

Problem 3

Given: - Air enters an insulated compressor operating at steady state at 0.95 bar, 27°C, and exits at 8.7 bar

$$- \Delta KE = \Delta PE = 0$$

$$- \text{Mass flow rate} = 4000 \text{ kg/hr}$$

Determine: (a) Minimum theoretical power input and exit temperature

(b) If the exit temperature is 347°C, the power input and the isentropic efficiency

$$(a) (\dot{W}_{cv})_{\min} = \dot{m} (h_1 - h_{2s})$$

Table A-22 @ $T_1 = 300 \text{ K}$, $h_1 = 300.19 \text{ kJ/kg}$
 $s^\circ(T_1) = 1.70203 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}$

$$\begin{array}{l} \nearrow 0 \\ s_{2s} - s_1 = s^\circ(T_{2s}) - s^\circ(T_1) - R \ln\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right) \end{array}$$

$$0 = s^\circ(T_{2s}) - 1.70203 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K} - \left(\frac{8.314}{28.97}\right) \ln\left(\frac{8.7 \text{ bar}}{0.95 \text{ bar}}\right)$$

$$s^\circ(T_{2s}) = 2.3376 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}$$

Table A-22: Interpolating with $s^\circ(T_{2s}) = 2.3376 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}$

$$T_{2s} = 560.4 \text{ K} = 287.4^\circ\text{C}$$

$$h_{2s} = 565.59 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$(\dot{w}_{cv})_{\min} = (4000 \text{ kg/hr}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ sec}} \right) (300.19 \text{ kJ/kg} - 565.59 \text{ kJ/kg})$$

$$(\dot{w}_{cv})_{\min} = -294.9 \text{ kW}$$

(b) $T_2 = 620 \text{ K}$ Table A-22, $h_2 = 628.07 \text{ kJ/kg}$

$$\dot{w}_{cv} = \dot{m}(h_1 - h_2) = (4000 \text{ kg/hr}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ sec}} \right) (300.19 \text{ kJ/kg} - 628.07 \text{ kJ/kg})$$

$$\dot{w}_{cv} = -364.3 \text{ kW}$$

$$\eta_c = \frac{294.9 \text{ kW}}{364.3 \text{ kW}} = 0.809 = \boxed{80.9\%}$$