Chapter 13

Problem 13.1

Develop expressions for the mole fractions of reacting species as functions of the reaction coordinate for:

(a) A system containing 2 mol NH₃ and 5 mol O₂ and undergoing the reaction:

$$4 \text{ NH}_3(g) + 5 \text{ O}_2(g) \longrightarrow 4 \text{ NO}(g) + 6 \text{ H}_2\text{O}(g)$$

(b) A system initially containing 3 mol H₂S and 5 mol O₂ and undergoing the reaction:

$$2 H_2 S(g) + 3 O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2 H_2 O(g) + 2 SO_2(g)$$

(c) A system containing 3 mol NO₂, 4 mol NH₃, and 1 mol N₂ and undergoing the reaction:

$$6 \text{ NO}_2(g) + 8 \text{ NH}_3(g) \longrightarrow 7 \text{ N}_2(g) + 12 \text{ H}_2\text{O}(g)$$

Solution

The solution here is to substitute into Eq. (13.5)

$$y_i = \frac{n_{io} + v_i \varepsilon}{n_0 + v \varepsilon} \tag{13.5}$$

(a)

$$y_{\text{NH}_3} = \frac{2 - 4\varepsilon}{7 + \varepsilon}$$
$$y_{\text{O}_2} = \frac{5 - 5\varepsilon}{7 + \varepsilon}$$

(b)

$$y_{\text{H}_2\text{S}} = \frac{3 - 2\varepsilon}{8 - \varepsilon}$$
$$y_{\text{O}_2} = \frac{5 - 3\varepsilon}{8 - \varepsilon}$$

(c)

$$y_{\text{NO}_2} = \frac{3 - 6\varepsilon}{8 + 5\varepsilon}$$
$$y_{\text{NH}_3} = \frac{4 - 8\varepsilon}{8 + 5\varepsilon}$$
$$y_{\text{N}_2} = \frac{1 + 7\varepsilon}{8 + 5\varepsilon}$$

Problem 13.2

A system initially containing 2 mol C₂H₄ and 3 mol O₂ undergoes the reactions:

$$C_2H_4(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \longrightarrow ((CH_2)_2)O(g)$$

$$C_2H_4(g) + 3O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2CO_2(g) + 2H_2O(g)$$

Develop expressions for the mole fractions of the reacting species as functions of the reaction coordinates for the two reactions.

Solution

The two chemical reactions need to be added and the same solution in Problem 13.1 is to be used.

$$2 C_2 H_4(g) + 3.5 O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2 CO_2(g) + 2 H_2 O(g) + ((CH_2)_2) O(g)$$

$$y_{C_2H_4} = \frac{2 - 2\varepsilon}{5}$$
$$y_{O_2} = \frac{3 - 3.5\varepsilon}{5}$$

Problem 13.3

A system formed initially of 2 mol CO₂, 5 mol H₂, and 1 mol CO undergoes the reactions:

$$CO_2(g) + 3 H_2(g) \longrightarrow CH_3OH(g) + H_2O(g)$$

 $CO_2(g) + H_2(g) \longrightarrow CO(g) + H_2O(g)$

Develop expressions for the mole fractions of the reacting species as functions of the reaction coordinates for the two reactions.

Solution

Similar to the previous problem.

$$2 \operatorname{CO}_2(g) + 4 \operatorname{H}_2(g) \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_3 \operatorname{OH}(g) + 2 \operatorname{H}_2 \operatorname{O}(g) + \operatorname{CO}(g)$$

$$y_{\text{CO}_2} = \frac{2 - 2\varepsilon}{8 - 2\varepsilon}$$
$$y_{\text{H}_2} = \frac{5 - 4\varepsilon}{8 - 2\varepsilon}$$
$$y_{\text{CO}} = \frac{1 + \varepsilon}{8 - 2\varepsilon}$$

Problem 13.4

Consider the water-gas-shift reaction:

$$H_2(g) + CO_2(g) \longrightarrow H_2O\left(g\right) + CO\left(g\right)$$

At high temperatures and low to moderate pressures the reacting species form an ideal-gas mixture. By Eq. (11.27):

$$G = \sum_{i} y_i G_i + RT \sum_{i} y_i \ln y_i$$

When the Gibbs energies of the elements in their standard states are set equal to zero, $G_i = \Delta G_{f_i}^{\circ}$, for each species, and then:

$$G = \sum_{i} y_i \Delta G_{f_i}^{\circ} + RT \sum_{i} y_i \ln y_i$$
 (A)

At the beginning of Sec. 13.2 we noted that Eq. (14.68) is a criterion of equilibrium. Applied to the water-gas-shift reaction with the understanding that T and P are constant, this equation becomes:

$$dG' = d(nG) = ndG + Gdn = 0$$
 $n\frac{dG}{d\varepsilon} + G\frac{dn}{d\varepsilon} = 0$

Here, however, $dn/d\varepsilon = 0$. The equilibrium criterion therefore becomes:

$$\frac{dG}{d\varepsilon} = 0 \tag{B}$$

Once the y_i are eliminated in favor of ε , Eq. (A) relates G to ε . Data for $\Delta G_{f_i}^{\circ}$ for the compounds of interest are givent with Ex. 13.13. For a temperature of 1000 K (the reaction is unaffected by P) and for a feed of 1 mol H₂ and 1 mol CO₂:

- (a) Determine the equilibrium value of ε by application of Eq. (B).
- (b) Plot G vs. ε , indicating the location of the equilibrium value of ε determined in (a).

Solution

(a) Solving for ε :

$$y_{\text{H}_2} = y_{\text{CO}_2} = \frac{1 - \varepsilon}{2}$$
$$y_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = y_{\text{CO}} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

From Eq. (A)—the values of $\Delta G_{f_i}^{\circ}$ in J mol⁻¹ are given in Example 13.13:

$$G = \left(\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}\right)(-395790) + \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)(-200240 - 192420) + R(1000) \left[2\left(\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}\right) + 2\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)\ln\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)\right]$$

Differentiate with respect to ε and solve for the root as in Eq. (B):

$$\varepsilon = 0.452$$

(b) See Figure 1

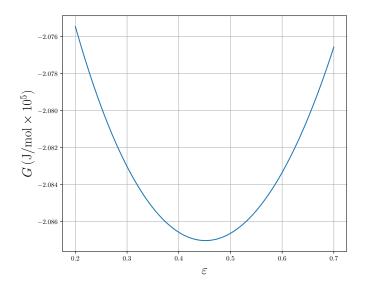


Figure 1: The graph of G with respect to ε for the system described in 13.4

Problem 13.5

Rework Pb. 13.4 for a temperature of:

- (a) 1100 K;
- (b) 1200 K;
- (c) 1300 K.

Solution

Refer to Pb. 13.4 for the solution. The plots of (a), (b), and (c) are shown in Figure 2

- (a) $\varepsilon = 0.456$
- (b) $\varepsilon = 0.460$
- (c) $\varepsilon = 0.463$

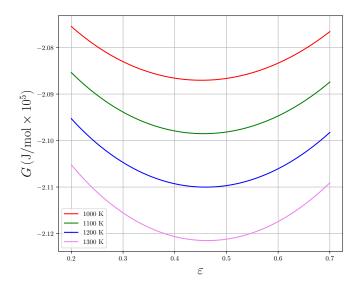


Figure 2: The graph of G with respect to ε for the systems described in 13.5

Problem 13.6

Use the method of equilibrium constants to verify the value of ε found as an answer in one of the following:

- (a) Pb. 13.4;
- (b) Pb. 13.5(a);
- (c) Pb. 13.5(b);
- (d) Pb. 13.5(c).

Solution
$$CO(g) + H_2(g) \longrightarrow H_2O(g) + CO(g)$$

$$y_{H_2} = y_{CO_2} = \frac{1 - \varepsilon}{2}$$

$$y_{CO_2} = y_{H_2O} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$K = \frac{y_{H_2O}y_{CO}}{y_{H_2}y_{CO}} = \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \varepsilon}\right)^2$$

$$K = \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G}{RT}\right)$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\sqrt{K}}{1 + \sqrt{K}}$$

$$\varepsilon = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4531 \\ 0.5021 \\ 0.5399 \\ 0.5709 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 13.7

Develop a general equation for the standard Gibbs-energy change of reaction ΔG° as a function of temperature for one of the reactions given in parts (a), (f), (i), (n), (r), (t), (u), (x), and (y) of Pb. 4.21.

Solution

Write ΔG_r° in terms of K and T:

$$K = e^{-\Delta G_r^{\circ}/(RT)}$$

$$\Delta G_r^{\circ} = RT \ln \left(\frac{1}{K}\right)$$

(a)

$$N_2(g) + 3 H_2(g) \longrightarrow 2 NH_3(g)$$

$$\Delta G_r^{\circ} = RT \ln \left(\frac{y_{\text{N}_2} y_{\text{H}_2}^2}{y_{\text{NH}_3}^2} \right)$$

(f)

$$6\,NO_2(g) + 8\,NH_3(g) \longrightarrow 7\,N_2(g) + 12\,H_2O\left(g\right)$$

$$\Delta G_r^{\circ} = RT \ln \left(\frac{y_{\text{NO}_2}^6 y_{\text{NH}_3}^8}{y_{\text{N}_2}^7 y_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^1 2} \right)$$

(i)

$$CH_4(g) + 2H_2O(g) \longrightarrow CO_2(g) + 4H_2(g)$$

$$\Delta G_r^{\circ} = RT \ln \left(\frac{y_{\text{CH}_4} y_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^2}{y_{\text{CO}_2} y_{\text{H}_2}^4} \right)$$

(n)

$$N_2(\sigma) + O_2(\sigma) \longrightarrow 2NO(\sigma)$$

$$N_2(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2 \text{ NO}(g)$$

$$\Delta G_r^{\circ} = RT \ln \left(\frac{y_{N_2} y_{O_2}}{y_{NO}^2} \right)$$

(r)
$$CH_{3}CHO(g) + H_{2}(g) \longrightarrow C_{2}H_{5}OH(g)$$

$$\Delta G_{r}^{\circ} = RT \ln \left(\frac{y_{CH_{3}CHO}y_{H_{2}}}{y_{C_{2}H_{5}OH}} \right)$$
 (t)
$$C_{2}H_{5}CH = CH_{2}(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_{2}(g) \longrightarrow CH_{2} = CHCH = CH_{2}(g) + H_{2}O(g)$$

$$\Delta G_{r}^{\circ} = RT \ln \left(\frac{y_{C_{2}H_{5}CH} = CH_{2}y_{O_{2}}^{1/2}}{y_{CH_{2}} = CHCH} \right)$$

(u)

$$C_4H_{10}(g) \longrightarrow CH_2 = CHCH = CH_2(g) + 2H_2(g)$$

$$\Delta G_r^{\circ} = RT \ln \left(\frac{y_{C_4H_{10}}}{y_{CH_2} = CHCH = CH_2} y_{H_2}^2 \right)$$

(x)

$$N_{2}(g) + C_{2}H_{2}(g) \longrightarrow 2 \text{ HCN } (g)$$

$$\Delta G_{r}^{\circ} = RT \ln \left(\frac{y_{N_{2}}y_{C_{2}H_{2}}}{y_{HCN}^{2}} \right)$$

(y)

$$C_6H_5 \cdot C_2H_5(g) \longrightarrow C_6H_5CH=CH_2(g) + H_2(g)$$

$$\Delta G_r^{\circ} = RT \ln \left(\frac{y_{C_6H_5 \cdot C_2H_5}}{y_{C_6H_5CH=CH_2}y_{H_2}} \right)$$

Problem 13.8

For ideal gases, exact mathematical expressions can be developed for the effect of T and P on ε_e . For conciseness, let $\prod (y_i)^{\gamma_i} = K_y$. Then:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \varepsilon_e}{\partial T}\right)_P = \left(\frac{\partial K_y}{\partial T}\right)_P \frac{d\varepsilon_e}{dK_y}$$
 and $\left(\frac{\partial \varepsilon_e}{\partial P}\right)_T = \left(\frac{\partial K_y}{\partial P}\right)_T \frac{d\varepsilon_e}{dK_y}$

Use Eqs. (13.28) and (13.14), to show that:

(a)
$$\left(\frac{\partial \varepsilon_e}{\partial T}\right)_P = \frac{K_y}{RT^2} \frac{d\varepsilon_e}{dK_y} \Delta H^\circ$$

(b)
$$\left(\frac{\partial \varepsilon_e}{\partial P}\right)_T = -\frac{K_y}{P} \frac{d\varepsilon_e}{dK_y} (\bar{\nu})$$

(c) (c) $d\varepsilon_e/dK_y$ is always positive. (Note: It is equally valid and perhaps easier to show that the reciprocal is positive.)