

Example

Calculate the specific volume of ethane gas at 50 °C and 15 bar using:

- The ideal gas E.O.S.
- The truncated virial E.O.S., with a value of the second virial coefficient obtained from generalized correlations.
- The Redlich/Kwong E.O.S.

Solution

$$(a) \quad v = \frac{RT}{P} \quad R = 83.14 \left(\frac{\text{cm}^3 \text{ bar}}{\text{mol K}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(83.14)(50 + 273.15)}{15} = 1791.11 \left(\frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{mol}} \right)$$

$$(b) \quad z = 1 + \frac{BP}{RT} \quad , \quad v = z \frac{RT}{P}$$

$$\frac{BP_c}{RT_c} = B^0 + w B^1$$

From Appendix B.1

$$w = 0.1, \quad T_c = 305.3 \text{ K}$$

$$P_c = 48.72 \text{ bar}$$

$$B^0 = 0.083 - \frac{0.422}{T_r^{1.6}} = 0.083 - \frac{0.422}{\left(\frac{50 + 273.15}{305.3} \right)^{1.6}}$$

$$= -0.3023$$

$$B^1 = 0.139 - \frac{0.172}{T_r^{4.2}} = 0.139 - \frac{0.172}{\left(\frac{50 + 273.15}{305.3} \right)^{4.2}}$$

$$= 3.5173 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \left[-0.3023 + (0.1) (3.5173 \times 10^{-3}) \right] \frac{(83.14)(305.2)^2}{48.72}$$

$$= -157.26 \quad \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 1 + \frac{(-157.26)(15)}{(83.14)(50+273.15)} = 0.9122$$

$$\bullet V = z \frac{RT}{P} = 1633.85 \quad \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{mol}}$$

$$(c) \quad z = 1 + \beta - q \beta \frac{z - \beta}{(z + \epsilon \beta)(z + \sigma \beta)}$$

For RK E.O.S. from table 3.1

$$\alpha(T_r) = T_r^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \sigma = 1, \quad \epsilon = 0, \quad \Omega = 0.08664$$

$$\psi = 0.42748$$

$$\beta = \Omega \frac{P_r}{T_r} = 0.08664 \frac{\left(\frac{15}{48.72} \right)}{\left(\frac{50+273.15}{305.3} \right)} = 0.0252$$

$$q = \psi \alpha(T_r) / (\Omega T_r)$$

$$= \frac{(0.42748) \left(\frac{50+273.15}{305.3} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(0.08664) \left(\frac{50+273.15}{305.3} \right)} = 4.5309$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 1 + 0.0252 - (4.5309)/(0.0252) \frac{z - 0.0252}{z(z + 0.052)}$$

$$z - 1.0252 + 0.1142 \frac{z - 0.0252}{z(z + 0.052)} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow F(z) = 0$ solve by trail and error

z	F(z)
$z_1 = 0.85$	- 0.0523
$z_2 = 0.95$	+ 0.0357
$\frac{z_3 - 0.85}{0.95 - 0.85} = \frac{0 - (-0.0523)}{0.0357 - (-0.0523)}$	$0.000022 \approx 0$

$\Rightarrow z_3 = 0.9094$

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