

PROBLEM 1.31



Three processes:

① 1-2: $pV = \text{constant}$

$p_1 = 1 \text{ bar}, V_1 = 1 \text{ m}^3, V_2 = 0.2 \text{ m}^3$

② 2-3 $p = \text{constant}, V > V_2 \text{ (expansion)}, V_3 = 1.0 \text{ m}^3$

③ 3-1 $V = \text{constant}$

For process 1-2, $pV = \text{constant}$. The constant can be evaluated using data at state 1:

$$\begin{aligned} pV &= \text{constant} \\ &= p_1 V_1 \\ &= (1 \text{ bar})(1 \text{ m}^3) = 1 \text{ bar} \cdot \text{m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Accordingly, on a pressure-volume plot process 1-2 is described by

$$p = \frac{1 \text{ bar} \cdot \text{m}^3}{V}$$

In particular, when $V_2 = 0.2 \text{ m}^3$, $p = 5 \text{ bar}$.

Sketching the processes in series,

