

Question Number II (14 Marks ~ 25 minutes)

A gas mixture is comprised of 22 mol% carbon dioxide (CO₂) with the remainder being nitrogen (N₂). A tank contains 1.0×10^4 moles of this mixture at 231.5 K and a pressure of 92.75 atm. Use the data in the following table to answer the questions below.

Gas	Molar Mass (kg/kmol)	T _c (K)	P _c (atm)	ω
CO ₂	44.01	304.2	72.8	0.225
N ₂	28.00	126.2	33.5	0.04

- a) What is the average molecular mass of the gas in the tank? (/2)

$$\bar{M} = \sum y_i M_i = (0.22 \times 44.01) + (0.78 \times 28) = 31.52 \left(\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{kmol}} \right)$$

- b) Use the ideal gas law to calculate the volume of the tank (m³). (/2)

$$PV = nRT \Rightarrow V = \frac{nRT}{P} = \frac{(1 \times 10^4 \text{ mol})(8.314 \frac{\text{Pa m}^3}{\text{mol K}})(231.5 \text{ K})}{(92.75 \text{ atm})(101325 \text{ Pa})}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = 2.048 \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$$

- c) Use the Pseudocritical point method and the Pitzer-Curl Tables to calculate the volume of the tank (m³). (/4)

$$(0.5) T_{pc} = \sum y_i T_{ci} = 0.22(304.2) + 0.78(126.2) = 165.36 \text{ (K)}$$

$$(0.5) P_{pc} = \sum y_i P_{ci} = 0.22(72.8) + 0.78(33.5) = 42.146 \text{ (atm)} = 4270.44 \text{ (kPa)}$$

$$(0.5) \bar{\omega} = 0.22(0.225) + 0.78(0.04) = 0.0807$$

$$(0.5) T_{pr} = \frac{T}{T_{pc}} = \frac{231.5}{165.36} = 1.40 \quad (0.5) P_{pr} = \frac{P}{P_{pc}} = \frac{92.75}{42.146} = 2.20$$

From the Pitzer-Curl Tables

$$\begin{cases} z^{(0)} = 0.759 \\ z^{(1)} = 0.20 \end{cases} \Rightarrow z_m = z^{(0)} + \omega_{pc} z^{(1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow PV = z_m nRT \Rightarrow V = \frac{z_m nRT}{P}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{(0.775)(1 \times 10^4)(8.314)(231.5)}{(92.75 \text{ atm})(101325)} = 1.587 \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$$

- d) Use the Pseudocritical point method and the generalized compressibility chart to determine the compressibility of the mixture. (/1)

$$\begin{cases} P_{Pr} = 2.2 \\ T_{Pr} = 1.4 \end{cases} \xrightarrow[\text{chart}]{\text{From compressibility}} \boxed{Z = 0.785} \quad (1)$$

- e) Use the van der Waals equation of state to calculate the volume of the mixture (m^3). The van der Waals parameters for CO_2 are $a=3.610 \text{ atm} (\text{m}^3/\text{kmol})^2$, and $b=0.0429 \text{ m}^3/\text{kmol}$. If you need to iterate, perform 2 iterations. (/5)

Vander Waals eq'n: $V_m^3 - \left[b + \frac{RT}{P} \right] V_m^2 + \frac{a}{P} V_m - \frac{ab}{P} = 0$

add for CO_2 Provided: $a = 3.610 \frac{\text{atm}(\text{m}^3)^2}{\text{kmol}^2}$, $b = 0.0429 \left(\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kmol}} \right)$

For N_2 : $a_{\text{N}_2} = \frac{27 R^2 T_c^2}{64 P_c} = \frac{27 (0.08205)^2 (126.2)^2}{64 \times 33.5} = 1.35025 \text{ atm} \left(\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kmol}} \right)^2$

$b_{\text{N}_2} = \frac{RT_c}{8 P_c} = \frac{(0.08205)(126.2)}{8 \times 33.5} = 0.038637 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kmol}}$

$\bar{a} = \left[\sum y_i \sqrt{a_i} \right]^2 = \left[(0.22)(1.90) + (0.78)(1.162) \right]^2 = 1.7539 \text{ atm} \left(\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kmol}} \right)^2$

$\bar{b} = \sum y_i b_i = \left[(0.22)(0.04286) + (0.78)(0.038637) \right] = 0.03957 \left(\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kmol}} \right)$

$V_m^3 - \left[0.03957 + \frac{0.08205 \times 231.5}{92.75} \right] V_m^2 + \frac{1.7539}{92.75} V_m - \frac{1.7539 \times 0.03957}{92.75} = 0$

$V_m^3 = 0.24436 V_m^2 + 0.01891 V_m - 0.00074827 = 0$

$V_m = 0.24436 - \frac{0.01891}{V_m} + \frac{0.00074827}{V_m^2}$

First guess $V_{m1} = 0.2048 \left(\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kmol}} \right) \Rightarrow f(V_{m1}) = 0.169866 = V_{m2} \left(\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kmol}} \right)$

2nd guess $V_{m2} = 0.1699 \Rightarrow f(V_{m2}) = 0.1590 = V_{m3} \left(\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kmol}} \right)$

multiply by $n(10 \text{ kmol}) \Rightarrow \boxed{V = 1.59 \text{ m}^3}$ (0.5)