## THERMODYNAMICS 201 2003

Q3 A gaseous fuel has the following percentage composition by volume: CO 13%, H<sub>2</sub> 42%, CH<sub>4</sub> 25%, O<sub>2</sub> 2%, CO<sub>2</sub> 3%, N<sub>2</sub> 15%

Determine the wet and dry volumetric and gravimetric analyses of the products of combustion if 15% excess air is used. State all assumptions made and take air as 21%  $O_2$  and 79%  $N_2$  by volume. The relative atomic masses are hydrogen l, carbon 12, nitrogen 14 and oxygen 16.

## **VOLUMETRIC**

## **CARBON MONOXIDE**

 $2CO + O_2 \rightarrow 2CO_2 \\ 2 m^3 + 1 m^3 \rightarrow 2 m^3 \\ 0.13 m^3 + 0.065 m^3 \rightarrow 0.13 m^3 \\ HYDROGEN \\ 2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O \\ 2 m^3 + 1 m^3 \rightarrow 2 m^3 \\ 0.42 m^3 + 0.21 m^3 \rightarrow 0.42 m^3 \\ METHANE \\ CH_4 + 2O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + CO_2 \\ 1 m^3 + 2 m^3 \rightarrow 2 m^3 + 1 m^3 \\ 0.25 m^3 + 0.5 m^3 \rightarrow 0.5 m^3 + 0.25 m^3 \\ Total oxygen required is <math>0.065 + 0.21 + 0.5 - 0.02 = 0.755 m^3$  Air required =  $0.755/0.21 = 3.595 m^3$  Air supplied =  $3.595 \times 1.15 = 4.135$ 

PRODUCTS			WET	DRY
$H_2O$	0.42 + 0.5 =	$0.920 \text{ m}^3$	18.9%	0
$O_2$	$0.21 \times 4.135 - 0.755 =$	$0.113 \text{ m}^3$	2.3%	2.9%
$N_2$	$0.79 \times 4.135 + 0.15 =$	$3.417 \text{ m}^3$	70.3%	86.7%
$CO_2$	0.13 + 0.25 + 0.03 =	$0.410 \text{ m}^3$	8.4%	10.4
Total		4.86/3.94	100%	100

## **GRAVIMETRIC**

We convert volumes to masses using the formula  $\frac{m_i}{m} = \frac{(V_i/V)\widetilde{m}_i}{\sum \{(V_i/V)\widetilde{m}\}_i}$ 

				WET
i	$V_i/V$	$\widetilde{m}_i$	$(V_i/V) \widetilde{m}_i$	$\widetilde{m}_i$ / $m$
$H_2O$	0.189	18	3.40	12.3%
$O_2$	0.023	32	0.74	2.7%
$N_2$	0.703	28	19.7	71.5%
$CO_2$	0.084	44	3.7	13.4%
Total	1.0		27.54	100
				DRY
i	$V_i/V$	$\widetilde{m}_i$	$(V_i/V)\widetilde{m}_i$	$\widetilde{m}_i$ / $m$
$O_2$	0.029	32	0.928	3.1%
$N_2$	0.867	28	24.276	81.5%
$CO_2$	0.104	44	4.576	15.4%
Total	1.0		29.78	100