

Q1.

A string has a mass of 0.20 g and a length of 1.6 m. A sinusoidal wave is travelling on this string, and is given by: $y(x,t) = 0.030 \sin(0.30x - 80t + 3\pi/2)$ (SI units). What is the magnitude of the tension in the string?

- A) 8.9 N
- B) 3.3 N
- C) 4.7 N
- D) 9.2 N
- E) 5.4 N

Ans:

$$\mu = \frac{m}{L} = \frac{2.0 \times 10^{-4}}{1.6} = 1.25 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg/m}$$

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{80}{0.30} = 266.7 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\mu}} \rightarrow \tau = \mu \cdot v^2 = 8.9 \text{ N}$$

Q2.

The average power transmitted by a sinusoidal wave on a stretched string does not depend on

- A) the length of the string.
- B) the frequency of the wave.
- C) the wavelength of the wave.
- D) the tension in the string.
- E) the amplitude of the wave.

Ans:

$$P_{\text{av}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega^2 y_m^2$$

Q3.

A standing wave is established on a 3.0 m long string fixed at both ends. The string vibrates in three loops with an amplitude of 1.0 cm. If the wave speed is 100 m/s, what is the frequency?

- A) 50 Hz
- B) 100 Hz
- C) 33 Hz
- D) 25 Hz
- E) 10 Hz

Ans:

$$\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n} \Rightarrow \lambda_3 = \frac{2L}{3} = \frac{2 \times 3.0}{3} = 2.0 \text{ m}$$

$$v = \lambda f \Rightarrow f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{100}{2.0} = 50 \text{ Hz}$$

Q4.

A string of length 2.5 m is fixed at both ends. A standing wave of frequency 100 Hz is set up on the string. The distance between two adjacent nodes is 0.50 m. What is the fundamental frequency of the string?

- A) 20 Hz
- B) 100 Hz
- C) 40 Hz
- D) 500 Hz
- E) 60 Hz

Ans:

$$\frac{\lambda}{2} = 0.50 \text{ m} \Rightarrow \lambda = 1.0 \text{ m}$$

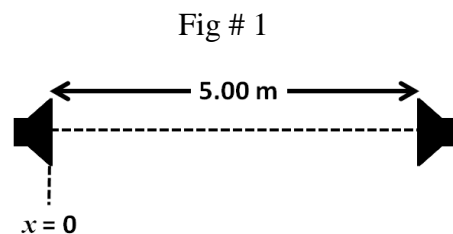
$$\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n} \Rightarrow n = \frac{2L}{\lambda} = \frac{2 \times 2.5}{1.0} = 5$$

$$f_n = n \cdot f_1 \Rightarrow f_1 = \frac{f}{n} = \frac{100}{5} = 20 \text{ Hz}$$

Q5.

Two speakers, facing each other and separated by a distance of 5.00 m, are driven by the same oscillator, as shown in **Figure 1**. A listener starts walking from the left speaker toward the right one, along the line joining them. He hears the first minimum at $x = 1.00 \text{ m}$. Find the frequency of the oscillator. Speed of sound = 343 m/s.

- A) 57.2 Hz
- B) 114 Hz
- C) 42.9 Hz
- D) 85.8 Hz
- E) 34.3 Hz



Ans:

$$\Delta L = L_2 - L_1 = 4 - 1 = 3 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{But: } \Delta L = \frac{\lambda}{2} \leftarrow \text{First minimum}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \cdot \Delta L = 6.0 \text{ m}$$

$$v = \lambda f$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{343}{6.0} = 57.2 \text{ Hz}$$

Q6.

A point source uniformly emits 440 W of sound in all directions. How far from the source will the sound level be 106 dB?

- A) 29.7 m
- B) 21.8 m
- C) 32.5 m
- D) 38.1 m
- E) 52.5 m

Ans:

$$\beta = 10 \cdot \log\left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right) \Rightarrow I = I_0 \cdot (10)^{\beta/10} = 10^{-12} \times (10)^{10.6}$$

$$= 10^{-1.4} = 0.0398 \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$I = \frac{P_s}{4\pi r^2} \Rightarrow r = \sqrt{\frac{P_s}{4\pi I}} = \sqrt{\frac{440}{4\pi \times 0.0398}} = 29.7 \text{ m}$$

Q7.

A train approaches a mountain at a speed of 20.8 m/s. The train's engineer sounds a whistle that emits sound with a frequency of 420 Hz. What will be the frequency of the sound reflected from the mountain, as heard by the engineer? Speed of sound = 343 m/s.

- A) 474 Hz
- B) 430 Hz
- C) 446 Hz
- D) 420 Hz
- E) 400 Hz

Ans:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Train} \rightarrow \text{Mountain: } f' = f_0 \frac{v}{v - w} \\ \text{Mountain} \rightarrow \text{Train: } f'' = f' \frac{v + w}{v} \end{array} \right\} w = \text{speed of train}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'' = f_0 \cdot \frac{v + w}{v - w} = 420 \times \frac{343 + 20.8}{343 - 20.8} = 474 \text{ Hz}$$

Q8.

Tube A has length L_A and is open at both ends. Tube B has length L_B and is closed at one end. If the fundamental frequencies of the two tubes match then:

- A) $L_B = L_A/2$
- B) $L_B = L_A$
- C) $L_B = L_A/4$
- D) $L_B = 2 L_A$
- E) $L_B = 4 L_A$

Ans:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_{nA} &= \frac{nv}{2L_A} \Rightarrow f_{1A} = \frac{v}{2L_A} \\ f_{nB} &= \frac{nv}{4L_B} \Rightarrow f_{1B} = \frac{v}{4L_B} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} f_{1A} &= f_{1B} : \\ \frac{v}{2L_A} &= \frac{v}{4L_B} \\ \Rightarrow L_B &= L_A/2 \end{aligned}$$

Q9.

A bridge is made of segments of concrete, each of length $L = 50$ m, that are placed end to end. Every two adjacent segments are separated by a spacing ΔL to allow for thermal expansion, without the two segments touching. If the temperature changes by 150 F°, what should be the minimum value of ΔL ? The coefficient of linear expansion of concrete is $12 \times 10^{-6} (\text{°C})^{-1}$.

- A) 5.0 cm
- B) 7.5 cm
- C) 10 cm
- D) 2.5 cm
- E) 9.5 cm

Ans:

$$T_F = \frac{9}{5} T_C + 32 \Rightarrow \Delta T_F = \frac{9}{5} \Delta T_C \Rightarrow \Delta T_C = \frac{5}{9} \Delta T_F$$

$$\Delta L = \alpha \cdot L_0 \cdot \Delta T = 12 \times 10^{-6} \times 50 \times \frac{5}{9} \times 150$$

$$= 0.05 \text{ m} = 5.0 \text{ cm}$$

Q10.

A 4.0 kg block of ice at 0.0 °C is mixed with 4.0 kg of steam at 100 °C. What is the final equilibrium temperature of the system?

- A) 100 °C
- B) 0.0 °C
- C) 50 °C
- D) 85 °C
- E) 22 °C

Ans:

$$Q_{i1} = m_i \cdot L_F = 4 \times 333 = 1332 \text{ kJ}$$

$$Q_{i2} = m_i \cdot C_w \cdot \Delta T = 4 \times 4190 \times 100 = 1676 \text{ kJ}$$

∴ Ice needs $Q_{i1} + Q_{i2} = 3008 \text{ kJ}$ to melt and reach 100°C

$$Q_s = m_s \cdot L_v = 4 \times 2256 = 9024 \text{ kJ}$$

∴ Steam has enough heat to melt an heat ice ∴ $T_f = 100^\circ\text{C}$

Q11.

Two rods, made of different materials but having the same length and diameter, are welded end to end between two thermal reservoirs, as shown in **Figure 3**. In steady state, what is the temperature (T_x) at the junction between the two rods?

- A) $100 \frac{k_1}{(k_1 + k_2)}$
- B) $100 \frac{k_2}{(k_1 + k_2)}$
- C) $100 \frac{k_1 k_2}{(k_1 + k_2)}$
- D) $50 \frac{k_1}{(k_1 + k_2)}$
- E) $50 \frac{k_2}{(k_1 + k_2)}$

Ans:

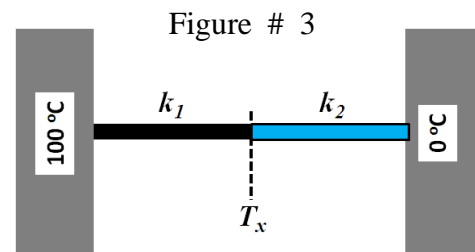
$$P_1 = \frac{k_1 \cdot A \cdot (100 - T_x)}{L}$$

$$P_2 = \frac{k_2 \cdot A \cdot (T_x - 0)}{L}$$

Steady state: $P_1 = P_2$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 (100 - T_x) = k_2 T_x$$

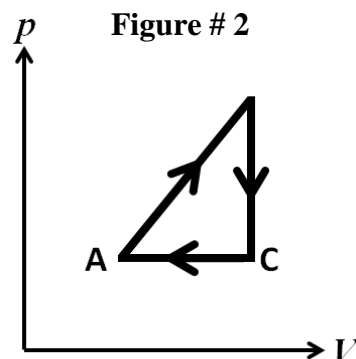
$$100k_1 - k_1 T_x = k_2 T_x \Rightarrow T_x = 100 \cdot \frac{k_1}{k_1 + k_2}$$



Q12.

An ideal gas undergoes the cyclic process shown in **Figure 2**. What are the signs of the heats Q_{AB} , Q_{BC} , Q_{CA} , respectively?

- A) positive, negative, negative
- B) positive, negative, positive
- C) positive, positive, negative
- D) negative, positive, positive
- E) negative, positive, negative



Ans:

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = Q - W$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = n \cdot C_v \cdot \Delta T$$

	ΔE	W	Q
AB	+	+	+
BC	-	0	-
CA	-	-	-

Q13.

Two moles of a monatomic ideal gas are initially at 27.0 °C and occupy a volume of 20.0 L. The gas is expanded at constant pressure until the volume is doubled. Find the change in the internal energy of the gas.

- A) 7.48 kJ
- B) 12.5 kJ
- C) 0.673 kJ
- D) 1.12 kJ
- E) 5.44 kJ

Ans:

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = n \cdot c_v \cdot \Delta T = n \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2} R\right) \Delta T = \frac{3}{2} nR\Delta T$$

$$pV = nRT \Rightarrow nR\Delta T = P \cdot \Delta V = P_i \cdot (2V_i - V_i) = P_i V_i = nRT_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta E_{\text{int}} = \frac{3}{2} nRT_i = \frac{3}{2} \times 2 \times 8.31 \times (27 + 273) = 7479 \text{ J} = 7.48 \text{ kJ}$$

Q14.

An ideal diatomic gas, initially at 20.0 °C, is compressed adiabatically from 1.00 L to 0.500 L. What is the final temperature of the gas?

- A) 387 K
- B) 299 K
- C) 465 K
- D) 305 K
- E) 117 K

Ans:

$$\text{Diatomic: } \gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v} = \frac{7R/2}{5R/2} = \frac{7}{5} = 1.4$$

$$\text{Adiabatic: } T_i \cdot V_i^{\gamma-1} = T_f \cdot V_f^{\gamma-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_f = \left(\frac{V_i}{V_f}\right)^{\gamma-1} \cdot T_i = \left(\frac{1.00}{0.500}\right)^{0.4} \times 293.15 = 387 \text{ K}$$

Q15.

The speeds of four particles are as follows: $v_1 = 1.0$ m/s, $v_2 = 2.0$ m/s, $v_3 = 3.0$ m/s and $v_4 = 4.0$ m/s. What is their root mean square speed?

- A) 2.7 m/s
- B) 2.5 m/s
- C) 1.9 m/s
- D) 5.5 m/s
- E) 3.2 m/s

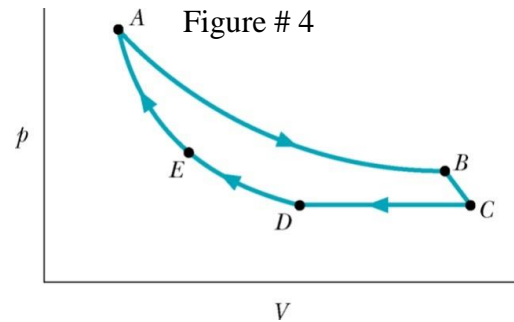
Ans:

$$(v^2)_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1.0 + 4.0 + 9.0 + 16}{4} = 7.5 \text{ (m/s)}^2$$
$$v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{(v^2)_{\text{avg}}} = \sqrt{7.5} = 2.7 \text{ m/s}$$

Q16.

Figure 4 shows a cycle consisting of five paths: *AB* is isothermal at 300 K, *BC* is adiabatic with work = 8.0 J, *CD* is isobaric at 5.0 atm, *DE* is isothermal, and *EA* is adiabatic with a change of internal energy of 10 J. What is the change in the internal energy of the gas along path *CD*?

- A) - 2.0 J
- B) + 2.0 J
- C) - 12 J
- D) + 12 J
- E) - 18 J



Ans:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For a cycle: } \Delta E_{\text{int}} &= 0 \\ \Delta E_{AB} + \Delta E_{BC} + \Delta E_{CD} + \Delta E_{DE} + \Delta E_{EA} &= 0 \\ \Delta E_{AB} = \Delta E_{DE} &= 0 \text{ (isothermal)} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta E_{CD} &= -\Delta E_{BC} - \Delta E_{EA} \\ &= W_{BC} - \Delta E_{EA} \\ &= 8.0 - 10 = \mathbf{-2.0 \text{ J}} \end{aligned}$$

Q17.

A real heat engine is represented by the diagram shown in **Figure 5**. The heat expelled to the low-temperature reservoir can be

- A) 60 J
- B) 40 J
- C) 20 J
- D) 10 J
- E) zero

Ans:

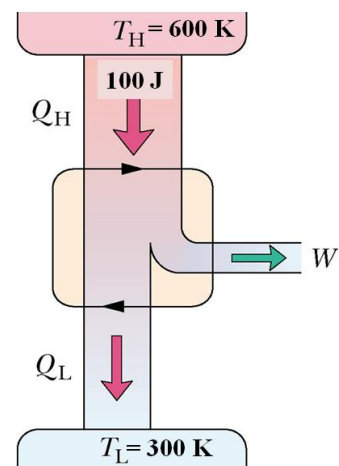
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Carnot: } W &= \epsilon_c \cdot Q_H = 0.5 \times 100 = 50 \text{ J} \\ W &= \epsilon_c \cdot Q_H = 0.5 \times 100 = 50 \text{ J} \\ Q_L &= Q_H - W = 100 - 50 \text{ J} = 50 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

A real heat engine will have less efficiency

∴ Less work and more Q_L

$$\therefore Q_L > 50 \text{ J}$$

Figure # 5



Q18.

Point *i* in **Figure 6** represents the initial state of an ideal gas at temperature *T*. Rank the entropy changes that the gas undergoes as it moves reversibly from point *i* to points *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d*, greatest first.

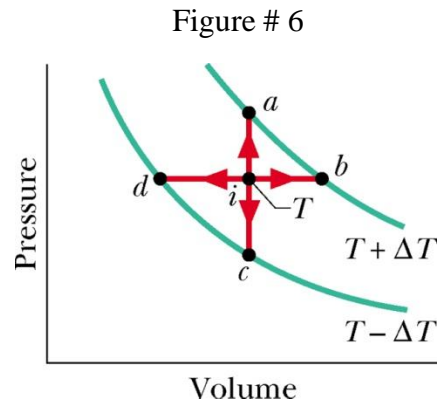
- A) *b, a, c, d*
- B) *a, b, c, d*
- C) *b, d, a, c*
- D) (*b* and *d* tie), (*a* and *c* tie)
- E) (*b* and *d* tie), *a, c*

Ans:

$$\Delta S = \int \frac{dQ}{T} = \int \frac{nC \cdot dT}{T}$$

$$\text{isobaric: } \Delta S = n \cdot C_p \cdot \ln\left(\frac{T_f}{T_i}\right)$$

$$\text{isochoric: } \Delta S = n \cdot C_v \cdot \ln\left(\frac{T_f}{T_i}\right)$$



Q19.

In an experiment, 200 g of aluminum at 100 °C is mixed with 200 g of water at 20 °C. The final equilibrium temperature is 34 °C. What is the change in entropy of the aluminum-water system? The specific heat of aluminum is 900 J/kg.K.

- A) + 4.1 J/K
- B) + 74 J/K
- C) - 74 J/K
- D) - 4.1 J/K
- E) zero

Ans:

$$\Delta S_{Al} = 0.2 \times 900 \times \ln\left(\frac{34 + 273}{100 + 273}\right) = - 35.051 \frac{J}{K}$$

$$\Delta S_w = 0.2 \times 4190 \times \ln\left(\frac{34 + 273}{20 + 273}\right) = + 39.114 \frac{J}{K}$$

$$\Delta S_{system} = \Delta S_{Al} + \Delta S_w = + 4.063 \rightarrow + 4.1 \frac{J}{K}$$

Q20.

A Carnot refrigerator operates between two reservoirs at $-3.0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $27\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. How long should the refrigerator be operated, with a 500 W power input, in order for it to absorb 4500 J of heat from the cold reservoir?

- A) 1.0 s
- B) 5.0 s
- C) 2.7 s
- D) 6.3 s
- E) 1.6 s

Ans:

$$K = \frac{T_L}{T_H - T_L} = \frac{270}{30} = 9$$

$$K = \frac{Q_L}{W} \rightarrow W = \frac{Q_L}{K} = \frac{4500}{9} = 500\text{ J}$$

$$W = P \cdot t \rightarrow t = \frac{W}{P} = \frac{500}{500} = 1.0\text{ s}$$

