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labelled L.-J. in Fig. 1. Equation (15) is equivalent to taking  $\epsilon_{12} = \frac{1/2}{\epsilon_{11}} \frac{1/2}{\epsilon_{22}}$ .

The success of this result suggests by analogy the Lorentz combination for  $B_{012}$  and square-root combination for  $A_{012}/B_{012}$  and  $c_{12}/B_{012}$  of Eq. (5), since  $B_0$  is analogous to  $2\pi N\sigma^3/3$  and  $A_0/RB_0$  to  $\theta$ . Thus:

$$B_{12} = B_{012} \left[ 1 - \frac{A_{012}}{B_{012}RT} - \frac{c_{12}}{B_{012}T^3} \right], \quad (16)$$

where Eq. (8A) is used for the  $B_{012}$  outside the

parenthesis, and equations similar to Eq. (7) for  $(A_{012}/B_{012})$  and  $(c_{12}/B_{012})$ . Using in Eq. (16) the values of the equation of state constants given in Table III we find

$$B_{12}$$
 (liter/mole) = 0.09906  
-68.02/T-117×10<sup>4</sup>/T<sup>3</sup>. (17)

Values from this equation give the curve labelled V shown in Fig. 1. It is the best of the combination rules for computing  $B_{12}$  from the equation of state.

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#### Tabulation of the Second Virial Coefficient\*

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Values of  $B/(2\pi N\sigma^3/3)$  to four decimal places as a function of  $\theta/T$  are computed from  $\theta/T=0.20$  to 1.00 for a Lennard-Jones (6, 12) potential. The equation  $B/(2\pi N\sigma^3/3)=(\theta/T)^{\frac{1}{2}}[1.064-3.602(\theta/T)]$  computes the tabulated values fairly well. Thus  $\sigma$  and  $\theta$  can be determined from experimental B values by plotting  $BT^{\frac{1}{2}}$  against 1/T and finding the slope and intercept of the best straight line through the points. For methane and n-butane this method gave parameters that computed B values agreeing with observed values within the experimental uncertainty.

In the preceding paper's second virial coefficients derived from a Lennard-Jones (6, 12) potential were applied to the compressibility data on methane, *n*-butane, and mixtures of these two gases. Let:

$$W(r) = \lambda r^{-12} - \mu r^{-6}$$
  
=  $4\epsilon \left[ (\sigma/r)^{12} - (\sigma/r)^{6} \right],$ 

where

$$\epsilon = \mu^2/4\lambda,$$
 $\sigma^6 = \lambda/\mu.$ 

The second virial coefficient B (cc/mole) be-

comes:

$$\frac{B}{\beta} = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\theta}{T}\right)^{1} \left[\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-2}}{n!} \Gamma\left(\frac{2n-1}{4}\right) \left(\frac{\theta}{T}\right)^{n/2}\right], \quad (1)$$

where

$$\theta = \epsilon/k$$
,  
 $\beta = 2\pi N\sigma^3/3$ ;

and N is the Avogadro number,  $\sigma$  is in cm,  $\epsilon$  in ergs, and k the Boltzman constant in ergs/ ${}^{\circ}K$ , so that  $\theta$  is in  ${}^{\circ}K$ . Any other consistent set of units may, of course, be used.

To compute the values of  $B/\beta$  given in Table I as a function of  $\theta/T$  we set  $y=2(\theta/T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and computed the function for values of y increasing by

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TABLE I. Lennard-Jones second virial coefficients.

$$W(r) = 4\epsilon \left[ (\sigma/r)^{12} - (\sigma/r)^{6} \right]$$

$$B/\beta = \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{\theta}{T} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left[ \Gamma(\frac{3}{4}) - \sum_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n!} \Gamma\left( \frac{2n-1}{4} \right) 2^{n} \left( \frac{\theta}{T} \right)^{n/2} \right]; \quad \theta = \epsilon/k, \quad \beta = 2\pi N \sigma^{3}/3$$

$\theta/T$	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.20 0.30 0.40 0.50 0.60 0.70 0.80 0.90 1.00	+0.2434 0207 3126 6276 9643 -1.3228 -1.7037 -2.1084 -2.5380	+0.2185 0487 3431 6604 9992 -1.3599 -1.7431 -2.1502	+0.1933 0770 3738 6933 -1.0343 -1.3972 -1.7828 -2.1923	+0.1677 1056 4047 7264 -1.0696 -1.4347 -1.8227 -2.2346	$B/\beta$ +0.1417 1344 4359 7597 -1.1051 -1.4724 -1.8628 -2.2772	+0.1154 1635 4673 7932 -1.1408 -1.5103 -1.9032 -2.3201	+0.0887 1929 4989 8270 -1.1767 -1.5485 -1.9438 -2.3632	+0.0617 2225 5307 8610 -1.2129 -1.5870 -1.9846 -2.4065	+0.0345 2523 5628 8952 -1.2493 -1.6257 -2.0256 -2.4501	+0.0070 2823 5951 9296 -1.2859 -1.6646 -2.0669 -2.4939

TABLE II. Deviations of  $B/\beta$  computed by Eqs. (2) and (3) from the values listed in Table I.

$\theta/T$	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
Table I—Eq. (2) Table I—Eq. (3)	-0.0041 + .0136	+0.0010 0084	+0.0007 0129	$ \Delta(B/\beta) $ -0.00020079	-0.0004 + .0014	±0.0000 + .0103	+0.0004 + .0153	-0.0006 + .0128	$-0.0041 \pm .0000$

increments of 0.05 from 0.8 to 2.2, that is for  $\theta/T$  from 0.16 to 1.21. In order to construct a table for even values of  $\theta/T$  in the range  $(\theta/T) = 0.20$  to 1.00 the approximate equation

$$\frac{B}{\beta} = 0.71875 - 2.131899 \frac{\theta}{T} - 1.120795 \left(\frac{\theta}{T}\right)^2 \quad (2)$$

was used together with a deviation plot. Deviations of the values computed by Eq. (2) from those of Table I are given in Table II.

Table I covers the region from the critical to the Boyle temperature for all gases, and thus covers the experimentally accessible range for all except the permanent gases.

Another approximate equation, while not as accurate as Eq. (2), is particularly suited for a rapid estimate of  $\theta$  and  $\beta$  and hence of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

It was found that the equation

$$\frac{B}{\beta} = \left(\frac{\theta}{T}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left[1.064 - 3.602 \frac{\theta}{T}\right] \tag{3}$$

reproduces the values in Table I as closely as B is known for many gases. (See Table II for the deviations.) Consequently from a plot of the experimental values of  $BT^{\frac{1}{4}}$  against 1/T we can determine  $\beta$  and  $\theta$  very quickly since  $-3.602\beta\theta^{5/4}$  is the slope and  $1.064\beta\theta^{\frac{1}{4}}$  the intercept on the  $BT^{\frac{1}{4}}$  axis at 1/T=0 of the best straight line through the experimental points. This procedure was followed in obtaining  $\theta$  and  $\beta$  for methane and n-butane. Second virial coefficients determined from these values of  $\theta$  and  $\beta$  agreed with the observed values within the experimental uncertainty.