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Van der Waals equation (Gaseous state) and critical constants \rightarrow

For one mole of a gas Van der Waals equation is -

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

$$\text{or, } PV - Pb + \frac{a}{V} - \frac{ab}{V^2} - RT = 0$$

Multiplying both side by $\frac{V^2}{P}$, we get

$$V^3 - bV^2 + \frac{aV}{P} - \frac{ab}{P} - \frac{RTV^2}{P} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } V^3 - \left(b + \frac{RT}{P}\right)V^2 + \frac{a}{P}V - \frac{ab}{P} = 0$$

This is a cubical equation in the variable V .

This equation has 3 values of V for any single value of P and T . Either all the ~~3 values~~ three values of V may be real or any one may be real and the other two imaginary.

At the critical point all the 3 values of V become identical. Since the temp. now is critical, this value of V represents the critical volume, V_c , of the gas that is -

$$V = V_c$$

$$\text{or } V - V_c = 0$$

$$\text{or } (V - V_c)^3 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } V^3 - 3V_cV^2 + 3V_c^2V - V_c^3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

This equation must be identical with Van

and critical pressure (P_c), which may be written as —

$$v^3 - \left(b + \frac{P_c v_c}{P_c}\right)v^2 + \frac{a}{P_c}v - \frac{ab}{P_c} = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Evaluating the coefficients of equation (i) and (ii) we get —

$$3v_c = b + \frac{P_c v_c}{P_c} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

$$3v_c^2 = \frac{a}{P_c} \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

and

$$v_c^3 = \frac{ab}{P_c} \quad \text{--- (v)}$$

Dividing eqⁿ (v) by (iv), we get

$$\frac{v_c^3}{3v_c^2} = \frac{ab}{P_c} \times \frac{P_c}{a}$$

$$\boxed{v_c = 3b}$$

Inserting the value of v_c in eqⁿ (iv) we get —

$$3 \times (3b)^2 = \frac{a}{P_c}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore P_c = \frac{a}{27b^2}}$$

Inserting the values of v_c and P_c in equation (iii) we get —

$$3 \times 3b = b + \frac{PT_c}{9b^2}$$

$$\therefore 9b - b = \frac{PT_c}{9b^2}$$

$$\therefore 8b = \frac{PT_c}{9b^2}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{T_c = \frac{8a}{27Pb}}$$

Thus,

$$\boxed{V_c = 3b}$$

$$\boxed{P_c = \frac{a}{27b^2}}$$

and

$$\boxed{T_c = \frac{8a}{27Pb}}$$

Van der Waal's constants "a" and "b" in terms of critical constants —

since, $V_c = 3b$.

$$\therefore \boxed{b = \frac{V_c}{3}}$$

since, $P_c = \frac{a}{27b^2}$

$$\therefore a = 27b^2 \times P_c$$

$$= P_c \times 3 \times 9b^2$$

$$= 3P_c \times (3b)^2$$

$$= 3P_c \times V_c^2$$

$$\therefore \boxed{a = 3P_c \cdot V_c^2}$$

$$\text{Critical co-efficient} = \frac{RT_c}{P_c \cdot V_c}$$

An important consequence of van der Waals equation is obtained by using the equation at critical point with value of "a" and "b" in terms of critical constants.

$$\therefore \left(P + \frac{a}{V^2} \right) (V - b) = RT$$

$$\text{or, } \left(P_c + \frac{3P_c \cdot V_c^2}{V_c^2} \right) \left(V_c - \frac{V_c}{3} \right) = RT_c$$

$$\left(\because a = 3P_c V_c^2 \text{ and } b = \frac{V_c}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{or, } 4P_c \times \frac{2V_c}{3} = RT_c$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{RT_c}{P_c V_c} = \frac{8}{3} = 2.66 = \text{const.}$$

This characterizes van der Waals' ~~gas~~ gas just as compressibility factor, $z =$ characterizes ideal gas.

Reduced equation of state

'or'
Law of corresponding states \Rightarrow

In order to transform van der Waals equation in a form applicable to all gases, we define reduced pressure (π), reduced temp. (θ) and reduced volume (ϕ) as follows =

$$\frac{P}{P_c} = \pi, \quad \frac{T}{T_c} = \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{V}{V_c} = \phi$$

Thus, $P = \pi P_c, \quad T = \theta T_c \quad \text{and} \quad V = \phi V_c$

Substituting these values in van der Waals equation

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

we get

$$\left(\pi P_c + \frac{a}{\phi^2 V_c^2} \right) (\phi V_c - b) = R \theta T_c$$

Substituting the values of P_c, V_c and T_c we get

$$\left(\pi \frac{a}{27b^2} + \frac{a}{\phi^2 \cdot 9b^2} \right) (\phi \cdot 3b - b) = \frac{R \theta \cdot 8a}{27R}$$

$$\frac{a}{27b^2} \left(\pi + \frac{3}{\phi^2} \right) b(3\phi - 1) = \frac{8\theta \cdot a}{27b}$$

$$\left(\pi + \frac{3}{\phi^2} \right) (3\phi - 1) = 8\theta$$