

Duration: 1 hour

Full Marks: 20

Saturation pressure of water: $\ln(p_{sat}) = 16.54 - \left(\frac{3985}{T - 39.00} \right)$, p_{sat} in kPa and T in K

Apjohn Equation: $p_v = p'_v - \frac{1.8 p_t (DBT - WBT)}{2700}$, DBT & WBT in °C

p_v is the vapour pressure, p'_v is the saturated vapour pressure at WBT and p_t is the barometric pressure (pressure units should be consistent)

Latent heat of water (kJ/kgw), $h_{fg} = 2501 - 2.36 \cdot t$, where t is temperature of water in °C.

c_p values (kJ/kg.K): Dry air = 1.005; moist air = 1.02; Liquid water = 4.18, Water vapour = 1.88;

Universal gas constant, R (kJ/kg.mol) = 8.314, Barometric pressure = 101 kPa

Molecular weights (kg/kmol): Water = 18, air = 29, Stefan-Boltzmann const., $\sigma = 5.678 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}^4$

1. The dry bulb and wet bulb thermometers of a psychrometer indicate 27°C and 15°C, respectively. The convective heat transfer coefficient between the thermometer bulbs and surrounding air is 8.3 W/m².K. If the mean radiant temperature of the surroundings is 29°C and the emissivity of the bulbs is 0.9, find a) the true dry bulb temperature of air, and b) humidity ratio of air, when the sensing bulb of the wet bulb thermometer is provided with a perfect radiation shield, but the dry bulb thermometer does not have a radiation shield. Assume a value of 1.0 for Lewis number. (2+4 = 6)

2. In one element of a counterflow type cooling tower, the temperature of 12 kg/s of water decreases from 35°C to 34°C as it exchanges energy with 16 kg/s of air. The condition of air at the inlet to the element is 42°C (DBT) and 28°C (WBT). If the convective heat transfer coefficient between water and air is 800 W/m².K, find the required interfacial area for heat and mass transfer of the element. For the temperature range of interest, use the following equation for estimating enthalpy of saturated air. (6)

$$h_{sat} = 6.4t - 94, \text{ where } h_{sat} \text{ is in kJ/kg and temperature } t \text{ is in } ^\circ\text{C}.$$

3. An air conditioning system that uses 100% outdoor air is designed for outdoor conditions of 42°C (DBT) and 28°C (WBT). The required indoor conditions are 27°C (DBT) and a humidity ratio of 0.0113 kgw/kgda. The building has a sensible cooling load of 50 kW and a latent cooling load of 30 kW. The required conditions are achieved by first cooling and dehumidifying the air, and then heating the air sensibly before supplying it to the conditioned space. The cooling and dehumidifying coil has a coil ADP of 7°C ($W_{adp} = 6.314 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kgw/kgda}$) and a bypass factor of 0.05. a) Draw the process on a psychrometric chart, and find b) Required capacity of the cooling and dehumidifying coil, and c) Required capacity of the heating coil. (3+3+2 = 8)

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