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A balloon behaves so that the pressure is P = $C_2 V^{1/3}$ and $C_2 = 100$ kPa/m. The balloon is blown up with air from a starting volume of 1 m³ to a volume of 3 m³. Find the final mass of air, assuming it is at 25°C, and the work done by the air.

Here, we should be careful to interpret what we mean by "work done by air." If we simply calculate W=∫pdV, we get an answer of +250 kJ. But then the question is work done by which air? Since there is mass of air entering into the balloon, we need to clearly delineate what our system is. After you have done the calculations you will realize that initially, the balloon has 1.17 kg of air, and the final mass of air inside the balloon is 5.05 kg, meaning that 3.88 kg has entered the balloon in the process. So our Fin al condument $T_2 = 298 \text{ K}$







A 400-L tank, A (see Fig. P4.32), contains argon gas at 250 kPa and 30° C. Cylinder B, having a frictionless piston of such mass that a pressure of 150 kPa will float it, is initially empty. The valve is opened, and argon flows into B and eventually reaches a uniform state of 150 kPa and 30° C throughout. What is the work done by the argon?





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FIGURE P4.32

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W = mgh = 5x2 kJ