EXAMPLE: Properties o' mixtures

Dry atmospheric air is actually a mixture of gases including oxygen, nitrogen, argon and trace amounts of other gases. Consider 1 $\rm m^3$ of air for which the **volumetric composition** is 21% $\rm O_2$, 78% $\rm N_2$ and 1% Ar. Initially the air is at 27°C and 100 kPa. It is then heated to 227°C at constant volume.

- (a) Find the apparent molar mass and the ideal gas constant for the air.
- (b) Find the mass of the air.
- (c) Assuming variable specific heats,
 - i. find the heat transfer added to the air during the process, and
 - ii. calculate the entropy generated during the process, in kJ/K.
- (d) Repeat (c) by using the air tables instead of using the given mixture composition.

(a) Assu	me you have	of mixture	2.	
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