

Refrigeration

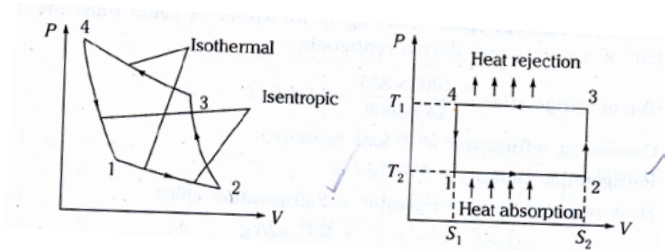
Definition

Refrigeration is the process of providing and maintaining temperature of the system below that of the surrounding atmosphere.

Carnot Cycle

The reversed carnot cycle can be considered in refrigeration system.

$$C.O.P = \frac{T_2}{T_2 - T_1} \text{ where } T_2 < T_1$$



Unit of Refrigeration

The common unit used in the field of refrigeration is known as Ton of refrigeration.

A ton of refrigeration is defined as the quantity of heat required to be removed to produce one ton (1000kg) of ice within 24 hours when the initial condition of water is 0°C

$$\text{Ton of refrigeration} = \frac{1000 \times 335}{24 \times 3600} = 3.5 \text{ kJ/s}$$

Consider a refrigerator of T tons capacity,

Refrigeration capacity = 3.5 kJ/s

Heat removed from

refrigerator = Refrigeration effect = R.E. kJ/s

Power of the compressor = work/kg of refrigerant x mass flow rate

Air Refrigeration system working on Bell-coleman cycle

In air refrigeration system, air is used as the refrigerant which always remains in the gaseous phase. The heat removed consists only of sensible heat and as a result, the coefficient of performance (C.O.P) is low.

The various processes are:

Process 1-2:

The air leaving the evaporator enters a compressor. Where it is compressed isentropically to higher pressure and temperature.

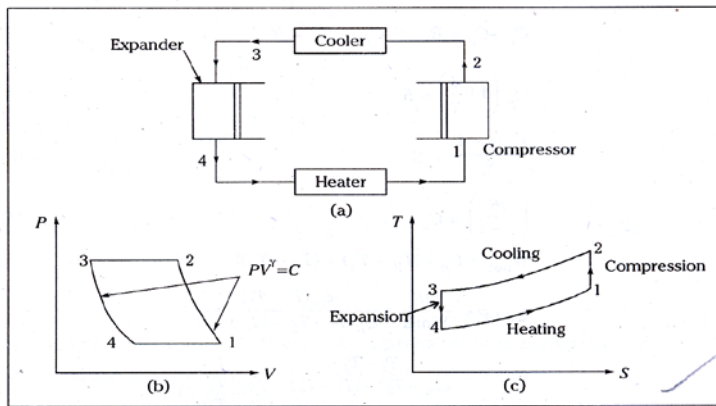
Process 2-3:

This high pressure, high temperature air, then enters a cooler where it is cooled at constant pressure to a low temperature.

Process 3-4: This high pressure, low temperature air is then expanded in an expander to lower pressure and temperature in a isentropic manner. At point 4, the temperature of the air will be lowest.

Process 4-1: This low temperature air is then passed through the heater coils where it absorbs heat from the space to be cooled namely the refrigerator and the air gets heated back to the initial temperature, but in the process, it cools the refrigerator. And the cycle repeats.

Air refrigeration system



Expression C.O.P when compression and expansion are Isentropic

Refrigeration Effect = Heat removed from the refrigerator

$$= C_p (T_1 - T_4) \text{ kJ / kg}$$

$$\text{Work input} = W_C - W_E = \gamma \left(\frac{P_2 V_2 - P_1 V_1}{\gamma - 1} \right) - \gamma \left(\frac{P_3 V_3 - P_4 V_4}{\gamma - 1} \right)$$

$$\text{Work input} = W_C - W_E = \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} \right) [R(T_2 - T_1) - R(T_3 - T_4)]$$

$$W_{net} = \left(\frac{\gamma R}{\gamma - 1} \right) [(T_2 - T_1) - (T_3 - T_4)]$$

But $C_p = \frac{\gamma R}{\gamma - 1}$

$$W_{net} = C_p [(T_2 - T_1) - (T_3 - T_4)]$$

Process 1-2 is isentropic

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

Process 3-4 is isentropic

$$\frac{T_3}{T_4} = \left(\frac{P_3}{P_4} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} = \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \quad \text{-----(3)}$$

From (2) and (3)

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{T_3}{T_4}$$

$$C.O.P = \frac{RE}{Work} = \frac{C_p(T_1 - T_4)}{C_p[(T_2 - T_1) - (T_3 - T_4)]}$$

$$C.O.P = \frac{(T_1 - T_4)}{[(T_2 - T_1) - (T_3 - T_4)]} = \frac{1}{\frac{T_2 - T_3}{T_1 - T_4} - 1} \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_3} = \frac{T_1}{T_4}$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_3} - 1 = \frac{T_1}{T_4} - 1$$

$$\frac{T_2 - T_3}{T_3} = \frac{T_1 - T_4}{T_4}$$

$$\frac{T_2 - T_3}{T_1 - T_4} = \frac{T_3}{T_4} \quad \text{-----(4)}$$

From (1) and (4)

$$C.O.P = \frac{1}{\frac{T_3}{T_4} - 1}$$

$$C.O.P = \frac{T_4}{T_3 - T_4}$$

For Polytropic process

Net work

$$W_{\text{net}} = \left(\frac{n}{n-1} \right) \left(\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma} \right) C_p [(T_2 - T_1) - (T_3 - T_4)]$$

$$COP = \frac{T_4}{(T_3 - T_4) \left(\frac{n}{n-1} \right) \left(\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma} \right)}$$

Advantages of air refrigeration system

1. Air is cheap, easily available.
2. It is not flammable.
3. For a given capacity, weight of air refrigeration system is less compared to other system and hence it is widely used for aircraft cooling.

Disadvantages

1. Since heat removed by air consists only of sensible heat, weight of air required is high.
2. C.O.P of the system is low compared to other systems.

Problem 1

A cold storage is to be maintained at -5°C (268k) while the surroundings are at 35°C . The heat leakage from the surroundings into the cold storage is estimated to be 29kW. The actual C.O.P of the refrigeration plant is one third of an ideal plant working between the same temperatures. Find the power required to drive the plant. (VTU Jan 2007)

Solution :-

$$T_1 = 35^\circ\text{C} = 308\text{k} \quad T_2 = 5^\circ\text{C} = 268\text{k}$$

C.O.P of the ideal plant is nothing but

C.O.P based on carnot cycle.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{C.O.P ideal} &= \frac{T_2}{T_1 - T_2} \\ &= \frac{268}{308 - 268} = 6.7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Actual C.O.P} &= \frac{1}{3} \text{ideal C.O.P} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \times 6.7 = 2.233 \end{aligned}$$

Q2 = The heat removed from low temperature reservoir (cold storage) must be equal to heat leakage from surroundings to the cold storage (which is 29kW)

$$Q_2 = 29 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Actual C.O.P} = \frac{Q_2}{W}$$

$$W = \frac{Q_2}{\text{Actual C.O.P}} = \frac{29}{2.233}$$

$$\text{Power required} = 12.98 \text{ kW}$$

Problem 2

A refrigeration machine of 6 tones capacity working on Bell coleman cycle has an upper limit pressure of 5.2 bar. The pressure and temperature at the start of the compression are 1 bar and 18°C respectively. The cooled compressed air enters the expander at 41°C. assuming both expansion and compression to be adiabatic with an index of 1.4.

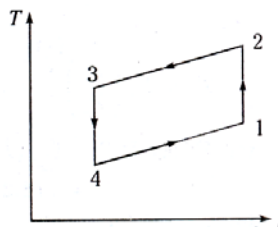
Calculate:-

- (i) Co-efficient of performance.
- (ii) Quantity of air circulated per minute.
- (iii) Piston displacement of compressor and expander
- (iv) Bore of compression and expansion cylinder when the unit runs at 240 rpm and is double acting with stroke length = 200 mm
- (v) Power required to drive the unit

Solution :-

$$T_1 = 18^\circ\text{C} \quad P_1 = 1 \text{ bar}$$

$$T_3 = 41^\circ\text{C} \quad P_2 = 5.2 \text{ bar}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Work input} &= C_p [(T_2 - T_1) - (T_3 - T_4)] \\ &= 1.005 [(466 - 291) - (314 - 196)] = 57 \text{ kJ / kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{C.O.P} &= \frac{\text{Re griferation effect}}{\text{Work input}} \\ &= \frac{95.42}{57} = 1.67 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Re frigeration capacity} = 6 \text{ tons} = 6 \times 3.5 = 21 \text{ kJ/s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass of air/sec} &= \frac{\text{Re griferation capacity}}{\text{R.E}} \\ &= \frac{21}{95.42} = 0.22 \text{ kg / s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Power required} &= \text{workdone/kg of air} \times \text{Mass of air/sec} \\ &= 57 \times 0.22 = 12.54 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mass of air/min} = 0.22 \times 60 = 13.2 \text{ kg/min}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{mRT_1}{P_1} = \frac{13.2 \times 0.287 \times 291}{1 \times 10^2} = 11 \text{ m}^3 / \text{min}$$

$$\text{Piston displacement of compressor } V_1 = 11 \text{ m}^3 / \text{min}$$

$$V_4 = \frac{mRT_4}{P_4} = \frac{13.2 \times 0.287 \times 196}{1 \times 10^2} = 7.42 \text{ m}^3 / \text{min}$$

$$\text{Piston displacement of expander } V_4 = 7.42 \text{ m}^3 / \text{min}$$

$$\text{But } V_1 = 2 \frac{\pi}{4} d_1^2 LN$$

$$11 = 2 \frac{\pi}{4} d_1^2 \times 0.2 \times 240$$

$$d_1 = \text{diameter of compressor cylinder} = 0.38 \text{ m} = 38 \text{ cm}$$

$$V_4 = 2 \frac{\pi}{4} d_2^2 LN$$

$$7.42 = 2 \frac{\pi}{4} d_1^2 \times 0.2 \times 240$$

$$d_1 = \text{diameter of expander cylinder} = 0.313 \text{ m} = 31.3 \text{ cm}$$

Problem3 An air refrigerator system operating on Bell Coleman cycle, takes in air from cold room at 268 K and compresses it from 1 bar to 5.5 bar the index of compression being 1.25. the compressed air is cooled to 300 K. the ambient temperature is 20°C. Air expands in expander where the index of expansion is 1.35.

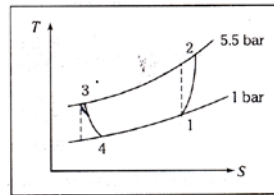
Calculate:

- i) **C.O.P of the system**
- ii) **Quantity of air circulated per minute for production of 1500 kg of ice per day at 0°C from water at 20°C.**
- iii) **Capacity of the plant.**

Solution

$$T_2 = T_1 \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} = 268(5.5)^{\frac{1.25-1}{1.25}}$$

$$= 376.8\text{K}$$



$$T_4 = T_3 \left(\frac{P_4}{P_3} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} = 300 \left(\frac{1}{5.5} \right)^{\frac{1.35-1}{1.35}} = 192.83\text{K}$$

$$W_C = \left(\frac{n}{n-1} \right) \left(\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma} \right) C_p (T_2 - T_1)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1.25}{1.25-1} \right) \left(\frac{1.4-1}{1.4} \right) 1.005(376.8 - 268) = 156.2\text{kJ / kg}$$

$$W_E = \left(\frac{n}{n-1} \right) \left(\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma} \right) C_p (T_3 - T_4)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1.35}{1.35-1} \right) \left(\frac{1.4-1}{1.4} \right) 1.005(300 - 192.83) = 118.69\text{kJ / kg}$$

$$\text{Network} = W_C - W_E = 156.2 - 118.69 = 37.5\text{kJ / kg}$$

$$R.E = C_p (T_1 - T_4) = 1.005(268 - 192.83) = 75.54\text{kJ / s}$$

$$C.O.P = \frac{R.E}{\text{work}} = \frac{75.54}{37.5} = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Heat extracted/kg of ice} &= C_{pw}(20-0) + L \\ &= 4.187(20) + 335 = 418.74 \text{kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mass of ice produced/sec} = \frac{1500}{24 \times 3600} = 0.0173 \text{kg/s}$$

$$\text{Actual heat extracted/sec} = 418.74 \times 0.0173$$

$$\text{or Refrigeration capacity} = 7.26 \text{kJ/s} = \frac{7.26}{3.5} = 2.02 \text{tons}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass flow rate} &= \frac{\text{Refrigeration Capacity}}{\text{Refrigeration effect}} = \frac{7.26}{75.54} \\ &= 0.096 \text{kg/s} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4

An air refrigeration system is to be designed according to the following specifications

Pressure of air at compressor inlet = 101 kPa

Pressure of work at compressor outlet = 404 kPa

Pressure loss in the inter cooler = 12 kPa

Pressure loss in the cold chamber = 3 kPa

Temperature of air at compressor inlet = 7°

Temperature of air at turbine inlet = 27°

Isentropic efficiency of compressor = 85%

Isentropic efficiency of turbine = 85%

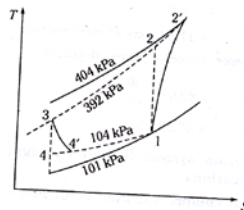
Determine

- C.O.P of cycle
- Power required to produce 1 ton of refrigeration
- Mass flow rate of air required for 1 ton of refrigeration

Solution :-

$$T_1 = -7^\circ\text{C} \quad P_1 = 101 \text{kPa}$$

$$T_3 = 27^\circ\text{C} \quad \eta_T = 0.85; \eta_C = 0.85$$



$$\text{Process 1-2 is isentropic, Hence } T_2 = T_1 \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$$

$$= 266 \left(\frac{404}{101} \right)^{\frac{1.4-1}{1.4}} = 395.4 \text{K}$$

$$\eta_C = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{T'_2 - T_1} \text{ or } T'_2 - T_1 = \frac{395.4 - 266}{0.88}$$

$$T'_2 = 418.2k$$

$$P_4 - P_1 = 0.03P_1 \quad \therefore P_4 = 1.03P_1 = 1.03 \times 101 = 104kPa$$

$$P_2 - P_3 = 0.03P_2 \quad \therefore P_3 = 0.97P_2 = 0.97 \times 404 = 392kPa$$

$$\text{Process 3-4 is isentropic, } \therefore T_4 = T_3 \left(\frac{P_4}{P_3} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$$

$$= 300 \left(\frac{104}{392} \right)^{\frac{1.4-1}{1.4}} = 202.3K$$

$$\eta_E = \frac{T_3 - T'_4}{T_3 - T_4} \quad \therefore T'_4 = T_3 - \eta_T (T_3 - T_4)$$

$$T'_4 = 300 - 0.85 \times [300 - 205.3] = 216.53k$$

$$\text{Refrigeration effect/kg of air} = C_p (T_1 - T'_4)$$

$$= 1.005 \times [266 - 216.53] = 50.47kJ/kg$$

$$\text{Compressor work/kg of air} = C_p (T'_2 - T_1)$$

$$= 1.005 \times [418.2 - 266] = 152.96kJ/kg$$

$$\text{Turbine work/kg of air } W_T = C_p (T_3 - T'_4)$$

$$= 1.005 \times [300 - 216.53] = 84.9kJ/kg$$

$$\text{Net work Input/kg of air } W_{net} = W_C - W_T$$

$$= 152.96 - 80.9 = 72.06kJ/kg$$

$$C.O.P = \frac{RE}{Work} = \frac{46.73}{72.06} = 0.73$$

Power required per tons of refrigeration

$$= \frac{\text{Refrigeration capacity}}{C.O.P}$$

Refrigeration capacity = 1 ton = 3.5kJ/s

$$\text{Mass of air} = \frac{\text{Refrigeration capacity}}{RE}$$

$$= \frac{3.5}{50.47} = 0.075kg/s$$

$$\text{Power} = W_{net} \times \text{mass of air} / \text{sec} = 72.06 \times 0.075 = 5.42kW$$

Psychrometrics and Air-conditioning Systems

Problem 1

Moist air at 30°C, 1.01325 bar has a relative humidity of 80%. Determine without using the psychrometry chart

- 1) Partial pressures of water vapour and air
- 2) Specific humidity
- 3) Specific Volume and
- 4) Dew point temperature (V.T.U. July 2004)

Solution: At 30°C from table $p_{vs} = 4.2461 \text{ kPa}$

$$\phi = \frac{p_v}{p_{vs}}$$

$$p_v = 0.8 \times 4.2461 = 3.397 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\omega = \frac{0.622 p_v}{p - p_v} = 0.622 \times \frac{3.397}{101.325 - 3.397}$$
$$= 0.213 \text{ kg/kg of dry air.}$$

Corresponding to $p_v = 3.397 \text{ kPa}$ from tables, we get dew point temperature = 28.9°C

Problem 2:

Atmospheric air at 101.325 kPa has 30°C DBT and 15°C DPT. Without using the psychrometric chart, using the property values from the table, Calculate

1. Partial pressure of air and water vapour
2. Specific humidity
3. Relative humidity
4. Vapour density and
5. Enthalpy of moist air

Solution:

$$p = 101.325 \text{ kPa} = 1.01325 \text{ bar}$$

$$\text{DBT} = 30^\circ\text{C},$$

$$\text{DPT} = 15^\circ\text{C}$$

From table

$$\text{Corresponding to DBT} = 30^\circ\text{C}, \text{ we have } p_{vs} = 0.042461 \text{ bar}$$

$$\text{Corresponding to DPT} = 15^\circ\text{C}, \text{ we have } p_v = 0.017051 \text{ bar}$$

$$\text{Partial pressure of air} = p - p_v = 1.01325 - 0.017051$$
$$= 0.984274 \text{ bar}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Specific humidity} &= 0.622 \frac{p_v}{p_a} = \frac{0.622 \times 0.017051}{0.984274} \\ &= 0.01077 \text{ kg/kg of dry air} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Relative humidity} &= \frac{p_v}{p_{vs}} = \frac{0.017051}{0.042461} = 0.4015 \\ &= 40.15\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Enthalpy} &= 1.005t_{db} + \omega(2500 + 1088t_{db}) \\ &= 1.005 \times 30 + 0.010775(2500 + 1.88 \times 30) \\ &= 57.69 \text{ kJ/kg of dry air} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Specific volume of dry air, } v_a &= \frac{RT}{P} \\ &= \frac{0.2872 \times 303}{0.98425 \times 100} = 0.874 \text{ m}^3 / \text{kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Vapour density } \rho_w = \frac{\omega}{v_a} = \frac{0.010775}{0.847} = 0.12 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

Problem 3:

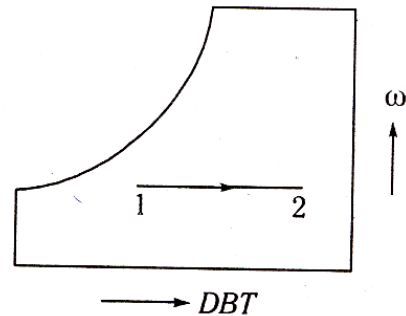
Air at 30°C DBT and 25°C WBT is heated to 40°C. if the air is 300 m³/min, find the amount of heat added/min and RH and WBT of air. Take air pressure to be 1 bar

Solution:

At 25°C WBT from tables $p_{vs\text{wbt}} = 0.03166 \text{ bar}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore p_v &= (P_{VS})_{wbt} - \frac{(p - p_{vs\text{wbt}})(t_{db} - t_{wb})}{1547 - 1.44t_{wb}} \\ &= 0.03166 - \frac{(1 - 0.03166)(30 - 25)}{1547 - 1.44 \times 25} \\ &= 0.0284 \text{ bar} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= 0.622 \frac{p_v}{p - p_v} \\ &= 0.622 \left(\frac{0.0284}{1 - 0.0284} \right) \\ &= 0.0179 \text{ kJ/kg of dry air} \end{aligned}$$



At 40°C DBT

$$P_{vs} = 0.07375 \text{ bar}$$

During sensible heating ω and p_v remain constant

$$p_v = 0.0284 \text{ bar}$$

$$\begin{aligned} RH = \phi &= \frac{p_v}{p_{vs}} = \frac{0.0284}{0.07375} \\ &= 0.385 = 38.5\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_2 &= 1.005 \times 40 + 0.0179(2500 + 1.88 \times 40) \\ &= 86.29 \text{ kJ/kg of dry air} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Weight of } 300 \text{ m}^3 / \text{min of air} &= \frac{(p - p_v)V}{RT} \\ &= \frac{(1 - 0.0284) \times 300 \times 10^2}{0.287 \times 303} = 335.18 \text{ kg/min} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Heat added/min} = 335.18(86.29 - 76) = 3449 \text{ kJ/min}$$

From chart WBT = 27.2°C

Problem 4:

One stream of air at 5.5 m³/min at 15°C and 60% RH flows into another stream of air at 35 m³/min at 25°C and 70% RH, calculate for the mixture

1) Dry bulb temperature, 2) Wet bulb temperature 3) Specific Humidity and 4) Enthalpy

Solution:

For air at 15°C and 60%RH, V=5.5 m³/min

$$\therefore p_{vs} = 0.017051 \text{ bar}$$

$$RH = \phi = \frac{p_v}{p_{vs}}$$

$$\therefore p_v = 0.6 \times 0.017051 = 0.01023 \text{ bar}$$

$$\text{Mass of air} = \frac{(p - p_v)V}{RT} = \frac{(1.01325 - 0.01023) \times 10^2 \times 5.5}{0.287 \times 288}$$

$$m_1 = 6.672 \text{ kg/min}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= \frac{0.622 p_v}{(p - p_v)} = \frac{0.622 \times 0.01023}{(1.01325 - 0.01023)} \\ &= 0.006343 \text{ kg/kg of dry air} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_1 &= 1.005t_{db} + \omega_1(2500 + 1.88t_{db}) \\
 &= 1.008 \times 18 + 0.006343(2500 + 1.88 \times 15) \\
 &= 34.12 \text{ J/kg of dry air}
 \end{aligned}$$

For air at 25°C and 70% RH, $V = 35 \text{ m}^3 / \text{min}$

$$P_{vs} = 0.03169 \text{ bar}$$

$$\phi = RH = \frac{p_v}{P_{vs}}$$

$$p_v = 0.03169 \times 0.7 = 0.02218 \text{ bar}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_1 &= 1.005t_{db} + \omega_1(2500 + 1.88t_{db}) \\
 &= 1.008 \times 18 + 0.006343(2500 + 1.88 \times 15) \\
 &= 34.12 \text{ J/kg of dry air}
 \end{aligned}$$

For air at 25°C and 70% RH, $V = 35 \text{ m}^3 / \text{min}$

$$P_{vs} = 0.03169 \text{ bar}$$

$$\phi = RH = \frac{p_v}{P_{vs}}$$

$$p_v = 0.03169 \times 0.7 = 0.02218 \text{ bar}$$

$$\text{Mass of air} = \frac{(1.01325 - 0.02218 \times 10^2) \times 35}{0.287 \times 298}$$

$$m_2 = 40.55 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{min}$$

$$\omega_2 = \frac{0.622 \times 0.02218}{(1.01325 - 0.02218)} = 0.01392 \text{ kg / kg of dry air}$$

$$H_2 = (1.005 \times 25) + 0.01392(2500 + 1.88 \times 25)$$

$$H_2 = 60.59 \text{ kJ / kg of dry air}$$

Mass of dry air / Unit mass of moist air

$$m_{a1} = \frac{m_1}{1 + \omega_1} = \frac{6.672}{1 + 0.006343} = 6.6299$$

$$\text{Since } m_{a2} = \frac{m_2}{1 + \omega_2} = \frac{40.55}{1 + 0.01392} = 39.993$$

Then enthalpy of the mixed air,

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{\text{mix}} &= \frac{m_{a1}(H_1) + m_{a2}(H_2)}{m_1 + m_2} \\
 &= \frac{6.6299(34.12) + 39.993(60.56)}{6.672 + 40.55} \\
 &= 55.96 \text{ kJ/kg of dry air}
 \end{aligned}$$

Specific Humidity of the mixed air,

$$\omega_{\text{mix}} = \frac{m_{a1}(\omega_1) + m_{a2}(\omega_2)}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$= \frac{(6.6299 \times 0.006343) + (39.993 \times 0.01932)}{6.672 + 40.55}$$

$$= 0.01268 \text{ kg/kg of dry air}$$

$$\text{But } H_{\text{mix}} = 1.005t_{db} + \omega_{\text{mix}}(2500 + 1.88t_{db})$$

$$55.96 = 1.005xt_{db} + 0.01234(2500 + 1.88t_{db})$$

$$t_{db} = 24.42^\circ\text{C}$$

DBT of the mixture = 24.42°C

From chart WBT = 19°C

RH = 67%

Problem 5:

An air conditioning system is designed under the following conditions

Outdoor conditions: 30°C DBT, 75% RH

Required indoor conditions: 22°C DBT, 70% RH

Amount of Free air circulated 3.33 m³/s

Coil dew point temperature DPT=14°

The required condition is achieved first by cooling and dehumidification and then by heating. Estimate

- 1) The capacity of the cooling coil in tons of refrigeration
- 2) Capacity of the heating coil in kW
- 3) The amount of water vapour removed in kg/hr

Solution:

Locate point 'a' 30°C DBT, 75% RH out door condition

Locate point 'd' 22°C DBT, 70% RH required condition

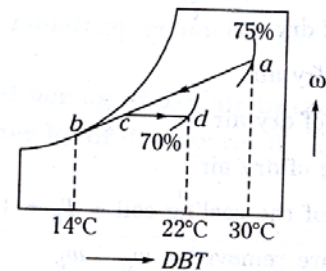
Locate point 'b' 14°C DPT, coil surface temperature

Join ab

at d, draw a horizontal line to cut the line ab at point c.

ac → cooling and dehumidification

cd → heating



From chart

$$H_a = 83 \text{ kJ / kg of air}$$

$$H_b = 40 \text{ kJ / kg of air}$$

$$H_d = 53 \text{ kJ / kg of air}$$

$$H_c = 48 \text{ kJ / kg of air}$$

$$W_a = 0.0202 \text{ kg / kg of dry air}$$

$$W_c = W_d = 0.0118 \text{ kg / kg of dry air}$$

$$V_{sa} = 0.88 \text{ m}^3 / \text{kg}$$

$$\text{Mass of air} = \frac{V}{V_a} = \frac{3.33}{0.88} = 3.78 \text{ kg / s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Capacity of cooling coil} &= \frac{m_a(H_a - H_c)}{3.5} \\ &= \frac{3.78(83 - 48)}{3.5} = 37.84 \text{ tons of refrigeration} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Capacity of heating coil} &= m_a(H_d - H_c) \\ &= 3.78(53 - 48) = 18.92 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount of water vapour removed} &= m_a(\omega_a - \omega_d)3600 \\ &= 3.78(0.0202 - 0.0118)3600 \\ &= 114.3 \text{ kg/hr} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 6:

A summer air conditioning system for hot and humid weather (DBT=32°C and 70% RH)

Consists in passing the atmosphere air over a cooling coil where the air is cooled and dehumidified. The air leaving the cooling coil is saturated at the coil temperature. It is then sensibly heated to the required comfort condition of 24°C and 50% RH by passing it over an electric heater then delivered to the room.

Sketch the flow diagram of the arrangement and represent the process undergone by the air on a skeleton psychrometric chart and determine

- 1) The temperature of the cooling coil
- 2) The amount of moisture removed per kg of dry air in the cooling coil.
- 3) The heat removed per kg of dry air in the cooling coil and
- 4) The heat added per kg of dry air in the heating coil

From chart

$$H_a = 86 \text{ kJ / kg of air}$$

$$H_b = 38 \text{ kJ / kg of air}$$

$$H_c = 48.5 \text{ kJ / kg of air}$$

$$\omega_a = 0.021 \text{ kg / kg of dry air}$$

$$\omega_b = 0.0092 \text{ kg / kg of dry air}$$

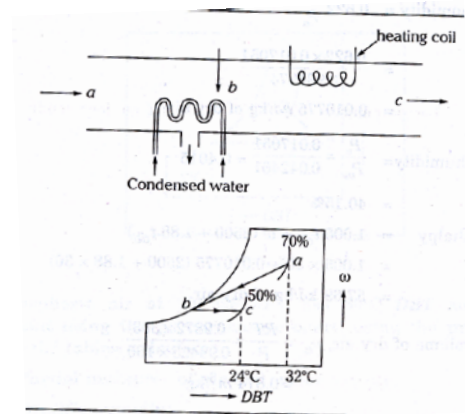
The temperature of the cooling

$$\text{coil} = T_b = 13^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount of moisture removed} &= \omega_a - \omega_b \\ &= 0.021 - 0.0092 = 0.0108 \text{ kg/kg of dry air} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Heat removed} &= H_a - H_b = 86 - 38 \\ &= 48 \text{ kJ/kg of dry air} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Heat added} &= H_c - H_b = 48.5 - 38 \\ &= 10.5 \text{ kJ/kg of dry air} \end{aligned}$$



Locate point 'a' 32°C, 70%RH out door condition

Locate point 'c' 24°C DBT, 50%RH required condition

At c draw a horizontal line to cut the saturation

line at point 'b'

Join ab

ab → cooling and dehumidification

bc → heating

Problem 7

It is required to design an air conditioning plant for an office room with the following conditions.

Outdoor conditions: 14°CDBT, 10°CWBWT

Required conditions: 20°CDBT, 60% RH

Amount of air circulated 0.3m³/min/person

Starting capacity of the office= 60

The required condition is achieved first by heating and then by adiabatic humidifying. Determine the following.

Heating capacity of the coil in kW and the surface temperature required, if the by pass factor of the coil is 0.4

Capacity of the humidifier.

Locate point 'a' 14°C, and 10°CWBWT (out door condition)

Locate point 'c' 20°C DBT, 60%RH required condition

At a draw a horizontal line

At 'c' draw a constant enthalpy line to cut the
horizontal line at point 'b'

Join ab

ab → heating

bc → *adiabatic* humidification

From chart

$$H_a = 30 \text{ kJ/kg of air}$$

$$H_b = H_c = 43 \text{ kJ/kg of air}$$

$$\omega_a = \omega_b = 0.006 \text{ kg/kg of dry air}$$

$$\omega_c = 0.00875 \text{ kg/kg of dry air}$$

$$\text{Specific volume } V_{sa} = 0.8175 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$$

$$\text{Volume of air supplied} = V = \frac{0.3 \times 60}{60} = 0.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Weight of air supplied } m_a &= \frac{V}{V_a} = \frac{0.3}{0.8175} \\ &= 0.3669 \text{ kg/sec} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Capacity of the heating coil} &= m_a (H_b - H_a) \\ &= 0.3669(43 - 30) = 4.77 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

From chart $T_b = 26.5^\circ\text{C}$

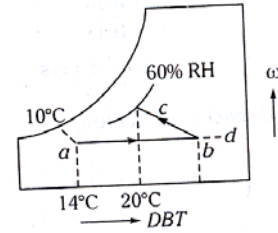
Let coil surface temperature be T_d

$$\text{By passing factor} = \frac{T_d - T_b}{T_d - T_a} = 0.4 T_d - 5.6 = T_d - 26 \text{ kJ}$$

$$0.4 = \frac{T_d - 26.5}{T_d - 1.4}$$

$$T_d = 34.8^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Capacity of the humidifier} &= m_a (\omega_c - \omega_b) \times 3600 \\ &= 0.3669(0.00875 - 0.006) \times 3600 \\ &= 3.63 \text{ kg/hour} \end{aligned}$$



Problem 8

An air conditioned system is to be designed for a hall of 200 seating capacity when the following conditions are given:

Atmospheric condition = 30°C DBT and 50% RH

Indoor condition = 22°C DBT and 60% RH

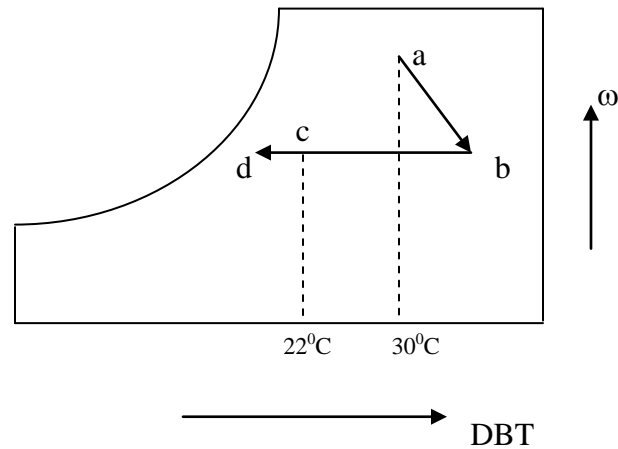
Volume of air required = $0.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}/\text{person}$

The required condition is achieved first by chemical dehumidification and after that by sensible cooling.

Find the following .

- DBT of the air leaving the dehumidifier.
- The quantity of water vapour removed in the dehumidifier per hour.
- The capacity of cooling coil in tons of refrigeration.
- Surface temperature of the coil if the by pass factor of the coil is 0.25.

Solution:



Locate point 'a', 30⁰C DBT, 50% RH, the atmospheric condition.

Locate point 'c', 22⁰C DBT, 60% RH, the required indoor condition.

“Since chemical dehumidification process follows constant enthalpy line”
at a draw a line parallel to constant enthalpy line.

At 'c' draw a constant ω line to cut the previous line at point b.

a) DBT of air leaving the dehumidifier $T_b = 40.5^0\text{C}$

From chart

$$H_b = H_a = 65\text{kJ/kg}, \quad \omega_a = 0.013 \text{ kg/kg of dry air}$$

$$H_c = 45 \text{ kJ/kg}, \quad \omega_b = 0.009 \text{ kg/kg of dry air}$$

$$V_{sa} = 0.875 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$$

$$\text{Volume of air} = 200 \times 0.4 = 80 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$$

$$W_a = \text{Weight of air} = V/V_{sa} = 80/0.875 = 91.42 \text{ kg/min}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) Quantity of water vapour removed/hour} &= W_a(\omega_a - \omega_b)60 \\ &= 91.42(0.013 - 0.009)60 = 21.94 \text{ kg/hr} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) Capacity of cooling coil} &= W_a(H_a - H_b) / (60 \times 3.5) = 91.42(65 - 45) / (60 \times 3.5) \\ &= 8.7 \text{ tons} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{d) By pass factor} = (T_c - T_d) / (T_b - T_d) = 0.25$$

$$T_d = \text{Temperature of cooling coil} = 15.83^0\text{C}$$

Problem 9

An air conditioned system is to be designed for a cinema hall of 1000 seating capacity when the following conditions are given:

Outdoor condition = 11⁰C DBT and 70% RH

Required indoor condition = 20⁰C DBT and 60% RH

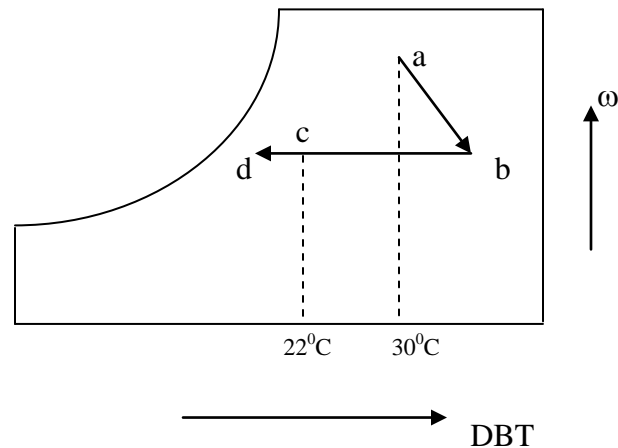
Amount of air required = $0.3\text{m}^3/\text{min}/\text{person}$

The required condition is achieved first by heating, then by humidifying and finally by heating. The condition of air coming out of the humidifier is 75% RH.

Find the following .

- a) Heating capacity of the first heater in kW and condition of the air coming out of the first heater in kW and condition of the air

Solution:



Locate point 'a', 30°C DBT, 50% RH, the atmospheric condition.

Locate point 'c', 22°C DBT, 60% RH, the required indoor condition.

“Since chemical dehumidification process follows constant enthalpy line”
at a draw a line parallel to constant enthalpy line.

At 'c' draw a constant ω line to cut the previous line at point b.

- e) DBT of air leaving the dehumidifier $T_b = 40.5^{\circ}\text{C}$

From chart

$$H_b = H_a = 65\text{kJ/kg}, \quad \omega_a = 0.013 \text{ kg/kg of dry air}$$

$$H_c = 45 \text{ kJ/kg}, \quad \omega_b = 0.009 \text{ kg/kg of dry air}$$

$$V_{sa} = 0.875 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$$

$$\text{Volume of air} = 200 \times 0.4 = 80 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$$

$$W_a = \text{Weight of air} = V/V_{sa} = 80/0.875 = 91.42 \text{ kg/min}$$

- f) Quantity of water vapour removed/hour = $W_a(\omega_a - \omega_b)60$
 $= 91.42(0.013 - 0.009)60 = 21.94 \text{ kg/hr}$

- g) Capacity of cooling coil = $W_a(H_a - H_b)/(60 \times 3.5) = 91.42(65 - 45)/(60 \times 3.5)$
 $= 8.7 \text{ tons}$

- h) By pass factor = $(T_c - T_d)/(T_b - T_d) = 0.25$

$$T_d = \text{Temperature of cooling coil} = 15.83^{\circ}\text{C}$$