

Exercises on Psychrometry and Thermal Comfort

1. Moist air exists at 40°C dry-bulb temperature, 20°C thermodynamic wet-bulb temperature, and 101.325 kPa pressure. Determine the humidity ratio, enthalpy, dew-point temperature, relative humidity, and specific volume.
2. Moist air, saturated at 2°C, enters a heating coil at a rate of 10 m³/s. Air leaves the coil at 40°C. Find the required rate of heat addition.
3. Moist air at 30°C dry-bulb temperature and 50% rh enters a cooling coil at 5 m³/s and is processed to a final saturation condition at 10°C. Find the kW of refrigeration required. (Given data: specific enthalpy of water at 10°C under standard atm. pressure is 42.11 kJ/kg)
4. A stream of 2 m³/s of outdoor air at 4°C dry-bulb temperature and 2°C thermodynamic wet-bulb temperature is adiabatically mixed with 6.25 m³/s of recirculated air at 25°C dry-bulb temperature and 50% rh. Find the dry-bulb temperature and thermodynamic wet-bulb temperature of the resulting mixture.
5. Moist air at 20°C dry-bulb and 8°C thermodynamic wet-bulb temperature is to be processed to a final dew-point temperature of 13°C by adiabatic injection of saturated steam at 110°C. The rate of dry airflow is 2 kg/s (dry air). Find the final dry-bulb temperature of the moist air and the rate of steam flow.
6. Which mechanism in thermal comfort study is each of the following referring to?
 - (a) A warm body transferring heat across space to surrounding surface.
 - (b) The heat flow through a substance by physical contact.
 - (c) Cooler air warmed by the body rise, drawing in more cool air to the body.
 - (d) Moisture exits the body through pores in the skin and changes to a vapour causing the skin to cool.
7. The mean radiant temperature (MRT) is defined as:
 - (a) The weighted average of the temperature of each surface and the distance to that surface.
 - (b) The weighted average of temperature of each surface and the angle of exposure of your body to the surface.
 - (c) The weighted average of temperature, height, width and length of each surface in the space.
 - (d) The weighted average of the temperature of each surface and the temperature of the air.
8. What are the two important conditions for achieving thermal comfort?