

AERO9660 Advanced Propulsion

Assignment N°2 2022.

Q1

van der Waal's equation may be expressed as:

$$P = \frac{\bar{R}T}{\bar{v} - b} - \frac{a}{\bar{v}^2}.$$

At the critical point:

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \bar{v}^2}\right)_T = 0,$$

and:

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \bar{v}}\right)_T = 0.$$

- i) Use this fact to derive expressions for a , b in terms of \bar{v}_c , as well as \bar{R} and T .
- ii) Then insert these expressions for a and b into van der Waal's equation at the critical point to get \bar{v} , a , and b in terms of \bar{R} , T , and P .

For hydrogen, the critical

$$T_c = 33.3K,$$

$$\bar{v}_c = 1.304 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{kmol}$$

- iii) Therefore find a in $\left\{Pa \frac{(m^3)^2}{kmol^2}\right\}$ and b in $\frac{m^3}{kmol}$.
- iv) For hydrogen, plot pressure (in Pa) against molar specific volume (in $m^3/kmol$) over the range:

$$0 \leq P \leq 2.5 \times 10^6 Pa$$

$$0 \leq \bar{v} \leq 1.5 m^3/kmol$$

for isotherms of 15K, 18K, 21K, 24K, 27K, 30K, $T_c = 33.3K$, 36K and 39K.

Q2

The Redlich-Kwong equation of state may be expressed as:

$$P = \frac{\bar{R}T}{\bar{v} - b} - \frac{a}{\bar{v}(\bar{v} + b)T^{0.5}},$$

where:

$$a = 0.42748 \frac{\bar{R}^2 T_c^{2.5}}{P_c},$$

and:

$$b = 0.08664 \frac{\bar{R}T_c}{P_c}.$$

- i) Find a in $\text{Pa} \left(\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kmol}} \right)^2 \text{K}^{0.5}$ and b in $\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kmol}}$ given that $T_c = 33.3\text{K}$ and $P_c = 1.3\text{MPa}$.
- ii) Calculate the density of hydrogen if $P = 700\text{bar}$ and $T = 400\text{K}$ using the Redlich-Kwong equation of state. This is basically the conditions you would find in a typical hydrogen tank on board an aircraft of a car.

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- iii) If $R = 4.124\text{kJ} \cdot \text{kmol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ and $P = 700\text{bar}$ calculate the specific volume of hydrogen
- iv) Predict the density of hydrogen if $Z = 1.40$

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$$v = \frac{ZRT}{P} = \frac{1}{\rho}.$$

Now you see why we need these other equations of state.

Q3

The partition function that accounts for the vibrational component of energy storage in a molecule is:

$$Z_v = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\frac{\theta_v}{T}}},$$

where θ_v is the characteristic vibrational temperature of the molecule and T is the absolute temperature.

Given that the component of the molar specific internal energy due to the vibrational component of energy storage is:

$$\bar{u}_v = \bar{R}T^2 \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial T} (\ln Z_v) \right\}_v,$$

show that:

$$\bar{u}_v = \bar{R}T \frac{x}{(e^x - 1)},$$

where:

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 $x = \frac{\theta_v}{T}$.

Then as:

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$$\bar{c}_{v_v} = \frac{d\bar{u}_v}{dT}$$

show that:

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$$\bar{c}_{p_v} = \bar{R} \frac{x^2 e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2}.$$

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