2. Chemical and Phase Equilibria

(Gas-phase Chemical Equilibrium)

In the equilibrium state of a gas-phase reaction, $A(g) + B(g) \rightleftharpoons C(g)$,

$$\mu[C(g)] = \mu[A(g)] + \mu[B(g)]$$
(2.1)

The chemical potential of an ideal gas A at a partial pressure p_A is,

$$\mu[A(g)] = \mu^{\circ}[A(g)] + RT \ln \frac{p_A}{p^{\circ}}$$
(0.6)

Similar relation holds for gas B and C. The standard Gibbs energy change of this reaction is

$$\Delta_{\rm r}G^{\circ} = \mu^{\circ} \left[{\rm C}({\rm g}) \right] - \mu^{\circ} \left[{\rm A}({\rm g}) \right] - \mu^{\circ} \left[{\rm B}({\rm g}) \right] \tag{2.2}$$

Exercise 2.1

- 1) Derive an equation for the relation among p_A , p_B , p_C , and $-\Delta_r G$ for $A(g) + B(g) \rightleftharpoons C(g)$.
- 2) Calculate the equilibrium constant for the reaction, $H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons H_2O(g)$, at 3000 K from the following data.

$$T / K$$
 $\Delta_{\rm f} G^{\circ}[{\rm H}_2{\rm O}({\rm g})] / {\rm kJ \ mol}^{-1}$ [JANAF]
 3000
 -77.2

Solution to Exercise 2.1 1) Substitution of (0.6) to (2.1) and transformation gives $RT \ln \frac{p_{\rm C} / p^{\circ}}{(p_{\rm A} / p^{\circ})(p_{\rm B} / p^{\circ})} = \mu^{\circ}[A(g)] + \mu^{\circ}[B(g)] - \mu^{\circ}[C(g)]$ By using (2.2), $RT \ln K = -\Delta_{\rm r} G^{\circ}$, where $K \equiv \frac{p_{\rm C} / p^{\circ}}{(p_{\rm A} / p^{\circ})(p_{\rm B} / p^{\circ})}$ 2) $K = \exp(-\Delta_{\rm r} G^{\circ} / RT) = \exp[77.2 \times 1000 / (8.3145 \times 3000)] = 22.09$ [-] (or bar^{-1/2})

(Phase Equilibrium between Condensed Phases)

On the boundary between phase 1 and 2 in p-T plane,

$$\mathrm{d}\mu(1) = \mathrm{d}\mu(2) \tag{2.3}$$

From (0.3) and (0.4), one obtains $V_{\rm m}(1)dp - S_{\rm m}(1)dT = V_{\rm m}(2)dp - S_{\rm m}(2)dT$, and then,

$$\frac{dp}{dT} = \frac{\Delta_{trs}S}{\Delta_{trs}V} \quad (Clapeyron equation)$$
where $\Delta_{trs}S = S_m(2) - S_m(1), \ \Delta_{trs}V = V_m(2) - V_m(1)$

$$(2.4)$$

From the definition of the entropy,

$$\Delta_{\rm trs}S = \frac{\Delta_{\rm trs}H}{T_{\rm trs}} \tag{2.5}$$

Exercise 2.2

- 1) Calculate the standard entropy of fusion $\Delta_{\text{fus}}S^{\circ}$ of the ice from the standard enthalpy of fusion, $\Delta_{\text{fus}}H^{\circ} = 6.008 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, at 0 °C.
- 2) Estimate the melting point of ice at a pressure 136 bar from the $\Delta_{fus}S$ above and the following densities of ice and water. Ignore the pressure dependence of $\Delta_{fus}S$ and density.

	$\rho(2/3.15 \text{ K}, 1 \text{ bar}) / \text{g cm}^{\circ}$
$H_2O(l)$	0.9998
$H_2O(s)$	0.9168

Solution to Exercise 2.2 1) $\Delta_{fus}S^{\circ} = 6.008 \times 1000 / 273.15 = 22.00 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ 2) $\Delta_{fus}V^{\circ} = (18.02/0.9998) - (18.02/0.9168) = -1.632 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} = -1.632 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ $dT / dp = -1.632 \times 10^{-6} / 22.00 = -7.418 \times 10^{-8} \text{ K Pa}^{-1} = -7.418 \times 10^{-3} \text{ K bar}^{-1}$ $dT = -7.418 \times 10^{-3} \times (136 - 1) = -1.00 \text{ K} \quad \text{$\pounds \circ \sub T_{fus}(136 \text{ bar}) \sim -1.00 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}} (272.15 \text{ K})$

(Phase Equilibrium between Gas and Condensed Phases)

On the boundary between a condensed phase 1 and a gas phase,

$$\mu(1) = \mu(g) \tag{2.6}$$

By ignoring the small pressure dependence of the chemical potential of a condensed phase, and using (0.6),

$$\Delta_{\rm vap}G^{\circ} = \mu^{\circ}(1) - \mu^{\circ}(g) = RT \ln(p / p^{\circ})$$
(2.7)

Exercise 2.3

1) Calculate the vapor pressure of water at 298 K from the following data.

(298 K)	$\Delta_{ m f} H^{\circ}$ / kJ mol ⁻¹	$S_{\rm m}^{\rm o}$ / J K ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹
$H_2O(1)$	-285.8	69.9
$H_2O(g)$	-241.8	188.8

2) Estimate the vapor pressure of water at 100 °C (= 373 K) assuming that $\Delta_{vap}H^{\circ}$ and $\Delta_{vap}S^{\circ}$ are independent of temperature.

Solution to Exercise 2.3 1) $\Delta_{vap}H^{\circ} = -241.8 - (-285.8) = 44.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}, \Delta_{vap}S^{\circ} = 188.8 - 69.9 = 118.9 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ $\Delta_{vap}G^{\circ} = \Delta_{vap}H^{\circ} - T\Delta_{vap}S^{\circ} = 44.0 - 298 \cdot 118.9/1000 = 8.57 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ $p / p^{\circ} = \exp(-8.57 \times 1000 / 8.3145 \cdot 298) = 3.15 \times 10^{-2}, \text{ thus } p = 0.0315 \text{ bar}$ * The pressure dependence of $\mu[\text{H}_2\text{O}(1)]$ is, from (0.9), $V_m(p - p^{\circ}) = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}(3160 - 100000) = -1.7 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$, which is smaller than the smallest significant digit of $\Delta_f G^{\circ}$. 2) $\Delta_{vap}G^{\circ} = \Delta_{vap}H^{\circ} - T\Delta_{vap}S^{\circ} = 44.0 - 373 \cdot 118.9/1000 = -0.35 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ $p / p^{\circ} = \exp(+0.35 \times 1000 / 8.3145 \cdot 373) = 1.119$, thus p = 1.119 bar (10% higher than 1 atm!)