6-124 A rigid tank initially contains air at atmospheric conditions. The tank is connected to a supply line, and air is allowed to enter the tank until mechanical equilibrium is established. The mass of air that entered and the amount of heat transfer are to be determined.

Assumptions **1** This is an unsteady process since the conditions within the device are changing during the process, but it can be analyzed as a uniform-flow process since the state of fluid at the inlet remains constant. **2** Air is an ideal gas with variable specific heats. **3** Kinetic and potential energies are negligible. **4** There are no work interactions involved. **5** The direction of heat transfer is to the tank (will be verified).

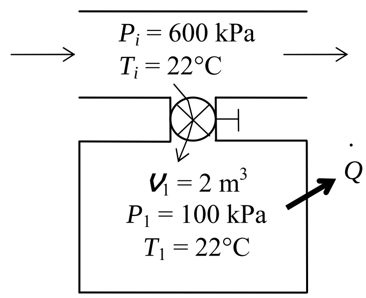
Properties The gas constant of air is 0.287 kPa.m^3/kg.K (Table A-1). The properties of air are (Table A-21)

$$\begin{aligned} T_i &= 295 \text{ K} \longrightarrow h_i = 295.17 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ T_1 &= 295 \text{ K} \longrightarrow u_1 = 210.49 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ T_2 &= 350 \text{ K} \longrightarrow u_2 = 250.02 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

Analysis (*a*) We take the tank as the system, which is a control volume since mass crosses the boundary. Noting that the microscopic energies of flowing and nonflowing fluids are represented by enthalpy *h* and internal energy *u*, respectively, the mass and energy balances for this uniform-flow system can be expressed as

Mass balance:

$$m_{\text{in}} - m_{\text{out}} = \Delta m_{\text{system}} \quad \rightarrow \quad m_i = m_2 - m_1$$



Energy balance:

$$\underbrace{E_{\text{in}} - E_{\text{out}}}_{\substack{\text{Net energy transfer} \\ \text{by heat, work, and mass}}} = \underbrace{\Delta E_{\text{system}}}_{\substack{\text{Change in internal, kinetic,} \\ \text{potential, etc. energies}}}$$

$$Q_{\text{in}} + m_i h_i = m_2 u_2 - m_1 u_1 \quad (\text{since } W \cong ke \cong pe \cong 0)$$

The initial and the final masses in the tank are

$$m_1 = \frac{P_1 V}{RT_1} = \frac{(100 \text{ kPa})(2 \text{ m}^3)}{(0.287 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{m}^3/\text{kg} \cdot \text{K})(295 \text{ K})} = 2.362 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_2 = \frac{P_2 V}{RT_2} = \frac{(600 \text{ kPa})(2 \text{ m}^3)}{(0.287 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{m}^3/\text{kg} \cdot \text{K})(350 \text{ K})} = 11.946 \text{ kg}$$

Then from the mass balance,

$$m_i = m_2 - m_1 = 11.946 - 2.362 = \mathbf{9.584 \text{ kg}}$$

(*b*) The heat transfer during this process is determined from

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{in}} &= -m_i h_i + m_2 u_2 - m_1 u_1 \\ &= -(9.584 \text{ kg})(295.17 \text{ kJ/kg}) + (11.946 \text{ kg})(250.02 \text{ kJ/kg}) - (2.362 \text{ kg})(210.49 \text{ kJ/kg}) \\ &= -339 \text{ kJ} \quad \rightarrow \quad Q_{\text{out}} = \mathbf{339 \text{ kJ}} \end{aligned}$$

Discussion The negative sign for heat transfer indicates that the assumed direction is wrong. Therefore, we reversed the direction.