

12.3: Binary Mixture in Equilibrium with a Pure Phase

This section considers a binary liquid mixture of components A and B in equilibrium with either pure solid A or pure gaseous A. The aim is to find general relations among changes of temperature, pressure, and mixture composition in the two-phase equilibrium system that can be applied to specific situations in later sections.

In this section, μ_A is the chemical potential of component A in the mixture and μ_A^s is for the pure solid or gaseous phase. We begin by writing the total differential of μ_A with T , P , and x_A as the independent variables. These quantities refer to the binary liquid mixture, and we have not yet imposed a condition of equilibrium with another phase. The general expression for the total differential is $d\mu_A$. With substitutions from Eqs. 9.2.49 and 12.1.3, this becomes $d\mu_A$

Next we write the total differential of μ_A^s for pure solid or gaseous A. The independent variables are T and P ; the expression is like Eq. 12.3.2 with the last term missing: $d\mu_A^s$

When the two phases are in transfer equilibrium, μ_A and μ_A^s are equal. If changes occur in T , P , or x_A while the phases remain in equilibrium, the condition $\mu_A = \mu_A^s$ must be satisfied. Equating the expressions on the right sides of Eqs. 12.3.2 and 12.3.3 and combining terms, we obtain the equation $d\mu_A = d\mu_A^s$ which we can rewrite as $d\mu_A = d\mu_A^s$. Here $\Delta_{sol} \bar{h}_A$ is the molar differential enthalpy of solution of solid or gaseous A in the liquid mixture, and $\Delta_{sol} \bar{v}_A$ is the molar differential volume of solution. Equation 12.3.5 is a relation between changes in the variables $d\mu_A$, $d\mu_A^s$, and dx_A , only two of which are independent in the equilibrium system.

Suppose we set $d\mu_A^s$ equal to zero in Eq. 12.3.5 and solve for $d\mu_A$. This gives us the rate at which μ_A changes with dx_A at constant T and P : $\left(\frac{d\mu_A}{dx_A}\right)_{T,P}$. We can also set $d\mu_A$ equal to zero in Eq. 12.3.5 and find the rate at which μ_A^s changes with dx_A at constant T and P : $\left(\frac{d\mu_A^s}{dx_A}\right)_{T,P}$

Equations 12.3.6 and 12.3.7 will be needed in Secs. 12.4 and 12.5.

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