}$$

The specific internal energy at State 1 is found from Table B.1.3 on page 785,

$$u_1 = 2,957.29 \text{ [kJ/kg]} \quad 5 \text{ (pts)}$$

At State 3,  $\nu_3 = \nu_2$ , which is between  $\nu_f$  and  $\nu_g$  at 150°C. Interpolating between specific volume and specific internal energy,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\nu_3 - \nu_f(T)}{\nu_g(T) - \nu_f(T)} &= \frac{u_3 - u_f(T)}{u_g(T) - u_f(T)} \\ \implies u_3 &= \left( \frac{0.19444 - 0.001090 \text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}}{0.39278 - 0.001090 \text{ [m}^3\text{/kg]}} \right) (2,559.54 - 631.66 \text{ [kJ/kg]}) + 631.66 \text{ [kJ/kg]} \\ \implies u_3 &= 1,583.32 \text{ [kJ/kg]} \quad 5 \text{ (pts)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the heat per unit mass into the system is

$$\frac{Q_{1 \rightarrow 3}}{m} = (1,583.32 - 2,957.29 \text{ [kJ/kg]}) - 112.15 \text{ [kJ/kg]} \implies \boxed{\frac{Q_{1 \rightarrow 3}}{m} = -1,489.12 \text{ [kJ/kg]}} \quad 5 \text{ (pts)}$$