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Question

A reciprocating air compressor has a 7% clearance and discharges 65 psia (450 kPa) air at the rate of 48 lbm/min (0.36 kg/s). Ambient air is at 14.7 psia and 65°F. The polytropic exponent is 1.33. The equation for the volumetric efficiency is

$$\eta_v = 1 - (r_p^{1/n} - 1) \left(\frac{c}{100\%} \right)$$

The mass of air that is compressed each minute is most nearly

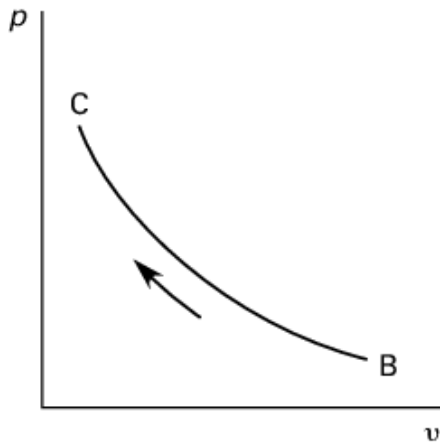
Answers

- (A) 42 lbm/min (0.32 kg/s)
- (B) 51 lbm/min (0.38 kg/s)
- (C) 56 lbm/min (0.42 kg/s)
- (D) 74 lbm/min (0.55 kg/s)

The answer is (C).

Solution

Content in blue refers to the NCEES Handbook.



Customary U.S. Solution

The compression ratio for a reciprocating compressor is

Compressibility Factor and Charts

$$r_p = \frac{p_C}{p_B} = \frac{65 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2}}{14.7 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2}} = 4.42$$

The volumetric efficiency is

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_v &= 1 - \left(r_p^{1/n} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{c}{100\%} \right) \\
 &= 1 - \left(4.42^{1/1.33} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{7\%}{100\%} \right) \\
 &= 0.856 \quad (85.6\%)
 \end{aligned}$$

The mass of air compressed per minute is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{m} &= \frac{\dot{m}_{\text{actual}}}{\eta_v} = \frac{48 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{min}}}{0.856} \\
 &= 56.07 \text{ lbm/min} \quad (56 \text{ lbm/min})
 \end{aligned}$$

SI Solution

~~The compression ratio for the reciprocating compressor is~~

~~Compressibility Factor and Charts~~

$$p_R = \frac{p_C}{p_B} = \frac{450 \text{ kPa}}{101 \text{ kPa}} = 4.46$$

The volumetric efficiency is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_v &= 1 - \left(r_p^{1/n} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{c}{100\%} \right) \\
 &= 1 - \left(4.46^{1/1.33} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{7\%}{100\%} \right) \\
 &= 0.855 \quad (85.5\%)
 \end{aligned}$$

The mass of air compressed per minute is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{m} &= \frac{\dot{m}_{\text{actual}}}{\eta_v} = \frac{0.36 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}}{0.855} \\
 &= 0.4211 \text{ kg/s} \quad (0.42 \text{ kg/s})
 \end{aligned}$$

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Dry air at 1 atm flows through 50 ft (15 m) of uninsulated duct. The flow rate of air through the duct is 500 ft³/min (0.25 m³/s), and the diameter of the duct is 12 in (30 cm). Air enters the duct at 45°F (7°C). The walls, air, and contents of the room through which the duct passes are at 80°F (27°C). The air leaving the duct is at 50°F (10°C). Assume normal temperature and pressure for surface temperatures. The film coefficient for air flowing inside the duct is given by the following equations.

$$h_i \approx (0.00351 + (1.583 \times 10^{-6}) T_F) \left(\frac{G_{\text{lbm/hr-ft}^2}^{0.8}}{D_{\text{ft}}^{0.2}} \right) \quad [\text{US}]$$

$$h_i \approx \frac{3.52 v_{\text{m/s}}^{0.8}}{D_{\text{m}}^{0.2}} \quad [\text{SI}]$$

The film coefficient for air flowing inside the duct is most nearly

Answers

- (A) 2 Btu/hr-ft²-°F (12 W/m²·K)
- (B) 3 Btu/hr-ft²-°F (17 W/m²·K)
- (C) 5 Btu/hr-ft²-°F (28 W/m²·K)
- (D) 9 Btu/hr-ft²-°F (51 W/m²·K)

The answer is (A).

Solution

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Customary U.S. Solution

Find the absolute temperature of air entering the duct. [Temperature Conversions]

$$45^\circ\text{F} + 459.69 = 504.69^\circ\text{R}$$

At normal temperature and pressure, the pressure of air is 14.696 lbf/in². The gas constant, R , is 53.3 ft-lbf/lbm-°R. [Standard Dry Air Conditions at Sea Level] [Fundamental Constants]

Using the ideal gas law, calculate the density of air entering the duct.

Ideal Gas

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$$\begin{aligned}
 pV &= mRT \\
 \rho &= \frac{m}{V} = \frac{p}{RT} \\
 &= \frac{\left(14.696 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2}\right) \left(12 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{ft}}\right)^2}{\left(53.3 \frac{\text{ft}\cdot\text{lbf}}{\text{lbm}\cdot^\circ\text{R}}\right) (504.69^\circ\text{R})} \\
 &= 0.07867 \text{ lbm}/\text{ft}^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Find the mass flow rate of air entering the duct.

Continuity Equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{m} &= \rho Q \\
 &= \left(0.07867 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{ft}^3}\right) \left(500 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{min}}\right) \left(60 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{hr}}\right) \\
 &= 2360.1 \text{ lbm}/\text{hr}
 \end{aligned}$$

The mass flow rate per unit area, G , is

$$\begin{aligned}
 G &= \frac{\dot{m}}{A_{\text{flow}}} = \frac{\left(2360.1 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{hr}}\right) \left(12 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{ft}}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) (12 \text{ in})^2} \\
 &= 3006.49 \text{ lbm}/\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

To calculate the initial film coefficients, find the bulk temperature. The film coefficients are not highly sensitive to small temperature differences.

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{\text{bulk,air}} &= \frac{1}{2}(T_{\text{air,in}} + T_{\text{air,out}}) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (45^\circ\text{F} + 50^\circ\text{F}) \\
 &= 47.5^\circ\text{F}
 \end{aligned}$$

The film coefficient for air flowing inside the duct is

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_i &\approx \left(0.00351 + (1.583 \times 10^{-6}) T_{\text{F}}\right) \left(\frac{G_{\text{lbm}/\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}^2}^{0.8}}{D_{\text{ft}}^{0.2}}\right) \\
 &= \left(0.00351 + (1.583 \times 10^{-6}) (47.5^\circ\text{F})\right) \\
 &\quad \times \left(\frac{\left(3006.49 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}^2}\right)^{0.8}}{\left(\frac{12 \text{ in}}{12 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{ft}}}\right)^{0.2}}\right) \\
 &= 2.17 \text{ Btu}/\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F} \quad (2 \text{ Btu}/\text{hr}\cdot\text{ft}^2\cdot^\circ\text{F})
 \end{aligned}$$

SI Solution

The diameter of the duct in centimeters is

$$D = \frac{30 \text{ cm}}{100 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{m}}} = 0.30 \text{ m}$$

The velocity of air entering the duct is

$$\begin{aligned}v &= \frac{Q}{A_{\text{flow}}} = \frac{0.25 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}}{\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) (0.30 \text{ m})^2} \\ &= 3.537 \text{ m/s}\end{aligned}$$

The film coefficient for air flowing inside the duct is

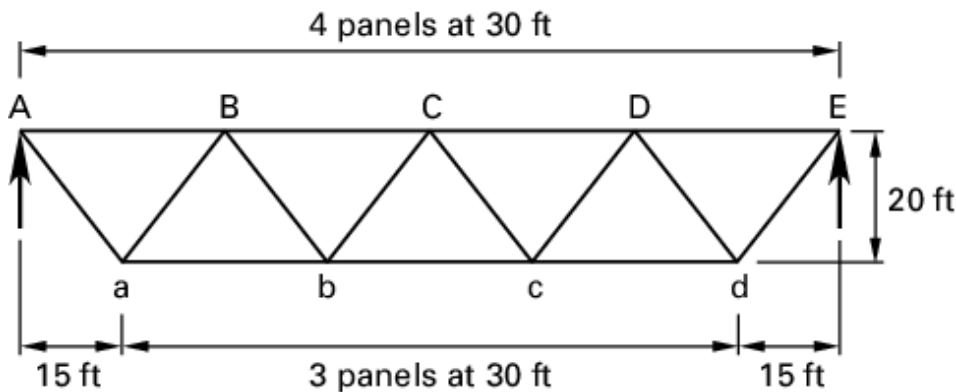
$$\begin{aligned}h_i &\approx \frac{3.52 v_{\text{m/s}}^{0.8}}{D_{\text{m}}^{0.2}} \\ &= \frac{(3.52) \left(3.537 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^{0.8}}{(0.30 \text{ m})^{0.2}} \\ &= 12.3 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K} \quad (12 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K})\end{aligned}$$

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The truss shown carries a moving uniform live load of 2 kips/ft and a moving concentrated live load of 15 kips.



The maximum force in member BC is most nearly

Answers

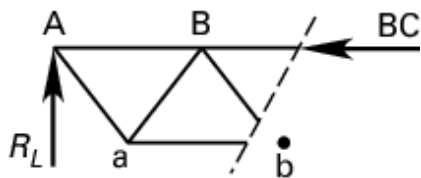
- (A) 15 kips
- (B) 80 kips
- (C) 95 kips
- (D) 170 kips

The answer is (D).

Solution

Influence diagram for moment at point b:

The horizontal member BC cannot resist vertical shear.



With no loads between A and C, the force in member BC can be found by summing the moments about point b. Taking clockwise moments as positive,

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$$\begin{aligned}\sum M_b &= (45 \text{ ft}) R_L - (20 \text{ ft}) (BC) \\ &= 0 \\ BC &= \frac{45R_L}{20 \text{ ft}}\end{aligned}$$

$45R_L$ is the moment that the moment from force BC opposes. In general,

$$BC = \frac{M_b}{20 \text{ ft}}$$

If the load is between C and E,

$$R_L = \frac{x}{120 \text{ ft}} \quad [x \text{ is measured from E}]$$

The moment caused by R_L is

$$\begin{aligned}M_b &= (45 \text{ ft}) \left(\frac{x}{120 \text{ ft}} \right) \\ &= 0.375x\end{aligned}$$

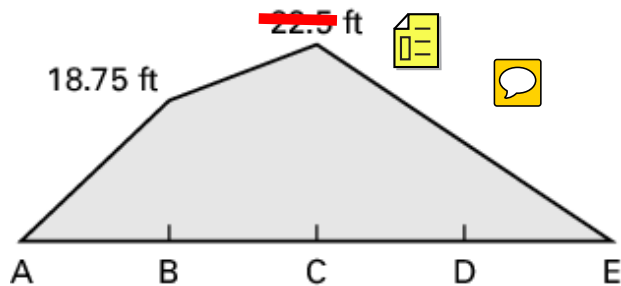
If the load is between A and B, the reaction is

$$R_L = \frac{x}{120 \text{ ft}}$$

The moment at b is also affected by the load between A and B.

$$\begin{aligned}M_b &= 0.375x - (1)(x - 75 \text{ ft}) \\ &= 75 \text{ ft} - 0.625x\end{aligned}$$

Plotting these values versus x ,



Maximum moment due to uniform load:

The moment at b is maximum when the entire truss is loaded from A to E. The area under the curve is

$$\begin{aligned}&\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (30 \text{ ft}) (18.75 \text{ ft}) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (60 \text{ ft}) (22.5 \text{ ft}) \\ &\quad + (30 \text{ ft}) (18.75 \text{ ft}) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (30 \text{ ft}) (22.5 \text{ ft} - 18.75 \text{ ft}) \\ &= 1575 \text{ ft}^2\end{aligned}$$

The maximum moment is

$$M_b = \left(2 \frac{\text{kips}}{\text{ft}} \right) (1575 \text{ ft}^2) = 3150 \text{ ft-kips}$$

Maximum moment due to concentrated load:

Maximum moment will occur when the load is at C.

$$\begin{aligned} M_b &= (15 \text{ kips}) (22.5 \text{ ft}) \\ &= 337.5 \text{ ft-kips} \end{aligned}$$

Total maximum moment:

$$\begin{aligned} M_b &= 337.5 \text{ ft-kips} + 3150 \text{ ft-kips} \\ &= 3487.5 \text{ ft-kips} \end{aligned}$$



Compression in BC:

$$\begin{aligned} BC &= \frac{M_b}{20 \text{ ft}} = \frac{3487.5 \text{ ft-kips}}{20 \text{ ft}} \\ &= 174.4 \text{ kips} \quad (170 \text{ kips}) \end{aligned}$$

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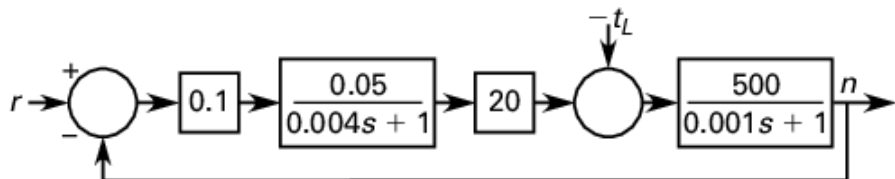
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A constant-speed motor/magnetic clutch drive train is monitored and controlled by a speed-sensing tachometer. The entire system is modeled as a control system block diagram, as shown. (The lowercase letters represent small-signal increments from the reference values.) When the control system is operating, the desired motor speed, n (in rpm), is set with a speed-setting potentiometer. The setting is compared to the tachometer output. The comparator output error (in volts), controls the clutch. A current, i (in amps), passes through the clutch coil. The external load torque, t_{Lm} (in in-lbf), is seen by the clutch and is countered by the clutch output torque, t (in in-lbf). See *Illustration for problem 3, 4, and 5*.  

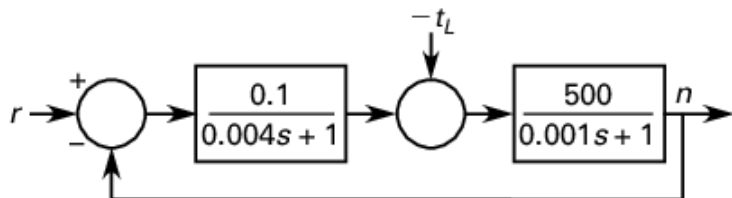
Describe the closed-loop response to a step change in the load torque. Is the response damped or oscillatory? Is there a steady-state error? Why or why not?

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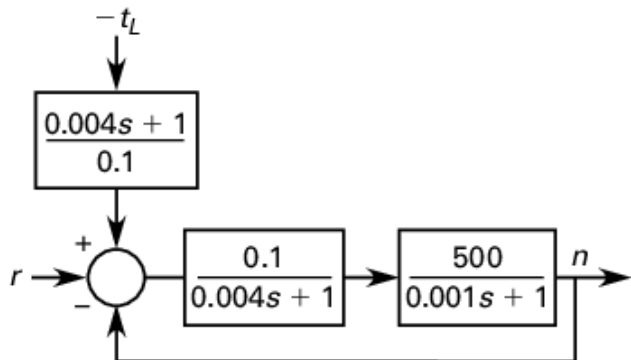
First, redraw the system in more traditional form.



From Fig. 61.5, use case 1 to combine boxes in series.



Use case 5 to combine the two summing points.



Use case 1 to combine boxes in series.

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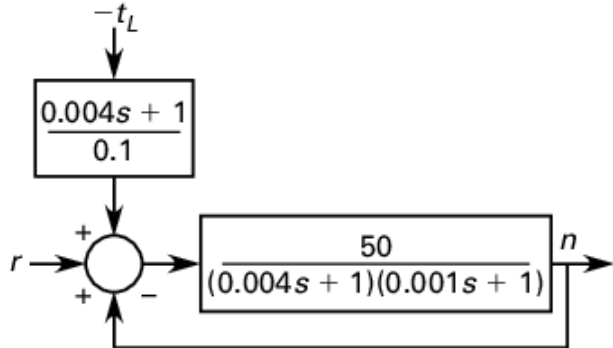
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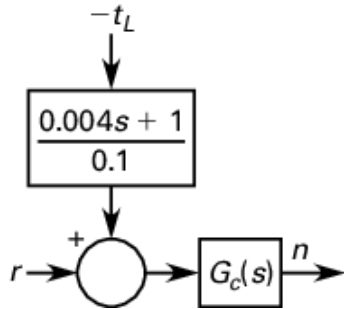
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Using From Fig. 61.5, use case 3 to simplify the rules for simplifying block diagrams, simplify the feedback loop.



$$\begin{aligned}
 G_c(s) &= \frac{\frac{50}{(0.004s + 1)(0.001s + 1)}}{1 + \frac{50}{(0.004s + 1)(0.001s + 1)}} \\
 &= \frac{50}{(0.004s + 1)(0.001s + 1) + 50} \\
 &= \frac{50}{(4 \times 10^{-6})s^2 + 0.005s + 51}
 \end{aligned}$$

The closed-loop transfer function from r to n is

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_1(s) &= \frac{N(s)}{R(s)} = G_c(s) \\
 &= \frac{50}{(4 \times 10^{-6})s^2 + 0.005s + 51}
 \end{aligned}$$

The closed-loop transfer function from $-t_L$ to n is

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_2(s) &= \frac{N(s)}{-T_L(s)} = \left(\frac{0.004s + 1}{0.1} \right) G_c(s) \\
 &= \frac{(500)(0.004s + 1)}{(4 \times 10^{-6})s^2 + 0.005s + 51}
 \end{aligned}$$

The response to a step change in input t_L is

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(s) &= -T_L(s) \left(\frac{0.004s + 1}{0.1} \right) G_c(s) \\
 &= \left(\frac{-T_L}{s} \right) \left(\frac{(500)(0.004s + 1)}{(4 \times 10^{-6})s^2 + 0.005s + 51} \right) \\
 &\quad - (1.25 \times 10^8) \left(\frac{T_L}{s} \right) (0.004s + 1) \\
 &= \frac{s^2 + 1250s + (1.275 \times 10^7)}{s^2 + 1250s + (1.275 \times 10^7)}
 \end{aligned}$$

The response to a step change in t_L will be similar to a step change in r . However, the numerator, $0.004s + 1$, will cause the response to deviate from second order. The response will still be oscillatory and very fast.

Use the final value theorem to find the steady-state error.

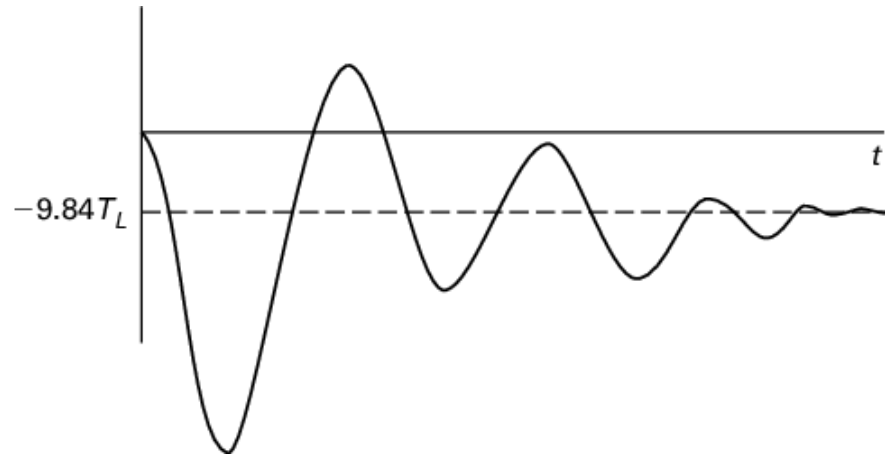
$$\begin{aligned} n &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sN(s) \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-s(1.25 \times 10^8) \left(\frac{T_L}{s}\right) (0.004s + 1)}{s^2 + 1250s + (1.27 \times 10^7)} \right) \\ &= -9.84T_L \end{aligned}$$

The new steady-state error for both r and t_L inputs is

$$e = R - n = R - (0.98R - 9.84T_L) = 0.02R + 9.84T_L$$

Thus, the load torque, $-t_L$, contributes to the steady-state error.

The response is oscillatory. The plot of the response due to a step change in $-t_L$ is

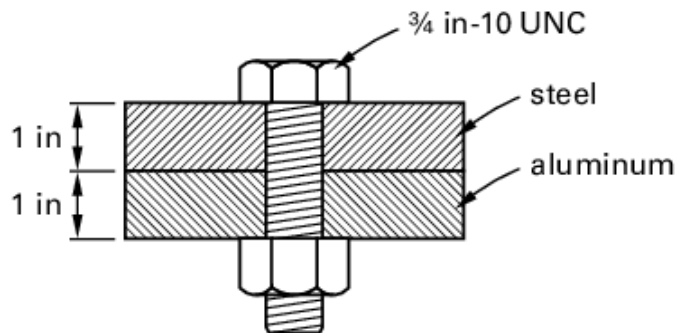


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Question

A 1 in thick steel plate and 1 in thick aluminum plate are held together with a $\frac{3}{4}$ in-10 UNC bolt and nut. The bolt is snug, with no initial preload. The modulus of elasticity of the steel and aluminum are 30×10^6 lbf/in² and 10×10^6 lbf/in², respectively. The coefficients of linear thermal expansion of steel and aluminum are 6.5×10^{-6} 1/°F and 12.8×10^{-6} 1/°F, respectively. The temperature is increased by 250°F. The tensile stress in the bolt is most nearly



Answers

- (A) 24,000 psi
- (B) 26,000 psi
- (C) 28,000 psi
- (D) 31,000 psi

The answer is (A).

Solution

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The unconstrained thermal deformations are

Thermal Deformations

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{th} &= \alpha L (T - T_o) \\ \Delta_{th,bolt} &= \alpha L_o (T_2 - T_1) \\ &= \left(6.5 \times 10^{-6} \frac{1}{^\circ\text{F}} \right) (2 \text{ in}) (250^\circ\text{F}) \\ &= 0.00325 \text{ in} \\ \Delta_{th,steel} &= \alpha L_o (T_2 - T_1) \\ &= \left(6.5 \times 10^{-6} \frac{1}{^\circ\text{F}} \right) (1 \text{ in}) (250^\circ\text{F}) \\ &= 0.001625 \text{ in} \\ \Delta_{th,aluminum} &= \alpha L_o (T_2 - T_1) \\ &= \left(12.8 \times 10^{-6} \frac{1}{^\circ\text{F}} \right) (1 \text{ in}) (250^\circ\text{F}) \\ &= 0.0032 \text{ in} \end{aligned}$$

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The unrealized elongation of the bolt is

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= \delta_{\text{th,aluminum}} + \delta_{\text{th,steel}} - \delta_{\text{th,bolt}} \\ &= 0.0032 \text{ in} + 0.001625 \text{ in} - 0.00325 \text{ in} \\ &= 0.001575 \text{ in}\end{aligned}$$

Rearrange the equation for thermal deformation, and solve for the mechanical strain due to the unrealized elongation of the bolt.

Thermal Deformations

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\text{th}} &= \alpha L (T - T_o) \\ \varepsilon_{\text{bolt}} &= \alpha (T - T_o) = \frac{\Delta_{\text{th}}}{L} \\ &= \frac{0.001575 \text{ in}}{2 \text{ in}} \\ &= 0.0007875\end{aligned}$$

Use Hooke's law to calculate the tensile stress in the bolt.

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= (\varepsilon_{\text{bolt}}) (E) \\ &= \left(0.0007875 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{in}} \right) \left(30 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} \right) \\ &= 23,625 \text{ lbf/in}^2 \quad (24,000 \text{ psi})\end{aligned}$$

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A 10 in (250 mm) bore, 18 in (460 mm) stroke, two-cylinder, four-stroke internal combustion engine operates with an indicated mean effective pressure of 95 psig (660 kPa) at 200 rpm. The actual torque developed is 600 ft-lbf (820 N·m). The friction horsepower is most nearly

Answers

- (A) 17 hp (13 kW)
- (B) 22 hp (17 kW)
- (C) 45 hp (33 kW)
- (D) 78 hp (60 kW)

The answer is (C).

Solution

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Customary U.S. Solution

The actual brake horsepower is

Torques

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{\text{ft-lbf}} &= 5250 \times \frac{\text{horsepower}}{\text{rpm}} \\
 \text{bhp} &= \frac{NT_{\text{lbf-ft}}}{5250} \\
 &= \frac{\left(200 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}}\right) (600 \text{ ft-lbf})}{5250 \frac{\text{ft-lbf}}{\text{hp-min}}} \\
 &= 22.85 \text{ hp}
 \end{aligned}$$

The number of power strokes per minute is

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$$n = \frac{(\text{no. strokes per rev.})(N)(\text{no. cylinders})}{\text{no. strokes per cycle}}$$

$$= \frac{\left(2 \frac{\text{strokes}}{\text{rev}}\right) \left(200 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}}\right) (2)}{4 \frac{\text{strokes}}{\text{cycle}}}$$

$$= 200 \text{ power strokes/min}$$

The stroke in feet is

$$L = \frac{18 \text{ in}}{12 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{ft}}} = 1.5 \text{ ft}$$

The bore area is

$$A = \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) (10 \text{ in})^2 = 78.54 \text{ in}^2$$

The ideal (indicated) horsepower is

Internal Combustion Engines

$$\text{hp} = (\text{MEP}) \left(\frac{LAN}{K}\right) = (\text{MEP}) \left(\frac{LAN}{33,000}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\left(95 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2}\right) (1.5 \text{ ft}) (78.54 \text{ in}^2) \left(200 \frac{\text{power strokes}}{\text{min}}\right)}{33,000 \frac{\text{ft}\cdot\text{lb}}{\text{hp}\cdot\text{min}}}$$

$$= 67.83 \text{ hp}$$

The friction horsepower is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fhp} &= \text{ihp} - \text{bhp} \\ &= \text{ideal hp} - \text{actual bhp} \\ &= 67.83 \text{ hp} - 22.85 \text{ hp} \\ &= 44.98 \text{ hp} \quad (45 \text{ hp}) \end{aligned}$$

SI Solution

From Eq. 18.30 actual brake horsepower is

$$\text{bkW} = \frac{nT}{9549} = \frac{\left(200 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}}\right) (820 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m})}{9549 \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{m}}{\text{kW}\cdot\text{min}}}$$

$$= 17.17 \text{ kW}$$

The number of power strokes per minute is

$$\begin{aligned}
 N &= \frac{(2n)(\text{no. cylinders})}{\text{no. of strokes per cycle}} \\
 &= \frac{\left(2 \frac{\text{strokes}}{\text{rev}}\right) \left(200 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}}\right) (2)}{4 \frac{\text{strokes}}{\text{cycle}}} \\
 &= 200 \text{ power strokes/min}
 \end{aligned}$$

The stroke in meters is

$$L = \frac{460 \text{ mm}}{1000 \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{m}}} = 0.46 \text{ m}$$

The bore area is

$$A = \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \left(\frac{250 \text{ mm}}{1000 \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{m}}}\right)^2 = 4.909 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2$$

The variation of the PLAN formula can be used to give the power in kilowatts. The constant K is 60. From Eq. 28.52, the ideal (indicated) horsepower is

Internal Combustion Engines

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{kW}} &= (\text{MEP}) \left(\frac{LAN}{K}\right) = (\text{MEP}) \left(\frac{LAN}{60}\right) \\
 &= (660 \text{ kPa}) (0.46 \text{ m}) \\
 &\quad \times (4.909 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2) \left(200 \frac{\text{power strokes}}{\text{min}}\right) \\
 &= \frac{\hspace{10em}}{60} \\
 &= 49.68 \text{ kW}
 \end{aligned}$$

The friction horse power is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ideal kW} - \text{actual kW} &= 49.68 \text{ kW} - 17.17 \text{ kW} \\
 &= 32.51 \text{ kW} \quad (33 \text{ kW})
 \end{aligned}$$

Test Bank

Question preview

Question

A room is maintained at design conditions of 75°F (23.9°C) dry-bulb and 50% relative humidity. The air outside is at 95°F (35°C) dry-bulb temperature and 75°F (23.9°C) wet-bulb temperature. The outside air is conditioned and mixed with some room exhaust air. The mixed, conditioned air enters the room and increases 20°F (11.1°C) in temperature before being removed from the room. The sensible and latent loads are 200,000 Btu/hr (60 kW) and 50,000 Btu/hr (15 kW), respectively. Air leaves the coil at 50.8°F (10°C). The volume of air flowing through the coil is most nearly

Answers

- (A) 4200 ft³/min (120 m³/min)
- (B) 5800 ft³/min (160 m³/min)
- (C) 7500 ft³/min (210 m³/min)
- (D) 9300 ft³/min (260 m³/min)

The answer is (C).

Solution

Content in blue refers to the NCEES Handbook.

Customary U.S. Solution

The mixed, conditioned air undergoes a temperature increase of 20°F before leaving the room at 75°F. Therefore, the mixed conditioned air enters the room at

$$T_{\text{mixed}} = 75^{\circ}\text{F} - 20^{\circ}\text{F} = 55^{\circ}\text{F}$$

Calculate the volumetric flow rate of air entering the room, Q_{mixed} , using the equation for determining the sensible heat load.

Heat Gain Calculations Using Standard Air Values

$$\begin{aligned} q_s &= 1.10Q_{\text{mixed}}\Delta T \\ Q_{\text{mixed}} &= \frac{q_s}{1.10\Delta T} \\ &= \frac{200,000 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr}}}{\left(1.10 \frac{\text{Btu}\cdot\text{min}}{\text{ft}^3\cdot\text{hr}\cdot^{\circ}\text{F}}\right) (20^{\circ}\text{F})} \\ &= 9091 \text{ ft}^3 / \text{min} \end{aligned}$$

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The air entering the room is a mix of return air from the room and air from the coil. Use the equation for the mixing of air streams. Since the mixed air consists of both a fraction of return air and a fraction of coil air, the fraction of the return air, f_{return} , can be expressed as $1 - f_{\text{coil}}$.

Air-Handling Unit Mixed-Air Plenums

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{mixed}} &= (\text{fraction outdoor air}) T_{\text{coil}} \\ &\quad + (\text{fraction return air}) T_{\text{return}} \\ &= f_{\text{coil}} T_{\text{coil}} + f_{\text{return}} T_{\text{return}} \\ &= f_{\text{coil}} T_{\text{coil}} + (1 - f_{\text{coil}}) T_{\text{return}} \end{aligned}$$

Solving for the fraction of the coil air gives

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{coil}} &= \frac{T_{\text{mixed}} - T_{\text{return}}}{T_{\text{coil}} - T_{\text{return}}} \\ &= \frac{55^\circ\text{F} - 75^\circ\text{F}}{50.8^\circ\text{F} - 75^\circ\text{F}} \\ &= 0.8264 \end{aligned}$$

Find the volume of the air flowing through the coil.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{coil}} &= f_{\text{coil}} Q_{\text{mixed}} \\ &= (0.8264) \left(9091 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{min}} \right) \\ &= 7513 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min} \quad (7500 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}) \end{aligned}$$

SI Solution

The mixed conditioned air undergoes a temperature increase of 11.1°C before leaving the room at 23.9°C . Therefore, the mixed conditioned air enters the room at

$$T_{\text{mixed}} = 23.9^\circ\text{C} - 11.1^\circ\text{C} = 12.8^\circ\text{C}$$

Convert the standard density of air to kg/m^3 . [Measurement Relationships] [Standard Dry Air Conditions at Sea Level]

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{\left(0.075 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{ft}^3} \right) \left(3.281 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{m}} \right)^3}{2.205 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{kg}}} \\ &= 1.201 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Find the specific heat of air at room temperature using a table of thermal properties of ideal gas. [Thermal and Physical Properties of Ideal Gases (at Room Temperature)]

$$c_p = 1.004 \text{ kJ}/\text{kg}\cdot\text{K} = 1.004 \text{ kJ}/\text{kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$$

Calculate the volumetric flow rate of air entering the room using the equation for determining the sensible heat load.

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_s &= \dot{m}c_p \Delta T = (\rho Q_{\text{mixed}}) c_p \Delta T \\
 Q_{\text{mixed}} &= \frac{q_s}{\rho c_p \Delta T} \\
 &= \frac{60 \text{ kW}}{\left(1.201 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right) \left(1.004 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}}\right) (11.1^\circ\text{C})} \\
 &= 4.483 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}
 \end{aligned}$$

The air entering the room is a mix of return air from the room and air from the coil. Use the equation for the mixing of air streams. Since the mixed air consists of both a fraction of return air and a fraction of coil air, the fraction of the return air, f_{return} , can be expressed as $1 - f_{\text{coil}}$.

Air-Handling Unit Mixed-Air Plenums

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{\text{mixed}} &= (\text{fraction outdoor air}) T_{\text{coil}} \\
 &\quad + (\text{fraction return air}) T_{\text{return}} \\
 &= f_{\text{coil}} T_{\text{coil}} + f_{\text{return}} T_{\text{return}} \\
 &= f_{\text{coil}} T_{\text{coil}} + (1 - f_{\text{coil}}) T_{\text{return}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving for the fraction of the coil air gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{\text{coil}} &= \frac{T_{\text{mixed}} - T_{\text{return}}}{T_{\text{coil}} - T_{\text{return}}} \\
 &= \frac{12.8^\circ\text{C} - 23.9^\circ\text{C}}{10^\circ\text{C} - 23.9^\circ\text{C}} \\
 &= 0.7986
 \end{aligned}$$

Find the volume of the air flowing through the coil.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{\text{coil}} &= f_{\text{coil}} Q_{\text{mixed}} \\
 &= (0.7986) \left(4.483 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}\right) \left(60 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{min}}\right) \\
 &= 214.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{min} \quad (210 \text{ m}^3/\text{min})
 \end{aligned}$$