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Problem 23.43 (RHK)

Gas occupies a volume of 4.33 L at a pressure of 1.17 atm and a temperature of 310 K. It is compressed adiabatically to a volume of 1.06 L. We have to determine (a) the final pressure and (b) the final temperature, assuming the gas to be an ideal gas with $\gamma = 1.40$. (c) We have to calculate the work done on the gas.



Solution:

Data of the problem are

$$V_i = 4.33 \text{ L} = 4.33 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3,$$

$$P_i = 1.17 \times 1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 1.18 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa},$$

$$T_i = 310 \text{ K},$$

$$V_f = 1.06 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3,$$

and

$$\gamma = 1.40.$$

(a)

As the gas has been compressed adiabatically, we have

$$P_f V_f^\gamma = P_i V_i^\gamma.$$

Therefore,

$$P_f = 1.18 \times 10^5 \left(\frac{4.33}{1.06} \right)^{1.4} \text{ Pa} = 8.475 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 8.39 \text{ atm.}$$

(b)

Using the ideal gas equation, we calculate the molar amount of gas.

$$\mu = \frac{P_i V_i}{RT_i} = \frac{1.18 \times 10^5 \times 4.33 \times 10^{-3}}{8.3145 \times 310} \text{ mol} = 0.1985 \text{ mol.}$$

Temperature of the compressed gas can be obtained from the ideal gas equation

$$T_f = \frac{P_f V_f}{\mu R} = \frac{8.475 \times 10^5 \times 1.06 \times 10^{-3}}{0.1985 \times 8.3145} \text{ K} = 544 \text{ K.}$$

(c)

Work done on a gas is given by

$$W = -\int P dV.$$

For an adiabatic process

$$P = \frac{P_i V_i^\gamma}{V^\gamma}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}W_{adiabatic} &= -\int \frac{P_i V_i^\gamma}{V^\gamma} dV = \frac{1}{(\gamma - 1)} (P_f V_f - P_i V_i) \\&= \frac{1}{(1.4 - 1)} (8.475 \times 10^5 \times 1.06 \times 10^{-3} - 1.182 \times 10^5 \times 4.33 \times 10^{-3}) \text{ J} \\&= 966 \text{ J}.\end{aligned}$$

