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EQUATIONS!

**What is Physical Chemistry?**

- Physics of Chemistry

**What is Thermodynamics?**

- **THERMO** - heat, energy
- **DYNAMICS** - changes
- Consider

$$PV = nRT$$

- Rewrite as:

$$P = \frac{nRT}{V}$$

- What can cause  $P$  to change?

- $V$  - volume

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_{n,T} = -\frac{nRT}{V^2}$$

- $n$  - number of moles of gas

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial n}\right)_{V,T} = \frac{RT}{V}$$

- $T$  - temperature

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_{n,V} = \frac{nR}{V}$$

- How do we describe the change if all three are changing at once?

$$dP = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_{n,T} dV + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial n}\right)_{V,T} dn + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_{n,V} dT$$

- Note carefully the difference between  $\partial$  and  $d$

- $\partial$  describes the partial change due to the change in a particular variable
- $d$  describes the total change

- Some other ways of describing changes (useful for numerical applications)
  - $\Delta$  - a finite change
  - $\delta$  - an infinitesimal change

## UNITS

- Even when represented by a symbol, physical quantities have units.
  - Verification of units can help detect mistakes in a derivation.
- $P$  - force per unit area. The SI unit is the Pascal (Pa).
  - $1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ N m}^{-2} = 1 \text{ kg m s}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-2}$
  - $1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ kg m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$  (fundamental units)
- $V$  - volume
  - $\text{m}^3$  (fundamental units)
- $n$  - number of moles
  - mol (fundamental units)
- $R$  - Gas Constant
  - $8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} = 8.314 \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
  - ( $1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$  (fundamental units))
  - ( $1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ Pa m}^3$  or  $1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ J m}^{-3}$ )
- $T$  K (fundamental units)
  - temperature is on absolute Kelvin scale.  
See page 3 of Winn.

## UNITS ARE YOUR FRIENDS

### EQUATIONS OF STATE

Definition (Winn p. 5.)

“An equation of state is the mathematical relationship among the relevant thermodynamic variables of an equilibrium system.”

- Examples (from gas behaviour):
  - Ideal Gas Equation of State

$$PV = nRT$$

- van der Waals Equation of State

$$P = \frac{RT}{\bar{V} - b} - \frac{a}{\bar{V}^2}$$

- Virial Equation of State

$$\frac{P\bar{V}}{RT} = 1 + \frac{B(T)}{\bar{V}} + \frac{C(T)}{\bar{V}^2} + \dots$$

## THERMODYNAMIC VARIABLES

- Intensive
- Extensive
- Relation to Equation of State

- Description of Equilibrium

- **RECOMMENDED READING:**

Chapter 1 Winn

### COMPRESSIBILITY

$$Z \equiv \frac{\bar{V}(\text{real})}{\bar{V}(\text{ideal})} = \frac{P\bar{V}}{RT}$$

- Ideal gas

$$Z \equiv \frac{P\bar{V}}{RT} = 1$$

- van der Waals

$$Z \equiv \frac{P\bar{V}}{RT} = \frac{\bar{V}}{\bar{V} - b} - \frac{a}{RT\bar{V}}$$

- Virial equation

$$Z \equiv \frac{P\bar{V}}{RT} = 1 + \frac{B(T)}{\bar{V}} + \frac{C(T)}{\bar{V}^2} + \dots$$

- **THEREFORE:**

Deviation from one of the value of  $Z$ , the compressibility factor, is a measure of the nonideal behaviour of a gas.

A closer look at the virial equation:

- $B(T)$  has units of volume
- $C(T)$  has units of volume<sup>2</sup>.
- What would we expect temperature dependence of  $B(T)$  to be?
  - High  $T$  - repulsions important
  - Low  $T$  - attraction important

### The Boyle temperature and the van der Waals equation:

- Consider the van der Waals equation of state written in virial form:

$$Z = 1 + \left(b - \frac{a}{RT}\right) \frac{1}{\bar{V}} + \frac{b^2}{\bar{V}^2} + \dots$$

or:

$$Z \equiv \frac{P\bar{V}}{RT} = 1 + \frac{B(T)}{\bar{V}} + \frac{C(T)}{\bar{V}^2} + \dots$$

where:

$$B(T) = b - \frac{a}{RT} ; \quad C(T) = b^2$$

### What is the temperature dependence of $B(T)$ for a van der Waals gas?

- If  $T$  is large,  $B(T) \rightarrow b$ , which is positive.

- Repulsion accounts for most of the deviation from ideal behaviour.
- If  $T$  is small,  $B(T)$  becomes negative.

$$B(T) \rightarrow -\frac{a}{RT}$$

- Attraction accounts for most of the deviation from ideal behaviour.
- When  $B(T) = 0$ , the corresponding temperature is the Boyle temperature,  $T_B$ .

$$B(T) = 0 = b - \frac{a}{RT_B}$$

$$T_B = \frac{a}{Rb}$$

- A physical interpretation of the Boyle temperature is that temperature at which the average attractive and repulsive forces are balanced.

### Dimensionless Scales

- For a van der Waals gas, the Boyle temperature,  $T_B$ , allows us to define a dimensionless temperature scale in terms of multiples of the Boyle temperature.

$$B(T) = 0 = b - \frac{a}{RT_B}$$

- Dividing both sides of the equation by  $b$  gives:

$$\frac{B(T)}{b} = 1 - \frac{a}{RbT} = 1 - \frac{T_B}{T}$$

which means:

- that any temperature can be expressed as a multiple of the Boyle temperature,  $T_B$ ;
- and that the second virial coefficient,  $B(T)$ , can be expressed as a multiple of the second van der Waal's parameter  $b$ .
- Dimensionless scales allow the convenient comparison of a number of different gases described by the van der Waals equation.
- In Figure 1.6 of your text,  $B(T)/b$  is plotted against  $T/T_B$  for the noble gases
- From this plot we can see:
  - how nonideal these gases are
  - how well van der Waals works for these gases.

### More Dimensionless Variables

- Consider a van der Waals gas. If we can scale volume and pressure in a way similar to that used for temperature, then we can use one equation or graph to represent the properties of many different van der Waals gases.
- We already have way to scale temperature  $T$  with the Boyle temperature,  $T_B$ 
  - Recall that  $T_B = a/Rb$ , i.e. a combination of parameters that have the same dimensions as temperature
  - Our scaled temperature is:

$$\tilde{T} = \frac{T}{T_B}$$

- To set up scales for  $V$  and  $P$ , we will look for combinations of parameters that have the “right” dimensions.
- Consider first molar volume,  $\bar{V}$ :
  - The van der Waals parameter,  $b$ , also has units of molar volume.
  - Therefore our scaled dimensionless variable is:

$$\tilde{V} = \frac{\bar{V}}{b}$$

- Now consider pressure,  $P$ .
  - We note that the quantity  $a/\bar{V}^2$  has the same dimensions as pressure.
  - We need to replace  $\bar{V}$  with something that has the same units, in this case,  $b$ .
  - Therefore our scaled dimensionless variable is:

$$\tilde{P} = \frac{Pb^2}{a}$$

- With

$$\tilde{T} = \frac{T}{T_B} = \frac{TRb}{a}$$

we can now rewrite the van der Waals equation in scale dimensionless variables:

$$\tilde{P} = \frac{\tilde{T}}{\tilde{V} - 1} - \frac{1}{\tilde{V}^2}$$

- Thus we can represent all van der Waals gases with this dimensionless equation.
  - To obtain information for a specific gas, we just need to undo the scaling with using the values of  $a$  and  $b$  specific to that gas.
- Consider the van der Waal’s isotherms (Figure 1.7 page 22 Winn). Note:
  - That the isotherms for the lower temperatures have a minimum and a maximum while the isotherms for higher temperatures have no minimum or maximum.
  - That as temperature increases the maximum and minimum move closer together until they meet at a point (called the critical point) above which the maximum and minimum have disappeared.
  - The critical point is characterized by the critical temperature ( $T_C$ ), the critical pressure ( $P_C$ ), and the critical molar volume ( $\bar{V}_C$ ).
  - Below the critical temperature, the van der Waals curve has a region of positive slope,  $\left(\partial\tilde{P}/\partial\tilde{V}\right)_T$ , joining the maximum and the minimum.

### What is the physical significance of this?

- Note that the bulk isothermal compressibility is defined as:

$$\kappa = -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_T$$

- $\kappa$  is positive for all real substances.

- Therefore we have a region below  $T_C$  where the van der Waals equation breaks down because it gives a negative value for  $\kappa$ .
- Consider first the van der Waals equation at  $T_C$ 
  - The critical point is mathematically an inflection point.
- Mathematical properties of an inflection point:
  - First derivative is zero.
  - Second derivative is zero.
- This means that we can write three equations in three unknowns ( $\tilde{P}_C, \tilde{V}_C, \tilde{T}_C$ ) and solve for each of the unknowns.

$$\tilde{P} = \frac{\tilde{T}}{\tilde{V} - 1} - \frac{1}{\tilde{V}^2}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial \tilde{V}} \right)_{\tilde{T}=\tilde{T}_C} = 0 = \frac{-\tilde{T}}{(\tilde{V} - 1)^2} + \frac{2}{\tilde{V}^3}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{P}}{\partial \tilde{V}^2} \right)_{\tilde{T}=\tilde{T}_C} = 0 = \frac{2\tilde{T}}{(\tilde{V} - 1)^2} + \frac{-6}{\tilde{V}^4}$$

- To solve for ( $\tilde{P}_C, \tilde{V}_C, \tilde{T}_C$ ).
  - Isolate  $\tilde{T}_C$  in the first and second derivatives.
  - Combine the resulting two equations and isolate  $\tilde{V}_C$ .
  - Substitute  $\tilde{V}_C$  into one of the equations and evaluate  $\tilde{T}_C$ .
  - Substitute  $\tilde{V}_C$  and  $\tilde{T}_C$  in the van der Waals equation and get  $\tilde{P}_C$ .
- In scaled variables, this gives:

$$\tilde{V}_C = 3; \quad \tilde{T}_C = \frac{8}{27}; \quad \tilde{P}_C = \frac{1}{27}$$

- Undoing the scaling gives:

$$\bar{V}_c = 3b; \quad T_C = \frac{8a}{27Rb}; \quad P_C = \frac{a}{27b^2}$$

- The critical point variables, ( $P_C, \bar{V}_C, T_C$ ), provide us another way to scale ( $P, \bar{V}, T$ ).
  - The resulting set of scaled variables are known as *the reduced variables*, ( $p, \bar{v}, t$ ).
  - Different gases described by the same set of reduced variables are in *corresponding states*.
- Figure 1.10 compares isotherms of compressibility in terms of reduced pressure.
- Something to try on your own (between now and the first term test):
  - Write the van der Waals equation in terms of reduced variables.

**HINT:** Recall how we determined the van der Waals equation in scaled variables ( i.e. substitutions and cancellations).

**Some useful properties of partial derivatives**  
(that we will be using)

- Consider some function  $z(x, y)$ .

$$\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial z}\right)_y = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y^{-1}$$

if  $z$  is a continuous function of  $x$ .

- Most thermodynamic functions are continuous functions.
- An application of this would be the evaluation for a van der Waals gas of:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial P}\right)_T$$

**The Cyclic Rule**

- Another useful property of partial derivatives.
- Again consider the function  $z(x, y)$ . The cyclic rule is:

$$\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}\right)_z \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial z}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y = -1$$

- This in combination with the previous property allows us to find one of the derivatives given the other two.
- An application of this would be the evaluation for a van der Waals gas of:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial T}\right)_P$$

**The Chain Rule**

- Consider function  $f(x_1, x_2)$  such that

- $x_1 = x_1(y_1, y_2)$
- $x_2 = x_2(y_1, y_2)$

- Then the chain rule is:

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right)_{x_2} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1}\right)_{y_2} \left(\frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1}\right)_{x_2} + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_2}\right)_{y_1} \left(\frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1}\right)_{x_2}$$

- Consider the case where

$$x_1 = T, \quad x_2 = P, \quad y_1 = T, \quad y_2 = V$$

- Then the chain rule becomes:

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial T}\right)_P = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial T}\right)_V \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial T}\right)_P + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial V}\right)_T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P$$

- If  $f = P$  then this becomes:

$$0 = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial T}\right)_P + \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P$$

- From this the cyclic rule may be derived:

$$-\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P$$

or

$$-1 = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_V$$

### State Functions and Path Functions

- Consider a system initially at equilibrium in state 1.
- The system undergoes a change and comes to a new equilibrium at state 2.
- The value of a **state function** at state 2 is **independent of the path** taken from state 1 to state 2.
- The value of a **path function** at state 2 is **dependent on the path** taken from state 1 to state 2.

### Exact and Inexact Differentials

- An infinitesimal change on a path for a state function between state 1 and state 2 is described by an exact differential.
- An infinitesimal change on a path for a path function between state 1 and state 2 is described by an inexact differential.
- Consider some function  $z$  such that:

$$dz = f_x(x, y)dx + f_y(x, y)dy$$

where chosen arbitrarily are functional forms for  $f_x$  and  $f_y$ . For example:

$$f_x(x, y) = xy \text{ and } f_y(x, y) = x^2y^2$$

- Does there exist some function  $z(x, y)$  such that  $dz$  is the total derivative?
  - If there does, then  $z$  is a state function.
  - If there does not, then  $z$  is a path function.

### How to Test for State Functions

- If  $z$  is a state function, it must pass the cross derivative equality test.
- If the state function  $z(x, y)$  exists then:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \left( \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = \left( \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} \right)$$



- Applied to  $dz = f_x(x, y)dx + f_y(x, y)dy$ , the test becomes whether:

$$\frac{\partial f_y(x, y)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f_x(x, y)}{\partial y}$$

- Applied to  $dz = xydx + x^2y^2dy$ , we see that the cross derivative equality test is failed because:

$$\frac{\partial xy}{\partial y} = x$$

and

$$\frac{\partial (x^2y^2)}{\partial x} = 2xy^2$$

Therefore in this case  $z$  is a path function.