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Wednesday, February 22nd

ECHE 363 – Thermodynamics of Chemical Systems
Midterm #1

Rules:

- 75 minutes total time. Once time is up, put aside answer sheets.
- Be sure to show all work to obtain maximum credit.
- Closed book and no notes.
- Write your name on every page.
- Please only write on the front side of each page. Ask for additional paper if necessary.

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For instructor use only:

Problem 1 / 25	
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Problem 3 / 35	
Total / 100 points	

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1. (25 points) An ideal gas, with a temperature-independent $c_{p,m} = 3.5R$ at $15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ has an initial volume of 60 m^3 . It is heated at constant pressure ($P = 1\text{ bar}$) to $30\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ by heat transfer from a reservoir that is also at a pressure of 1 bar . Calculate the total ΔS , ΔS_{surr} , and ΔS_{univ} if:
 - a. The surroundings are at $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.
 - b. The surroundings are at $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.
 - c. Which of the processes in (a) or (b) is thermodynamically possible?

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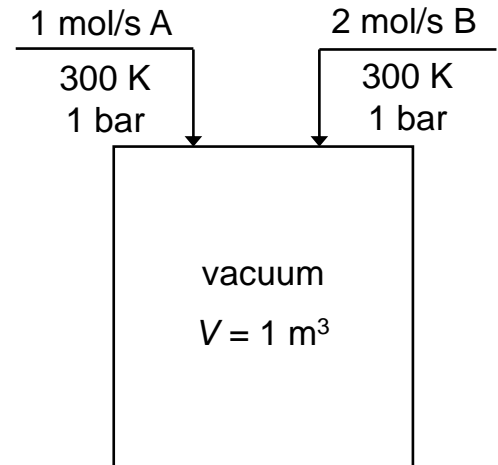
2. (40 points) Steam at 50.0 MPa, 600 °C and a volumetric flow rate of 0.0140 m³/s is fed to an adiabatic turbine operating at steady state. The turbine exit stream is saturated water vapor at 3.00 MPa. Calculate the power (kW) produced by this turbine and its efficiency. You may assume that the exit stream for a process with 100% efficiency is also at 3.00 MPa.

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3. (35 points) A rigid, 1 m^3 tank is initially evacuated. Two streams are then allowed to flow into the tank. One stream contains a gas (A) with a molar flow rate of 1 mol/s at $T_{A,\text{in}} = 300 \text{ K}$ and $P_{A,\text{in}} = 1 \text{ bar}$. The other stream contains a different gas (B) with a molar flow rate of 2 mol/s at $T_{B,\text{in}} = 300 \text{ K}$ and $P_{A,\text{in}} = 1 \text{ bar}$. Gas A has a constant $c_{p,m}^A$ of $5/2R$, and gas B has a different constant $c_{p,m}^B$ of $7/2R$. The two gases are flowed into the tank until it reaches a final pressure of 20 bar , whereupon the valve is closed. The temperature of the surroundings is 300 K . You may treat both “A” and “B” as an ideal gas throughout the entire process.



- Find the final temperature immediately after the valve is closed and the tank stops filling.
- Find the heat transferred (Q) and the final pressure after the tank is in storage for a long period of time, and comes to thermal equilibrium with the surroundings.

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