

Key for Practice Problems

1. $q(V, T) = \sum_{\text{levels, } j} g_j e^{-\beta \epsilon_j}$

$q(V, T)$: molecular partition function as a function of Volume + Temp; $q(V, T)$ is a measure of the ability of a particle to escape the ground state

g_j : the degeneracy of the system

β : $1/k_B T$ (or a parameter related to T)

ϵ_j : energy of the j^{th} level

2. $\text{H}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{H}$ acetylene (linear)

Total DOF = $3n = 3 \cdot 4 = 12$

Trans DOF = 3

Rot DOF = 2 (linear)

Vib DOF = 7 ($3n - 5$)

3. At the Boyle temperature, a gas acts ideally.

So $\bar{V} = \bar{V}_{\text{ideal}}$ and $B_{2V} = 0$ (no deviation from ideality)

Ans: e

4. $B_{2V} = \bar{V} - \bar{V}_{\text{ideal}}$ $\bar{V}_{\text{ideal}} = \frac{RT}{P}$ @ same $T + P$, all gases have same \bar{V}_{ideal}

The smallest \bar{V} will result in the smallest B_{2V} .

(i.e. largest deviation) This is CO_2 . [Makes

sense because CO_2 is largest molecule + will likely have interactions].