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Of State.

Vanderwaal Equation of State -

In order to explain the deviation from ideality, Vanderwaal pointed out that the two assumptions in kinetic theory of gases are faulty.

Faulty Assumption in Kinetic Theory of gases.

- (i) The molecules were considered as point-mass i.e. negligible in comparison to the total volume of the gases.
- (ii) It was assumed that there are no inter-molecular attractions b/w the gaseous molecules & it move independently.

The above two assumptions are true only if the press^r is low or the temp^r is high so that the distance b/w the molecules is large. However, if the press^r is high or the temp^r is low, the gaseous molecules comes closer to each other.

Derivation of Vander waal's equation for real-gases.
Vander waals applied the

following - Correction to the ideal gas equation.

There are two - Correction factors introduced.

(a) Volume-Correction-factor (b) :-

The volume occupied by the molecules cannot be neglected in comparison to the total-volume.

It means that the gas molecules are not free to move in volume of the cylinder (whole volume V) but the free-volume is less than observed-volume.

Thus free-volume for the gases -

$$= (V - b) \quad b = \text{constant}$$

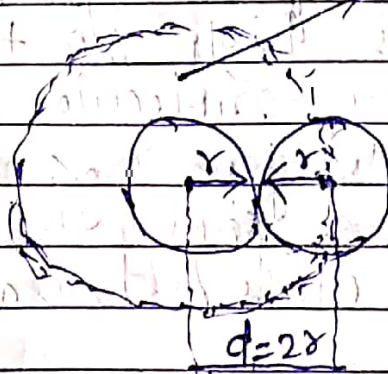
$b = \text{excluded-volume}$

for one mole of gas, $= \text{co-volume}$

for n -moles of gas, the available-volume for movement.

$$= (V - nb)$$

Excluded-volume



Volume of molecules (assume to be spherical)

$$= \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$r = \text{Radius of sphere}$

Excluded-volume for pair of molecules

$$= \frac{4}{3} \pi (2r)^3$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \pi \cdot 8r^3$$

Excluded volume

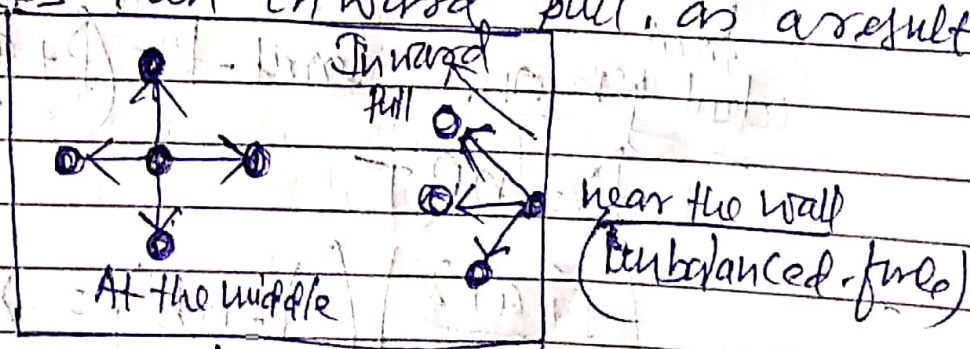
$$\text{per molecule} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{4}{3} \pi \cdot 8r^3 \right]$$

$$= 4 \times \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

= 4 x Volume occupied by one-molecule.

(b) Pressure-Correction factor (p): —
Correction due to intermolecular force.

There are some attractive force exist b/w the molecules of the real gas if molecules at the middle of the container. Such molecule is uniformly attracted by neighbouring molecules. There is no resultant pull on the molecule. But when the molecule approach the wall of the container, it experiences an inward pull, as a result



of attractive force exerted by the neighbouring molecules inside the vessel.

Thus molecules strike the wall with a lesser force than it would have done if there were no attractive force.

Thus there is some decrease in pressure ($p = \frac{F}{A}$). Observed pressure is less than the ideal pressure.

$$\text{Correct Pressure} = (P + p)$$

P = Observed pressure

p = Correction factor.

Vander Waal suggested that term p .

$p \propto$ number of molecules density

$\propto d$ a molecule.

(Inward Pull)

d = density of gas.

$p \propto$ total number of molecules

$\propto d$

Thus

$p \propto d^2$

$$\left(d = \frac{m}{V}\right)$$

$p \propto \frac{1}{V^2}$

a = Constant

(depends upon volume & gas)

$$p = \frac{a}{V^2}$$

In n -mole of gas

$$p = \frac{an^2}{V^2}$$

from ideal gas eqn

$$\text{Correct } P = \left(P + \frac{an^2}{V^2}\right)$$

$$PV = nRT$$

$$\left(P + \frac{an^2}{V^2}\right) (V - nb) = nRT$$

For one mole

$$\left(P + \frac{a}{V^2}\right) (V - b) = RT$$

the above equation is called Vander-
wall equation of state.

Significance of Vanderwall Constant 'a'

Vander wall Constant - 'a'

The constant 'a' measure the force of attraction b/w the molecules of a gas. Higher the value of 'a' greater is the strength of force.

For easily liquifiable gas the value of 'a' is greater than permanent gas like H_2 & He (lower molar mass).

example — NH_3 , CH_4 , CO_2 etc are more easily liquifiable gas.

unit of a =

$$p = \frac{a n^2}{V^2}$$

$$a = \frac{p \times V^2}{n^2} = \frac{\text{atm} \times \text{lit}^2}{\text{mol}^2}$$

These are units of 'a' are $\text{atm lit}^2 \text{ mol}^{-2}$.

Vanderwall Constant (b) —

It is the effective volume of the gas molecule. The constancy in the ~~molar~~ value of 'b' for any gas over a wide range of temp & press confirms that the gas molecules are incompressible. Actually 'b' is not equal to actual volume of the molecule but it is four times the actual volume of molecules.