

Assignment 6

1. Ideal Gas
 - a) Find the number density of an ideal gas at STP.
 - b) In vacuum technology, the gas pressure is measured in torr. (1 atm = 760 torr).
 - i. Find the number density at 1 torr.
 - ii. Find the number density at 10^{-7} torr, a typical laboratory pressure.
2. Steam in a pipe is at a high pressure of 100 atm such that its molar volume is only 0.3 liters. The van der Waals constants for steam are $a = 5.5 \text{ liters}^2 \text{ mole}^{-2} \text{ atm}$ and $b = 0.030 \text{ liter/mole}$. Evaluate $c_p - c_v$ and compare this to R .
3. The molar heat capacity at constant volume for a gas is measured to be $c_v = 33.3 \text{ J mole}^{-1} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$
 - a) Does the gas consist of monatomic or polyatomic molecules?
 - b) How many degrees of freedom does one molecule have?
4. Estimate the sea level rise using the diagram below due to an increase in the ocean temperature by 2°C assuming the average ocean temperature is a) 6°C and b) 10°C .

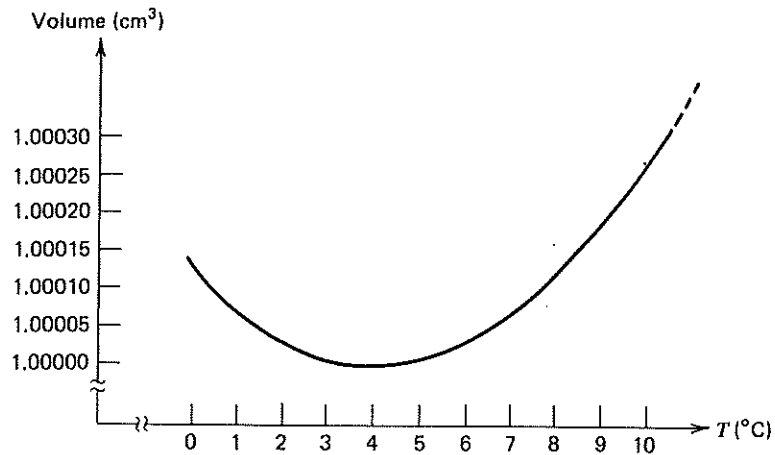


Figure 10.4 Plot of the volume of one gram of water versus temperature. Its volume decreases with increased temperature between 0 and 4°C , and then increases after that.

5. A certain solid is not isotropic. Calculate the coefficient of volume expansion if the linear expansion coefficients are as follows.

$$\alpha_x = 0.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1} \quad \alpha_y = 1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1} \quad \alpha_z = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$$
6. Suppose the equation of state for some system was $p^2 T^{-1/3} e^{aV} = b$ where a and b are constants.
 - a) Write this in differential form, expressing dV in terms of dT and dP .
 - b) Express the isothermal compressibility in terms of T , V and P .
 - c) Express the coefficient of volume expansion in terms of T , V and P .