

**Chemistry 366  
Thermodynamics  
Midterm Exam  
March 4, 2008**



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**Full credit will be given to correct answers only when ALL the necessary steps are shown. DO NOT GUESS THE ANSWER.**

**This is a closed book exam, and you are responsible to be sure that your exam has no missing pages (5 pages).**

**If you consider that there is not enough information to solve a problem, you have to specify the missing information and describe the problem solving procedure.**

*But surely this is an old tale you tell, they say;  
But surly this is a new tale you tell, other say.  
Tell it once again, they say;  
Or, do not tell it yet again, others say.  
But I have heard all this before, say some;  
Or, but this is not how it was before, say the rest*

Naqshbandi recital, from The Way of the Sufi, by Idries Shah

**Once you start the exam, you have up to 1 hours to solve it.**

**Honor Statement**

**I have neither give nor received aid in this examination.**

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### PROBLEM 1 (25 POINTS)

Calculate the pressure exerted by benzene for a molar volume 1.42 L at 790 K using the Redlich-Kwong equation of state:

$$P = \frac{RT}{V_m - b} - \frac{a}{\sqrt{T} V_m (V_m + b)} = \frac{nRT}{V - nb} - \frac{n^2 a}{\sqrt{T} V (V + nb)}$$

The Redlich-Kwong parameters  $a$  and  $b$  for benzene are  $452.0 \text{ bar dm}^6 \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ K}^{1/2}$  and  $0.08271 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ , respectively. Is the attractive or repulsive portion of the potential dominant under these conditions?

**PROBLEM 2 (25 POINTS)**

1 mol of an ideal gas, for which  $C_{V,m} = 3/2R$ , initially at  $20.0^\circ\text{C}$  and  $1.00 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$  undergoes a two-stage transformation. For each of the stages described in the following list, calculate the final pressure, as well as  $q$ ,  $w$ ,  $\Delta U$ , and  $\Delta H$ . Also calculate  $q$ ,  $w$ ,  $\Delta U$ , and  $\Delta H$  for the complete process.

- a) The gas is expanded isothermally and reversibly until the volume doubles.
- b) Beginning at the end of the first stage, the temperature is raised to  $80.0^\circ\text{C}$  at constant volume.

**PROBLEM 3 (25 POINTS)**

Use the relation  $C_{P,m} - C_{V,m} = T \left( \frac{\partial V_m}{\partial T} \right)_P \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_P$ , the cyclic rule, and the van der

Waals equation of state to derive an equation for  $C_{P,m} - C_{V,m}$  in terms of  $V_m$  and the gas constants  $R$ ,  $a$ , and  $b$ .

#### PROBLEM 4 (25 POINTS)

Calculate the standard enthalpy of formation of  $\text{FeS}_2(s)$  at  $300^\circ\text{C}$  from the following data at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . Assume that the heat capacities are independent of temperature. You are also given that for the reaction  $2\text{FeS}_2(s) + 11/2\text{O}_2(g) \rightarrow \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3(s) + 4\text{SO}_2(g)$ ,  $\Delta H^\circ_{\text{reaction}} = -1655 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

Substance	Fe(s)	FeS <sub>2</sub> (s)	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (s)	S(rhombic)	SO <sub>2</sub> (g)
$\Delta H_f^\circ$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )			-824.2		-296.81
$C_{p,m}/R$	3.02	7.48		2.72	