

Question #75493

Description:

1. Write Onne's equation. Using van der Waals' equation, obtain an expression of Boyle temperature (T_b) in terms of van der Waals' constants and hence show that the Boyle's temperature is related to critical temperature (T_c) through the relation $T_b = 3.375T_c$.

Solution.

Use van der Waals' equation:

$$\left(P + \frac{a}{V_m^2}\right)(V_m - b) = RT \quad (1)$$

P is the pressure, V_m is molar volume, R is the universal gas constant, T is the absolute temperature, a, b constant van der Waals' equation, find the function $P = P(V, T)$, as a result we get and let $T = \text{const}$

$$P = \frac{RT}{(V_m - b)} - \frac{a}{V_m^2} \quad (2)$$

T_c -temperature at which the difference between liquid and gas disappears, on the isotherms it corresponds to the inflection point ($T = T_c$), its condition for the function of two variables is

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_{T=\text{const}} = 0, \quad \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial V^2}\right)_{T=\text{const}} = 0$$

We compute derivatives of 1 and 2 order

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_{T=\text{const}} = -\frac{RT_c}{(V_m - b)^2} + \frac{2a}{V_m^3} = 0, \quad \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial V^2}\right)_{T=\text{const}} = +\frac{2RT_c}{(V_m - b)^3} - \frac{6a}{V_m^4} = 0$$

whence it follows that

$$RT_c = \frac{2a}{V_m^3} (V_m - b)^2 \quad (3)$$

and substituting in the derivatives of 2 order

$$\frac{2}{(V_m - b)^3} \frac{2a}{V_m^3} (V_m - b)^2 - \frac{6a}{V_m^4} = \frac{4a}{(V_m - b) V_m^3} - \frac{6a}{V_m^4} = 0,$$
$$\frac{2}{(V_m - b)} - \frac{3}{V_m} = 0, \quad \frac{2V_m - 3V_m + 3b}{(V_m - b) V_m} = 0, \quad -V_m + 3b = 0, \quad V_m = 3b$$

molar volume corresponds to the critical volume, then T_c

$$RT_c = \frac{2a}{(3b)^3} (3b - b)^2 = \frac{8a}{27b}, \quad T_c = \frac{8a}{27bR}$$

on the other hand, multiplying the pressure by temperature corresponds to the Onne's or virial equation, and the definition of temperature T_b (at a temperature of Boyle's gas compressibility does not depend on the pressure):

$$PV_m = RT + \frac{B_2}{V_m} + \frac{B_3}{(V_m)^2} + \dots, \quad T_b = T \text{ if } B_2 = 0, \quad \left(\frac{\partial PV_m}{\partial \left(\frac{1}{V}\right)}\right)_{T=\text{const}} = 0 \quad (4)$$

we rewrite equation (2) as

$$PV_m = \frac{RT}{\left(1 - \frac{b}{V_m}\right)} - \frac{a}{V_m} = RT \left(1 + \frac{b}{V_m} + \dots\right) - \frac{a}{V_m} = RT + \frac{RTb}{V_m} + \dots - \frac{a}{V_m} = RT + \frac{bRT - a}{V_m} + \dots$$

where $\frac{RT}{\left(1 - \frac{b}{V_m}\right)} = RT \left(1 + \frac{b}{V_m} + \dots\right)$

there is decomposition into Taylor series, comparing the latter with the equation Onne's we obtain and equation (4)

$$B_2 = bRT_b - a = 0, T_b = \frac{a}{bR}$$

and

$$T_c = \frac{8a}{27bR}$$

Then

$$\frac{T_b}{T_c} = \frac{27}{8} = 3.3750$$

Answer: $T_b = 3.375T_c$.

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