

04-CHEM-A1, PROCESS BALANCES and CHEMICAL THERMODYNAMICS

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Three Hours Duration

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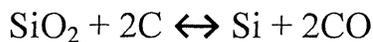
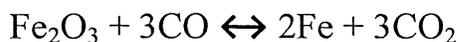
- 1) If doubt exists as to the interpretation of any question, you are urged to submit a clear statement of any assumptions made along with the answer paper.
- 2) Property data required to solve a given problem are provided in the problem statement or are available in the recommended texts. If you are unable to locate the required data, do not let this prevent you from solving the rest of the problem. Even in the absence of property data, you still have the opportunity to provide a solution methodology.
- 3) This is an open-book exam.
- 4) Any non-communicating calculator is permitted.
- 5) The examination is in two parts – Part A (Questions 1 to 3): Process Balances
Part B (Questions 4 and 6): Chemical Thermodynamics
- 6) Answer **TWO** questions from Part A and **TWO** questions from Part B.
- 7) **FOUR** questions constitute a complete paper.
- 8) Each question is of equal value.

PART A: PROCESS MASS and ENERGY BALANCES

- 1) Consider an iron blast furnace charged with iron ore, limestone (CaCO₃) and coke. The weight analyses of the charge is as follows:

	Fe ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	MnO	Al ₂ O ₃	H ₂ O	C	CaCO ₃
Ore	80%	12%	1%	3%	4%		
Limestone		4%			1%		95%
Coke		10%				90%	

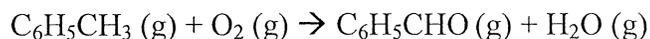
The ultimate weight analysis of the pig iron gives 93.8% Fe, 4% C, 1.2% Si and 1% Mn. For every ton of pig iron produced, 1750 kg of iron ore and 500 kg of limestone are used and 4200 m³ of flue gas is produced. The rational analysis of flue gases gives 58% N₂, 26% CO, 12% CO₂, and 4% H₂O. The reactions occurring in the blast furnace are:



Determine the following:

- Quantity of coke used per ton of pig iron
- Consumption of air per ton of pig iron
- Composition of the slag

- 2) Consider the oxidation of toluene given by the following reaction



Calculate the standard heat of reaction for oxidation of toluene.

DATA:

Gross heat of combustion of liquid benzaldehyde at 18 °C = - 841.3 kcal/gmol

Normal boiling point of benzaldehyde = 179 °C

Heat of vaporization of benzaldehyde at 179 °C = 86.48 cal/g

Specific heat capacity of liquid benzaldehyde = 0.428 cal/g °C

Specific heat capacity of benzaldehyde vapor = 31 cal/gmol °C

Average molar heat capacity of liquid H₂O = 18 cal/gmol °C

Average molar heat capacity of CO₂ = 8.87 cal/gmol °C

Average molar heat capacity of O₂ = 7.0 cal/gmol °C

Standard heat of formation of H₂O vapor = - 57.8 kcal/gmol

Standard heat of formation of toluene vapor = 11.95 kcal/gmol

- 3) 1000 kg/hr of a liquid solution of 60 wt% naphthalene (C₁₀H₈) and 40 wt% benzene (C₆H₆) at 80 °C is cooled to 10 °C. The resulting solid and liquid phases are separated in a rotary drum filter. The process operates at steady state. Your job is to determine how well the drum filter is performing. You determine that the filtrate liquid flow rate is 505 kg/hr.
- (a) How much entrainment (kg entrained/kg solids) does the filter leave?
- (b) By how much does any entrainment change the recovery of naphthalene in the filter cake product or the purity of the products?

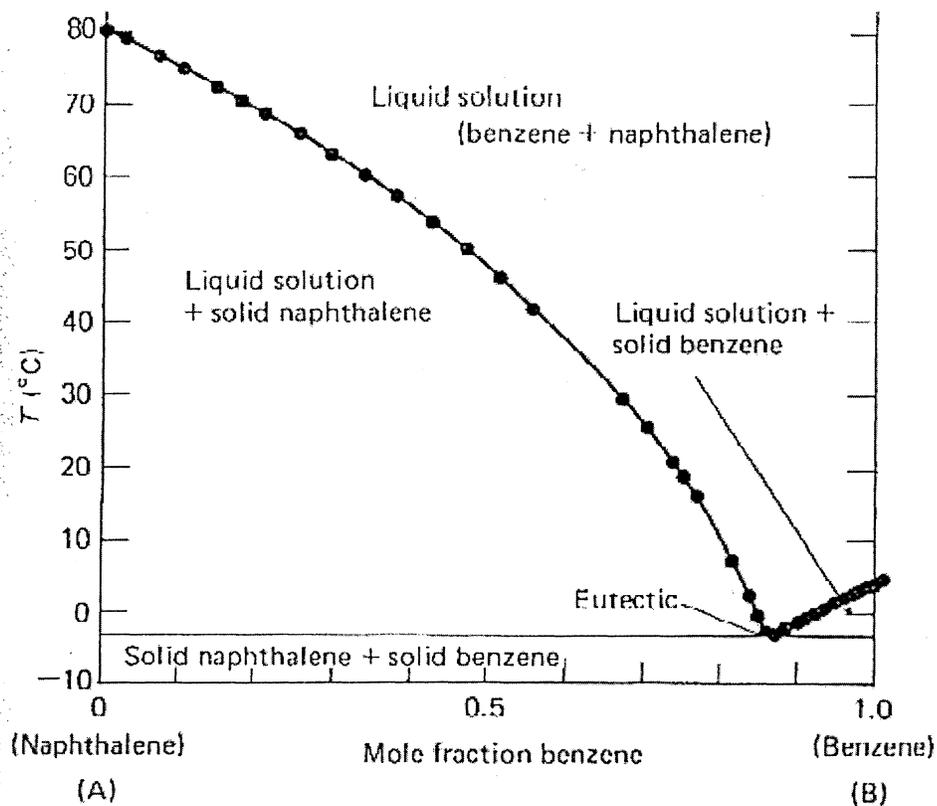


Figure: Liquid-Solid Phase Equilibrium Diagram for Benzene-Naphthalene Mixtures (taken from “*Phase Equilibria in Chemical Engineering*” by Stanley M. Walas, Butterworth Publishers, 1985)

PART B: CHEMICAL THERMODYNAMICS

- 4) The calcination of sodium bicarbonate takes place according to the following equation:

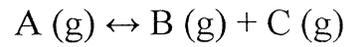


When this reaction was run in the laboratory by placing sodium bicarbonate in an initially evacuated cylinder, it was observed that the equilibrium total pressure was 0.826 kPa at 30 °C and 166.97 kPa at 110 °C. The heat of reaction for the calcination can be assumed to be independent of temperature.

- (a) What is the heat of reaction for this reaction?
- (b) Develop an equation for the equilibrium constant as a function of temperature.
- (c) At what temperature will the partial pressure of carbon dioxide in the reaction vessel be 1 bar?
- 5) At 45 °C and 40.25 kPa total pressure, a vapor phase containing 43.4 mol% ethanol and 56.6 mol% benzene is in equilibrium with a liquid phase containing 61.1 mol% benzene. The system forms an azeotrope at 45 °C. Assuming that few molecular interactions exist, determine the composition of the azeotrope and the total pressure of the azeotropic system.

DATA: Vapor pressure of pure ethanol at 45 °C = 22.9 kPa
 Vapor pressure of pure ethanol at 45 °C = 29.6 kPa

- 6) A chemical species A is known to decompose according to the following equation:



A rigid container is filled with pure gaseous A at 300 K and 760 mmHg, and then heated. The pressure was observed to be 1114 mmHg at 400 K and 1584 mmHg at 500 K. Assuming ideal gas behavior and chemical equilibrium, estimate the pressure for a temperature of 600 K.

