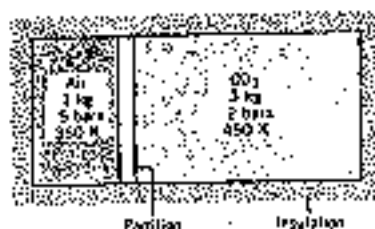


1) (25%)

One kilogram of air, initially at 5 bars, 350°K, and 3 kg of carbon dioxide CO_2 , initially at 2 bars, 450°K, are confined to opposite sides of a rigid, well-insulated container, as illustrated in the Figure. The partition is free to move. The air and carbon dioxide each behave as ideal gases. Please determine the final equilibrium temperature, in K and the final pressure in bars, if the partition is (a) assumed to allow conduction from one gas to the other without energy storage in the partition itself, or (b) assumed to be an perfect insulator to heat on both sides. Assume constant specific heat for air $c_v = 0.726 \text{ kJ/kgK}$, and for CO_2 , $c_v = 0.75 \text{ kJ/kgK}$.



2. (25%)

- What is the thermodynamic temperature scale (4%)
- Can you draw a $p-v$, $T-s$ diagram of a Carnot power cycle? Please also show its direction of process. (6%)
- Express the thermal efficiency of a Carnot cycle by function of temperature, if the working temperatures are in $t_h = 727^\circ\text{C}$ and $t_c = 227^\circ\text{C}$ respectively. (5%)
- Can a Carnot cycle also be used as a refrigerated cycle? (2%) If no, explain why? If yes, please also show its coefficient of performance (β) when the its working temperatures are the same as question (c) (3%)
- From the same Carnot power cycle in (c), if the ambient temperature is $T_0 = 300\text{K}$, please also find the second law efficiency (s) from the availability point of view (5%).

3. (25%)

By using $T-S$ (temperature vs. entropy) and/or $P-V$ (pressure vs. volume) diagrams, please explain the relations between thermal efficiency and the maximum pressure within an Otto cycle and a Brayton Cycle. Please also discuss the high-pressure restrictions for both cycles in practical power systems (reciprocating engine and gas turbine power plant).

