

A shock tube initially contains a stationary piston and stationary air at $T_1 = 300\text{ K}$, $p_1 = 10^5\text{ Pa}$. The constant air properties are $c_p = 1004\text{ J/kg K}$, $R = 286.9\text{ J/kg K}$, $\gamma = 1.4$. A piston then impulsively starts moving at 5 m/s to the right, sending a shock down the tube traveling at 350 m/s to the right. These speeds are measured relative to the tube. The situation is sketched in the F13 notes, but the piston motion is the other way.

- a) Sketch the velocity distributions $V(x)$ in the frame of the tube, and in the frame of the shock. V and x defined positive to the right as usual.
- b) Determine the total enthalpies h_{o_1} , h_{o_2} on both sides of the shock, in the shock frame.
- c) Determine the static enthalpy h_2 and static temperature T_2 between the shock and the piston.
- d) Explain why this can be considered a weak shock.
- e) For a weak shock, the isentropic relations are very nearly correct. Estimate the pressure difference $p_2 - p_1$ across the shock.