

Problem 6.3-2 Joule-Thomson process

Since the initial and final enthalpies are the same:

$$U_i + P_i V_i = U_f + P_f V_f$$

We also know for this system that $U = PV$

Therefore:
$$P_i V_i = P_f V_f$$

From the second equation of state:
$$T = 3B \left(\frac{U^2}{NV} \right)^{1/3} = 3B \left(\frac{P^2 V}{N} \right)^{1/3}$$

We derive:
$$PV = \frac{N}{P} \left(\frac{T}{3B} \right)^3$$

Therefore:
$$\frac{N}{P_i} \left(\frac{T_i}{3B} \right)^3 = \frac{N}{P_f} \left(\frac{T_f}{3B} \right)^3 \Rightarrow \frac{T_i^3}{P_i} = \frac{T_f^3}{P_f} \Rightarrow T_f = T_i \left(\frac{P_f}{P_i} \right)^{1/3}$$

Problem 6.3 – 3 Joule-Thomson process for a vdW fluid

$$\text{A)} \quad P = \frac{RT}{v-b} - \frac{a}{v^2} \quad \frac{1}{T} = \frac{cR}{u + a/v} \quad \Rightarrow \quad u = -\frac{a}{v} + cRT$$

$$h = u + Pv = -\frac{a}{v} + cRT + \frac{vRT}{v-b} - \frac{a}{v} = -\frac{2a}{v} + RT \left(c + \frac{v}{v-b} \right)$$

$$h_i = h_f \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\frac{2a}{v_i} + RT_i \left(c + \frac{v_i}{v_i-b} \right) = -\frac{2a}{v_f} + RT_f \left(c + \frac{v_f}{v_f-b} \right) \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$T_f = \left(\frac{2a}{v_f} - \frac{2a}{v_i} + RT_i \left(c + \frac{v_i}{v_i-b} \right) \right) / \left(Rc + \frac{Rv_f}{v_f-b} \right)$$

B) Estimating the small parameters of the expansion suggested by Callen for CO₂:

$$P = \frac{RT}{v-b} - \frac{a}{v^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad v = 6.34 \times 10^{-5} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \varepsilon_1 = \frac{b}{v} = 0.67 \quad \varepsilon_2 = \frac{a}{RTv} = 2.8$$

Small parameter expansion does not work, full numerical solution is required!

Problem 6.4–1 Chemical Reaction

a) The chemical reaction equation:



Gives us the stoichiometric coefficients:

$$v_{H_2S} = 1 \qquad v_{H_2O} = 2 \qquad v_{SO_2} = -1 \qquad v_{H_2} = -3$$

Therefore, the condition of chemical equilibrium:

$$\sum_i v_i \mu_i = 0$$

Becomes:

$$\mu_{H_2S} + 2\mu_{H_2O} - \mu_{SO_2} - 3\mu_{H_2} = 0$$

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b) Using the general expression for mole numbers in a chemical reaction:

$$N_j = N_j^0 + \nu_j \Delta \tilde{N}$$

We can write mole numbers for each of the substances in the reaction:

$$N_{H_2S} = \frac{1}{2} + \Delta \tilde{N}$$

$$\Delta \tilde{N} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$N_{H_2O} = \frac{3}{4} + 2\Delta \tilde{N}$$

Vanishes at:

$$\Delta \tilde{N} = -\frac{3}{8}$$

$$N_{SO_2} = 1 - \Delta \tilde{N}$$

$$\Delta \tilde{N} = 1$$

$$N_{H_2} = 2 - 3\Delta \tilde{N}$$

$$\Delta \tilde{N} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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c) For negative $\Delta\tilde{N}$ the first material that depletes is water at $\Delta\tilde{N}_{\min} = -\frac{3}{8}$

For positive $\Delta\tilde{N}$ the first material that depletes is hydrogen at $\Delta\tilde{N}_{\max} = \frac{2}{3}$

d) The degree of reaction is:
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\Delta\tilde{N} - \Delta\tilde{N}_{\min}}{\Delta\tilde{N}_{\max} - \Delta\tilde{N}_{\min}}$$

$$\text{For } \Delta\tilde{N} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1/4 + 3/8}{2/3 + 3/8} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$N_{H_2S} = \frac{1}{2} + \Delta\tilde{N} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$N_{SO_2} = 1 - \Delta\tilde{N} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$N_{H_2O} = \frac{3}{4} + 2\Delta\tilde{N} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$N_{H_2} = 2 - 3\Delta\tilde{N} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$N_{total} = N_{H_2S} + N_{H_2O} + N_{SO_2} + N_{H_2} = 4$$

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$$x_{H_2S} = \frac{N_{H_2S}}{N_{total}} = \frac{3}{16}$$

$$x_{SO_2} = \frac{N_{SO_2}}{N_{total}} = \frac{3}{16}$$

$$x_{H_2O} = \frac{N_{H_2O}}{N_{total}} = \frac{5}{16}$$

$$x_{H_2} = \frac{N_{H_2}}{N_{total}} = \frac{5}{16}$$

e) Since the nominal solution of the equilibrium condition give the value $\Delta\tilde{N} = 0.8$

exceeding the maximum value without depletion, $\Delta\tilde{N}_{\max} = \frac{2}{3}$

the reaction will proceed to depletion and in equilibrium: $\Delta\tilde{N} = \Delta\tilde{N}_{\max} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\Delta\tilde{N} - \Delta\tilde{N}_{\min}}{\Delta\tilde{N}_{\max} - \Delta\tilde{N}_{\min}} = 1 \quad N_{H_2} = 0 \quad N_{SO_2} = \frac{1}{3} \quad N_{H_2O} = \frac{25}{12} \quad N_{H_2S} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$N_{total} = \frac{43}{12} \quad x_{H_2} = 0 \quad x_{SO_2} = \frac{4}{43} \quad x_{H_2O} = \frac{25}{43} \quad x_{H_2S} = \frac{14}{43}$$

Problem 7.4 – 7 Maxwell Relations

$$c_v = T \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial T} \right)_v \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial c_v}{\partial v} = T \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial v \partial T} = T \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial T \partial v}$$

Employing a Maxwell relation:

$$\left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial v} \right)_T = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_v$$

We obtain:

$$\left(\frac{\partial c_v}{\partial v} \right)_T = T \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial T \partial v} = T \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial T^2} \right)_v$$

For a vdW fluid:

$$P = \frac{RT}{v-b} - \frac{a}{v^2} \quad \left(\frac{\partial c_v}{\partial v} \right)_T = T \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial T^2} \right)_v = 0$$

Problem 7.4 – 18 Compressibility

There are multiple ways of solving this problem.

We can write the Gibbs-Duhem relation:

$$d\mu = -sdT + vdP$$

Since T and μ are constants, dP is constant in any process, including the process of compression of the system. Therefore:

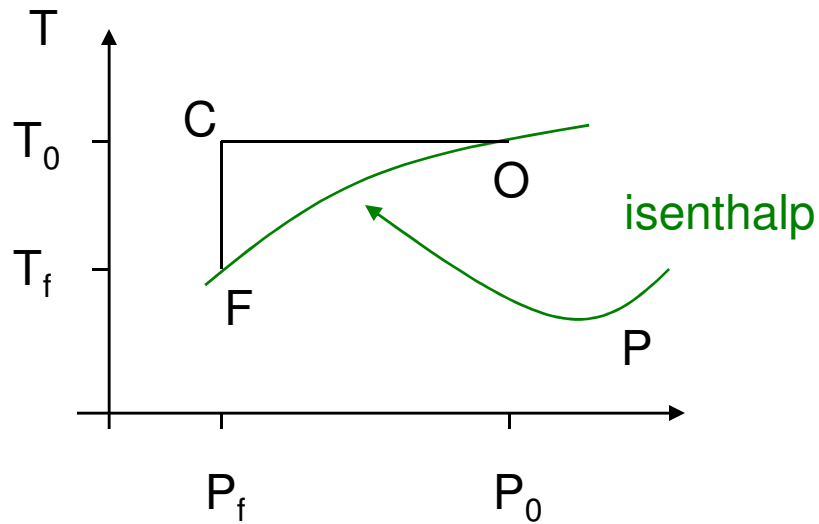
$$\frac{1}{V} \frac{dV}{dP} = \infty$$

The reason for diverging compressibility is permeability of the wall. There is no resistance to a piston changing the volume of the system.

Note that you cannot replace $\frac{1}{V} \frac{dV}{dP}$ with $\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{dV}{dP} \right)_T$ as the latter

is calculated at constant mole number, not constant chemical potential.

Problem 7.4-24 Temperature in a Joule-Thomson process



Given: P_0, T_0, v_0, P_f

$$\kappa_T = \frac{A}{v^2} \quad \text{along OC isotherm}$$

$$\alpha = \alpha_0 \quad \text{along OC isotherm}$$

$$c_P = c_P^0 \quad \text{along CF isobar}$$

We know that the curve OF is isenthalp:

$$H_0 = H_F \Rightarrow U_F - U_0 = P_0 V_0 - P_f V_f \quad (1)$$

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$$\kappa_T = -\frac{1}{v} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial P} \right)_T = \frac{A}{v^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial P} \right)_T = -\frac{A}{v} \quad (2)$$

Since temperature does not change during the process OC, we can simply write:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial P} = -\frac{A}{v} \quad \Rightarrow \quad v dv = -A dP \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{v^2 - v_0^2}{2} = -A(P - P_0) \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$P = P_0 + \frac{v_0^2 - v^2}{2A} \quad (3) \quad \text{where } P \text{ is pressure in a state on the OC line.}$$

Equivalently:

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2A(P_0 - P) \quad (4)$$

We also note that

$$v_C^2 = v_0^2 - 2A(P_f - P_0) \quad (5)$$

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Let us now express work and heat transfer during processes OC and CF in terms of the given parameters of these processes.

$$Q_{OC}: \quad Q_{OC} = \int_{S_0}^{S_C} T dS = T_0 \int_{S_0}^{S_C} dS = T_0 (S_C - S_0)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P = \alpha_0$$

$$\text{By a Maxwell relation:} \quad \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P} \right)_T = - \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P} \right)_T = - \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P = -V \alpha_0$$

Since OC process is at constant temperature, we can write:

$$dS = -V \alpha_0 dP \Rightarrow S_C - S_O = -\alpha_0 \int_{P_O}^{P_f} V dP$$

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Using equation (4):
$$S_C - S_O = -\alpha_0 \int_{P_O}^{P_f} V dP = -\alpha_0 N \int_{P_O}^{P_f} \sqrt{v_0^2 + 2A(P_0 - P)} dP$$

$$S_C - S_O = \frac{\alpha_0 N}{3A} \left(v_0^2 + 2A(P_0 - P) \right)^{3/2} \Big|_{P_O}^{P_f} = -\frac{\alpha_0 N}{3A} \left(v_0^3 - \left(v_0^2 + 2A(P_0 - P_f) \right)^{3/2} \right)$$

$$Q_{OC} = -\frac{\alpha_0 N T_0}{3A} \left(v_0^3 - \left(v_0^2 + 2A(P_0 - P_f) \right)^{3/2} \right) \quad (6)$$

W_{OC} :
$$W_{OC} = -\int_{V_0}^{V_C} P dV$$

Using equation (3):

$$W_{OC} = -\int_{V_0}^{V_C} P dV = -N \int_{v_0}^{v_C} \left(P_0 + \frac{v_0^2 - v^2}{2A} \right) dv = -N \left(P_0 + \frac{v_0^2}{2A} \right) (v_C - v_0) + \frac{N}{6A} (v_C^3 - v_0^3) \quad (7)$$

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$$Q_{CF}: \quad Nc_P = \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial T} \right)_P = Nc_P^0$$

Since pressure does not change during the process CF, we can write:

$$Q_{CF} = Nc_P^0 (T_f - T_0) \quad (8)$$

$$W_{CF}: \quad W_{CF} = - \int_{V_C}^{V_F} P dV = -P_f \int_{V_C}^{V_F} dV = -P_f (V_f - V_C) \quad (9)$$

From the conservation of energy:

$$U_C - U_O = W_{OC} + Q_{OC} =$$
$$-N \left(P_0 + \frac{v_0^2}{2A} \right) (v_C - v_0) + \frac{N}{6A} (v_C^3 - v_0^3) - \frac{\alpha_0 N T_0}{3A} \left(v_0^3 - (v_0^2 + 2A(P_0 - P_f))^{3/2} \right)$$

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$$U_F - U_C = W_{CF} + Q_{CF} = -P_f(V_f - V_C) + Nc_P^0(T_f - T_0)$$

$$U_F - U_O = (U_F - U_C) + (U_C - U_O) = -NP_f(v_f - v_C) + Nc_P^0(T_f - T_0) - \\ N\left(P_0 + \frac{v_0^2}{2A}\right)(v_C - v_0) + \frac{N}{6A}(v_C^3 - v_0^3) - \frac{\alpha_0 NT_0}{3A}\left(v_0^3 - (v_0^2 + 2A(P_0 - P_f))^{3/2}\right)$$

Using equation (1):

$$P_0 v_0 - P_f v_f = -P_f(v_f - v_C) + c_P^0(T_f - T_0) - \\ \left(P_0 + \frac{v_0^2}{2A}\right)(v_C - v_0) + \frac{1}{6A}(v_C^3 - v_0^3) - \frac{\alpha_0 T_0}{3A}\left(v_0^3 - (v_0^2 + 2A(P_0 - P_f))^{3/2}\right) \quad (10)$$

Where according to equation (5): $v_C = \sqrt{v_0^2 - 2A(P_f - P_0)}$

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Solving equation (10) for T_f (note that the terms with v_f cancel):

$$T_f = T_0 + \frac{P_0 v_0 - P_f v_C}{c_P^0} + \left(P_0 + \frac{v_0^2}{2A} \right) \frac{(v_C - v_0)}{c_P^0} - \frac{(v_C^3 - v_0^3)}{6Ac_P^0} + \frac{\alpha_0 T_0}{3Ac_P^0} \left(v_0^3 - (v_0^2 + 2A(P_0 - P_f))^{3/2} \right)$$

where $v_C = \sqrt{v_0^2 - 2A(P_f - P_0)}$

After some algebra the above expression simplifies to:

$$T_f = T_0 - \frac{(1 - \alpha_0 T_0)}{3Ac_P^0} \left(v_0^3 - (v_0^2 + 2A(P_0 - P_f))^{3/2} \right)$$

The condition for temperature being lowered in this process is:

$$1 - \alpha_0 T_0 < 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha_0 > 0 \quad \boxed{T_0 > \frac{1}{\alpha_0}} \quad \text{(compare to equations 6.41 and 6.42)}$$

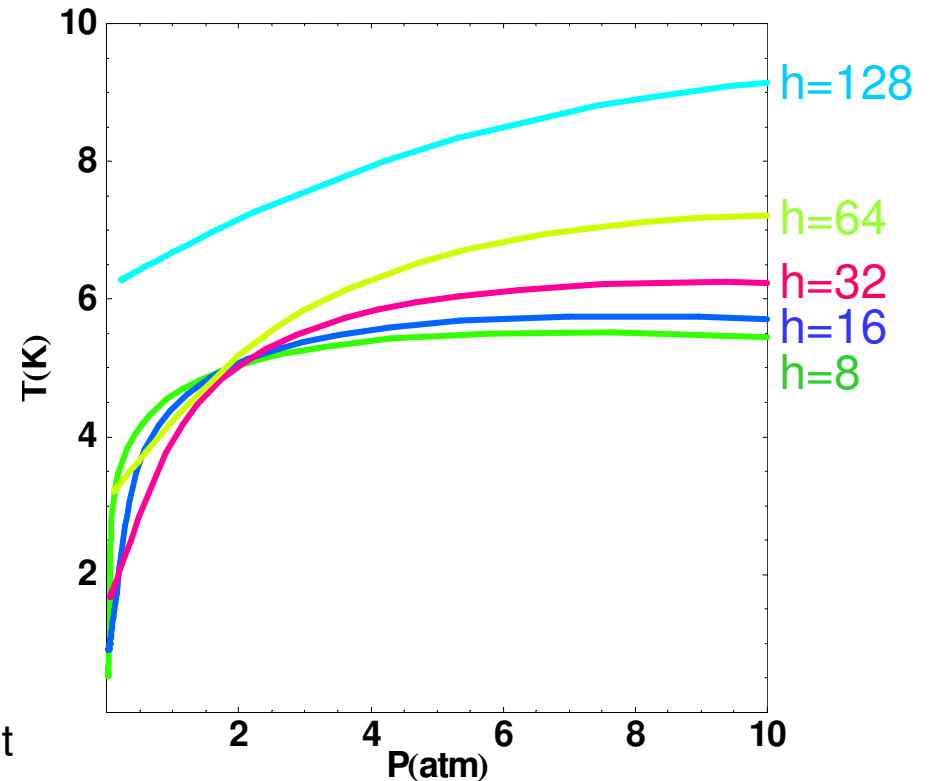
Isenthalpic curves of He

Expressing P and T in terms of h and v :

$$P = \frac{(h + 2a/v)}{c(v-b) + v} - \frac{a}{v^2}; T = \frac{h + 2a/v}{R(c + v/(v-b))}$$

and using a parametric plot with v as a parameter:

The fact that isenthalpic curves intersect at small values of molar enthalpy (and low T) tells us that for some values of P and T there exist two states with different values of molar enthalpy h . You can check that these states differ by molar volumes. The existence of two states with different molar volumes at the same T and P values signals a first order phase transition (condensation).



Helium needs to be pre-cooled in order for Joule-Thomson process to cool the gas because the inversion temperature of He is quite low ~ 35 K. Note that pre-cooling to the liquid nitrogen temperature (77 K) is not enough to make the Joule-Thomson process efficient. This is why liquid helium is difficult to liquefy and this is mainly why it costs ~ 5 \$ per liter, one order of magnitude more expensive than liquid nitrogen.