

1. The van der Waals equation of state is

$$\left(P + \frac{a}{V^2}\right)(V-b) = RT, \text{ where } a, b, R \text{ are constant.}$$

When you solve the van der Waals equation at a given temperature T_A , you obtain a P-V curve shown in Figure 1.

- (a) How can you modify this curve to remove the portion of CDE that shows no physical significance? (5%)
 (b) Let P_A be the pressure under which liquid and vapor are in equilibrium at T_A , show that

$$P_A = \frac{1}{V_F - V_B} \left[RT_A \ln \frac{V_F - b}{V_B - b} + a \left(\frac{1}{V_F} - \frac{1}{V_B} \right) \right] \quad (15\%)$$

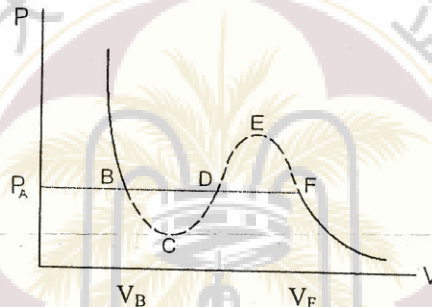


Figure 1

2. One mole of a monatomic ideal gas undergoes a reversible expansion at constant pressure during which the entropy of the gas increases by 14.41 J/K and the gas absorbs 6236 joules of heat. Note the constant-volume heat capacity of the gas is $1.5R$, where R is the gas constant = 8.314 J/(mole K)
- (a) Calculate the initial and final temperatures of the gas. (10%)
 (b) Calculate the work done by the gas during this expansion. (10%)
3. Assume Cu and Ni form an ideal solid solution at 727°C, calculate the equilibrium composition of a Cu-Ni alloy (in wt%) capable of existing in equilibrium with Cu_2O and NiO at 727°C from the following data:
- At 727°C $\Delta G_{\text{Cu}_2\text{O}}^0 = -18230 \text{ cal/mol}$, $\Delta G_{\text{NiO}}^0 = -30150 \text{ cal/mol}$, and atomic weights of Cu and Ni are 63.54 and 58.7, respectively.
 The gas constant $R = 1.987 \text{ cal/(mole K)}$ (20%)

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4. Figure 2 shows an A-B binary phase diagram. The solubility of B in α and β phase at T_1 is $N_B^*(\alpha)$ and $N_B^*(\beta)$, respectively. Assume both α and β phases are dilute solutions; thereby, the solute obeys the Henry's law and the solvent obeys the Raoult's law. Find the Henrian activity coefficient of B. (20%)

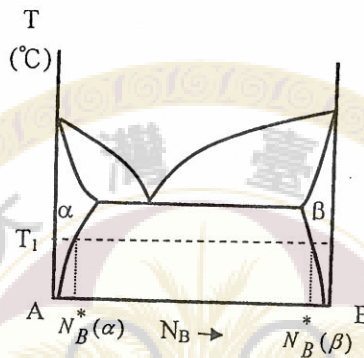


Figure 2

5. True or false. Reason or prove your answer. (20%)
- The sign of $(\Delta S_{\text{system}} + \Delta S_{\text{surrounding}})$ for the mixing of two different ideal gases in an adiabatic enclosure is positive.
 - Trouton's rule (the molar entropy of boiling of a liquid metal is 88 J/K) generally applies with better accuracy than Richards' rule (the entropy of fusion of a metal is 8.4 J/K).
 - For a binary alloy, the solubility of a stable phase is generally higher than the solubility of a metastable phase.
 - The compressibility factor, $Z = \frac{PV}{RT}$, of a real gas generally increases with increasing pressure.

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