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Wednesday, April 12th

ECHE 363 – Thermodynamics of Chemical Systems
Midterm #2

Rules:

- 75 minutes total time. Once time is up, put aside answer sheets.
- Be sure to show all work to obtain maximum credit.
- There is one bonus question on the exam. This will be graded “all or nothing” (i.e., no partial credit).
- Closed book and no notes.
- Write your name on every page.
- Please only write on the front side of each page. Ask for additional paper if necessary.

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For instructor use only:

Problem 1 / 35	
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Problem 3 / 40	
Total / 100 points	

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1. (35 points) A mysterious fluid obeys the Renner–renneR equation of state:

$$P(v_m - b) = RT + \frac{aP^2}{T}$$

where the constants are:

$$a = 10^{-7} \text{ m}^3 \text{ K / (Pa mol)}$$

$$b = 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3/\text{mol}$$

$$c_{p,m}^{\text{ideal}} = 33.5 \text{ J/(mol K)}$$

Using the provided property data, calculate the molar entropy change of the fluid for a change from $P_1 = 12 \text{ bar}$, $T_1 = 300 \text{ K}$ to $P_2 = 12 \text{ bar}$, $T_2 = 400 \text{ K}$.

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2. (25 points) We are interested in the thermodynamic properties of a gas-phase system that contains charged molecules under the influence of an external electrostatic potential. These charged species have a molar charge of α_m . For a system where work can be done through both “PV work” and electrical work, the reversible work is: $dw_{m,\text{rev}} = -Pdv_m + \psi d\alpha_m$, where ψ is the potential and α is the charge per mole.

a) (5 points) Come up with a fundamental equation for du_m for this system.

b) (10 points) Come up with a fundamental equation for dg_m for this system.

c) (10 points) Derive a Maxwell Relation equivalent to the partial derivative $\left(\frac{\partial s_m}{\partial \alpha_m}\right)_{T,P}$

d) **Bonus** (10 extra points): Derive a Maxwell Relation equal to the partial derivative $\left(\frac{\partial \alpha_m}{\partial v_m}\right)_{s_m, \psi}$. You may need to define a new thermodynamic state function, χ_m .

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3. (40 Points) Two solid phases, α and β , of a pure species exist in equilibrium. It is assumed that the molar volumes of both phases (v_m^α and v_m^β) are constant, as are the heat capacities ($c_{p,m}^\alpha$ and $c_{p,m}^\beta$). The enthalpy of the phase change, $\Delta h_m^{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} = h_m^\beta - h_m^\alpha$, is known at T_o and is equal to $\Delta h_m^{\alpha \rightarrow \beta}(T_o)$. Using the measured equilibrium point of (P_o, T_o) as an integration constant, derive an equation to relate the temperature and pressure of phase equilibrium assuming:
- a) (15 points) The enthalpy of phase change is a constant.
 - b) (25 points) The enthalpy of phase change depends on temperature.

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