Homework Assignment 2

Practice Solved Problems

- 1. Smith, J. M., Van Ness, H. C., & Abbott, M. M. (2005). Introduction to Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics, 7th ed.
 - Chapter 3: 3.9, 3.11
 - Chapter 4: 4.1, 4.3, 4.8
 - Chapter 5: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4

HW Problems (Due 31st January, 2020)

- 1. [10 points] The coefficient of thermal expansion of mercury at $0 \circ C$ is 18×10^{-5} (°C)⁻¹. The isothermal compressibility at the same temperature is 5.32×10^{-6} (bar)⁻¹. If the mercury were heated from $0 \circ C$ to $1 \circ C$ in a constant-volume system, what pressure would be observed?
- 2. [10 points] Derive an expression for $(\partial T/\partial V)_S$ for the Redlich-Kwong fluid:

$$p = \frac{RT}{V - b} - \frac{a}{V(V - b)\sqrt{T}} \tag{1}$$

3. [10 points] The relationship between the temperature and volume of an adiabatic, reversible expansion of an ideal gas with constant heat capacity is:

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right)^{1-\gamma} \qquad \text{where } \gamma = \frac{C_p^{ig}}{C_v^{ig}} \tag{2}$$

Derive an expression that relates the temperature and volume for an adiabatic, reversible expansion of an ideal gas for which the ideal gas heat capacity at constant volume is

$$\frac{C_V^{ig}}{R} = A + BT + CT^2 + DT^{-2} \tag{3}$$

This expression may be implicit in temperature [i.e., $f(T_1, T_2) = g(V_1, V_2)$], but it should not contain integrals or partial derivatives.

4. [10 points] Consider a gas under conditions where its behaviour is described by the virial expansion

$$Z = \frac{pv}{RT} = 1 + \frac{Bp}{RT} \qquad \text{where } B = a - \frac{b}{T^2}, \text{with } a \text{ and } b \text{ constant}$$
 (4)

Compute the change internal energy for the gas going, at temperature τ , from very low pressure to a pressure π .

- 5. [20 points] The Antoine equation is often used to describe the vapor pressures: $\ln P^{\circ} = A \frac{B}{T+C}$. For temperatures near the boiling point derive an expression that gives the behaviour of ΔH^{vap} as a function of temperature that is thermodynamically consistent with the Antoine equation.
- 6. [20 points] Calculate the entropy change:
 - (a) of the water,
 - (b) of all other bodies,

when 1 g mole of supercooled water freezes at -10°C and 1 atm. Take heat capacity of water and ice as constant at 18 and 9 cal/mol °C, respectively and the latent heat of fusion at 0°C as 1440 cal/mol.

- 7. [20 points] A rigid adiabatic vessel is divided exactly half internally by a strong diaphragm. On one side, air is present at 300 K and 1 bar; the other side is completely evacuated. The diaphragm breaks and the air expands to fill the entire vessel. What is the entropy change associated with this process?
- 8. [10 points] Hydrocarbon fuels can be produced from methanol by reactions such as the following, which yields 1-hexene:

$$6CH_3OH(g) \leftarrow C_6H_{12}(g) + 6H_2O(g)$$
 (5)

Compare the standard heat of combustion at 25°C of 6CH₃OH (g) with the standard heat of combustion at 25°C of C₆H₁₂ (g) for reaction products CO₂ (g) and H₂O (g).

- 9. [10 points] A particular power plant operates with a heat-source reservoir at 350 °C and a heat-sink at 30 °C. It has a thermal efficiency equal to 55% of the Carnot-engine thermal efficiency for the same temperatures.
 - (a) What is the thermal efficiency of the plant?
 - (b) To what temperature must the heat-source reservoir be raised to increase the thermal efficiency of the plant to 35%? Again η is 55% of the Carnot-engine value?
- 10. [10 points] A rigid vessel of 0.06 m^3 volume contains an ideal gas, $C_v = (5/2)R$, at 500K and 1bar.
 - (a) If heat in the amount of 15,000 J is transferred to the gas, determine its entropy change.
 - (b) If the vessel is fitted with a stirrer that is rotated by a shaft so that work in the amount of 15,000 J is done on the gas, what is the entropy change of the gas if the process if adiabatic? What is ΔS_{total} ? What is the irreversible feature of the process?