

# How good is the Ideal Gas Approximation? A comparison with the Van der Waals' Equation.

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Constants:

$$R := 8.31441 \cdot \frac{\text{joule}}{\text{mole} \cdot \text{K}} \quad \text{molecule} := \frac{1}{6.02 \cdot 10^{23} \cdot \text{mole}}$$

Molecules: (Index to link different molecules to array for constants)

He := 0	O2 := 3	CO2 := 6
Xe := 1	H2O := 4	SO2 := 7
H2 := 2	Cl2 := 5	CH4 := 8

Van der Waals' Constants

Units in Kask and Rawn

$$a := \begin{bmatrix} 0.0341 \\ 4.19 \\ 0.244 \\ 1.36 \\ 5.46 \\ 6.49 \\ 3.59 \\ 6.71 \\ 2.25 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \text{liter}^2 \cdot \text{atm} \cdot \text{mole}^{-2}$$

SI Units

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 3.455 \cdot 10^{-3} \\ 0.425 \\ 0.025 \\ 0.138 \\ 0.553 \\ 0.658 \\ 0.364 \\ 0.68 \\ 0.228 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \text{m}^6 \cdot \text{Pa} \cdot \text{mole}^{-2}$$

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1.171 \cdot 10^{-48} \\ 6.822 \cdot 10^{-50} \\ 3.802 \cdot 10^{-49} \\ 1.527 \cdot 10^{-48} \\ 1.815 \cdot 10^{-48} \\ 1.004 \cdot 10^{-48} \\ 1.876 \cdot 10^{-48} \\ 6.291 \cdot 10^{-49} \\ 3.937 \cdot 10^{-29} \\ 8.472 \cdot 10^{-29} \\ 4.419 \cdot 10^{-29} \\ 5.282 \cdot 10^{-29} \\ 4.983 \cdot 10^{-29} \\ 9.336 \cdot 10^{-29} \\ 7.093 \cdot 10^{-29} \\ 9.302 \cdot 10^{-29} \\ 7.11 \cdot 10^{-29} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{mole}^{-4} \cdot \text{joule} \cdot \text{molecule}^{-1}$$

$$b := \begin{bmatrix} 0.0237 \\ 0.0510 \\ 0.0266 \\ 0.0318 \\ 0.030 \\ 0.0562 \\ 0.0427 \\ 0.056 \\ 0.0428 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \text{liter} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 2.37 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ 5.1 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ 2.66 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ 3.18 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ 3 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ 5.62 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ 4.27 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ 5.6 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ 4.28 \cdot 10^{-5} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{mole}^{-1}$$

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# Comparison of Van der Walls' with Ideal Gas

Conditions

Gas  $x := \text{He}$

Equations

Ideal Gas 
$$p_{\text{ideal}}(v, t) := \frac{R \cdot (t + 273.15) \cdot K}{v}$$

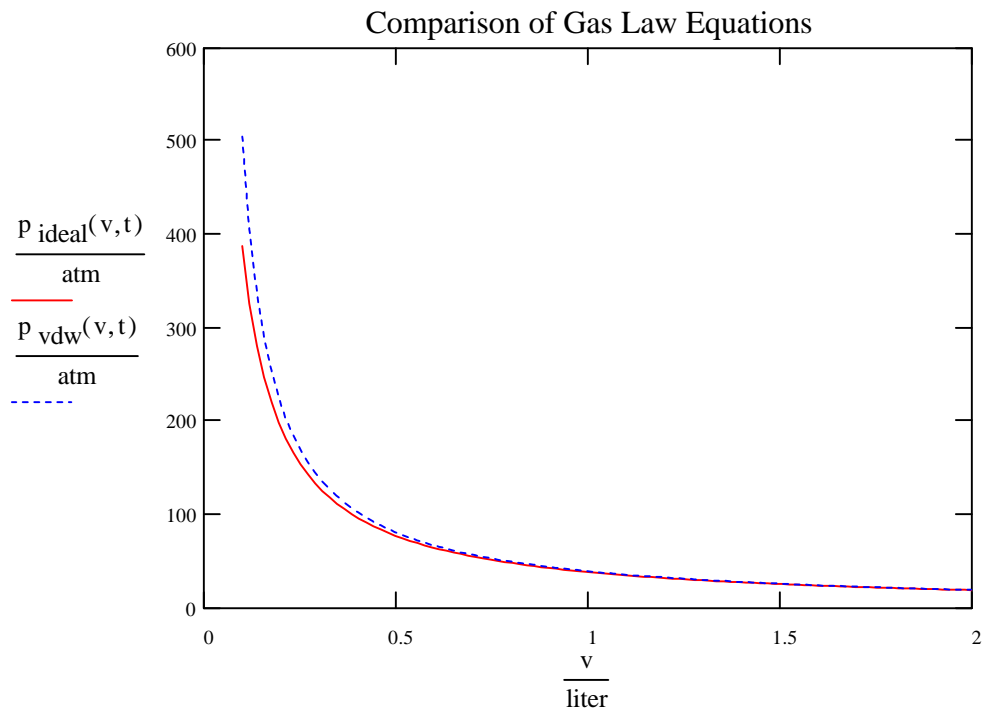
Van der Walls' Gas 
$$p_{\text{vdw}}(v, t) := \left[ \frac{R \cdot (t + 273.15) \cdot K}{v - b_x} - \frac{a_x}{v^2} \right]$$

Molar Volume

$$v_{\text{initial}} := 0.1 \cdot \frac{\text{liter}}{\text{mole}} \quad v_{\text{final}} := 2 \cdot \frac{\text{liter}}{\text{mole}}$$

$$v := v_{\text{initial}} + \left( \frac{v_{\text{final}} - v_{\text{initial}}}{100} \right) \cdot v_{\text{final}}$$

Temperature (C)  $t := 200$



# Temperature Comparisons for Gases

Gas

x := CO2

Temperature

t<sub>initial</sub> := 0      t<sub>final</sub> := 40

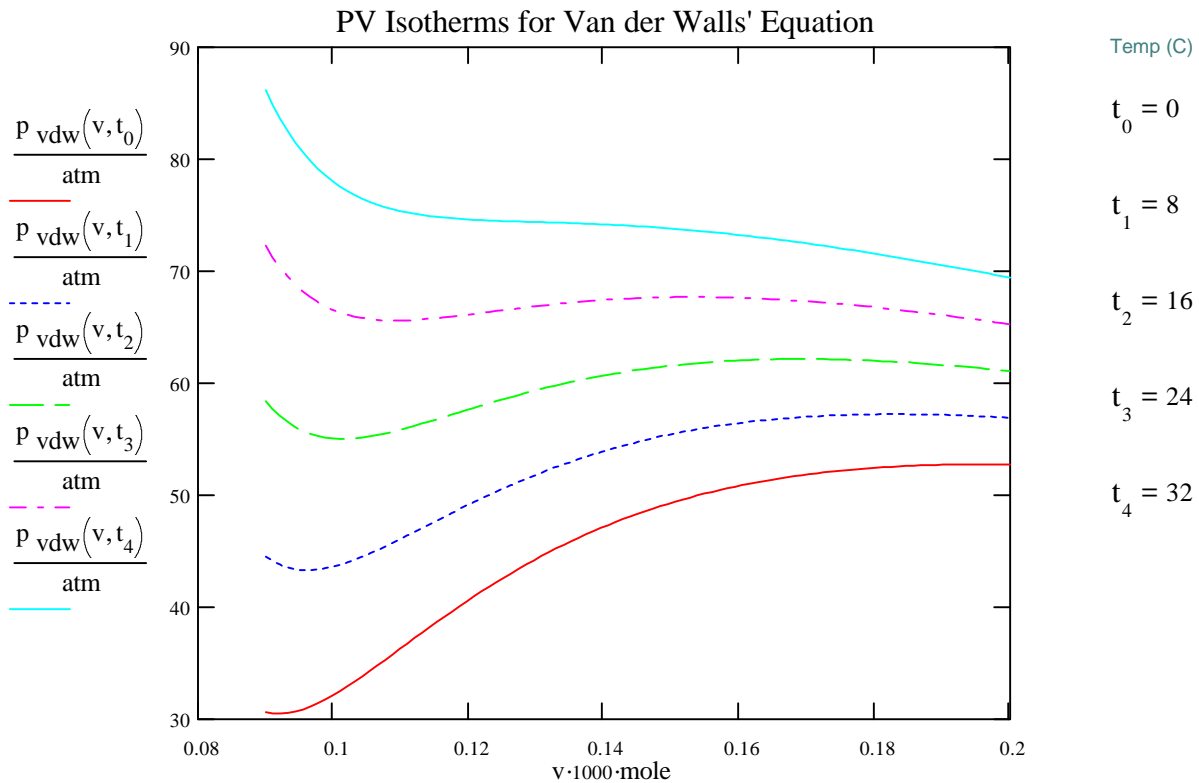
Equations

$$P_{vdw}(v, t) := \left[ \frac{R \cdot (t + 273.15) \cdot K}{v - b_x} - \frac{a_x}{v^2} \right] \quad i := 0, 1..5 \quad t_i := \left[ t_{initial} + \left( \frac{t_{final} - t_{initial}}{5} \right) \cdot i \right]$$

Molar Volume

v<sub>initial</sub> := 0.090 ·  $\frac{\text{liter}}{\text{mole}}$       v<sub>final</sub> := 0.2 ·  $\frac{\text{liter}}{\text{mole}}$

$$v := v_{initial} + \left( \frac{v_{final} - v_{initial}}{100} \right) \cdot i \quad v_{final}$$



(b)

liquid

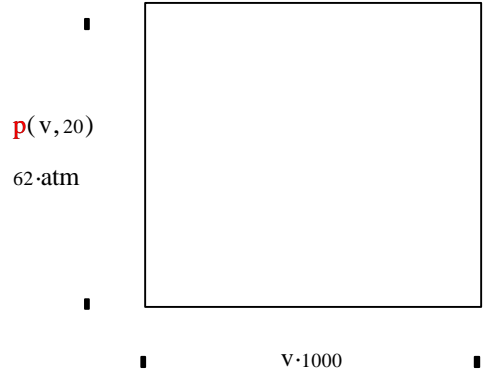
liquid &  
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gas

(c) The boundaries of the two-phase region are the extreme intersections of constant  $P$  such that equal areas lie between  $P$  and the  $p(v)$  curve. For this, estimate the volumes from this graph and use to solve numerically.

$$v := 90 \cdot \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{mole}}, 92 \cdot \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{mole}} \dots 240 \cdot \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{mole}}$$

from this graph and use to solve numerically for precise volumes. Then vary P, by trial and error, to obtain equal volumes.



Find the pressure, P, at which CO<sub>2</sub> boils at a temperature of 20 degrees Celcius.

$t := 20$        $P := 6.4015 \cdot 10^6 \cdot \text{Pa}$       Vary this pressure until the integral becomes zero.

Liquid volume:       $P = 63.178 \cdot \text{atm}$

(guess)       $v := .09 \cdot \text{dm}^3$        $f(v) := p(v, t) - P$   
 $v0 := \text{root}(f(v), v)$        $v0 = \text{dm}^3$

Gas volume:       $v := v0 + .11 \cdot \text{dm}^3$  (guess from graph)

$v1 := \text{root}(f(v), v)$        $v1 = \text{dm}^3$

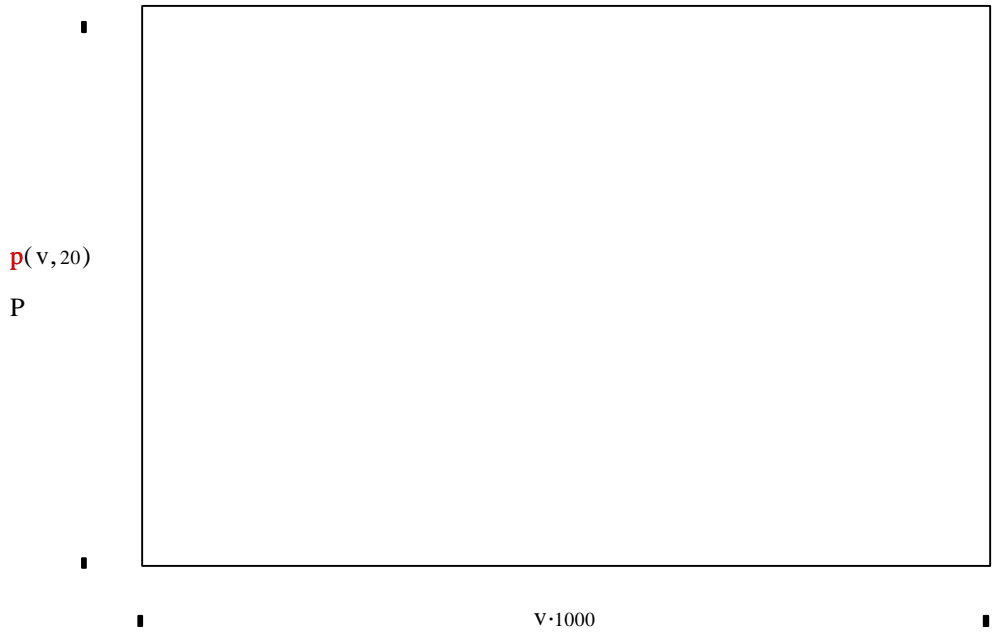
This is the equal areas integral:

$$\int_{v0}^{v1} p(v, t) - P \, dv = 0 \text{ joule}$$

Graph again to check:

$P := 6.4015 \cdot 10^6 \cdot \text{Pa}$

$v := 90 \cdot \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{mole}}, 92 \cdot \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{mole}} \dots 240 \cdot \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{mole}}$



(d) Density of liquid and gas at 20Celcius and boiling pressure:

$$\rho_{\text{liq}} := \frac{(12.011 + 2 \cdot 15.9994) \cdot \text{gm}}{v0} \quad \rho_{\text{liq}} = \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{dm}^3}$$

$$\rho_{\text{gas}} := \frac{(12.011 + 2 \cdot 15.9994) \cdot \text{gm}}{v1} \quad \rho_{\text{gas}} = \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{dm}^3}$$

$$\Delta\rho := \rho_{\text{liq}} - \rho_{\text{gas}} \quad \Delta\rho = \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{dm}^3}$$

Units:  $\text{dm} \equiv \frac{\text{m}}{10}$