

Calculate the Cycle Mean Effective Pressure (P_m)

The Mean Effective Pressure is a conceptual average constant pressure that would produce the same net work output across a single stroke displacement. First, evaluate the maximum specific volume using the ideal gas law at the intake state:

$$\frac{V_1}{m} = \frac{RT_1}{P_1} = \frac{\left(0.287 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg-K}}\right)(300 \text{ K})}{150 \text{ kPa}} = 0.5740 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg}}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{V_1}{r_k} = \frac{\left(0.5740 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg}}\right)}{4.4164} = 0.1210 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg}}$$

we determine the total volume displacement ($V_1 - V_2$):

$$P_m = \frac{e_{\text{cycle}} Q_A}{V_1 - V_2} = \frac{(0.1916)(1868.0765 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}})}{0.1210 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg}} - 0.5740 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg}}} = 790.1180 \text{ kPa}$$

This cycle produces a high Mean Effective Pressure of **790.12kPa**. For an engineer, this metric indicates that the engine can produce a high torque and force output relative to its physical displacement volume. This parameter provides a useful benchmark when designing compact, heavy-duty industrial components where power output per unit space is prioritized over fuel economy.