

## Carter, Problem 2-7

Here's the Dieterici equation of state:

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In [54]: # Gotcha's: make sure you declare variables and use * everywhere there is a multi
         # plication
         P,v,T, a,b,R=var('P v T a b R')

         # Define the r.h.s. of the equation of state as an "expression"
         Dieterici=(R*T/(v-b))*exp(-a/(R*T*v))
         show(Dieterici)
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Out[54]: 
$$-\frac{RTe^{-\frac{a}{RTv}}}{b-v}$$

The critical point occurs at unique values of T, v and P such that

1. The Dieterici equation of state is satisfied,
2.  $(\partial P/\partial v)_T = 0$ , the slope of the P-V curve is 0 at the critical point, and
3.  $(\partial^2 P/\partial v^2)_T = 0$ , the concavity of the P-V curve is 0 at the critical point,

The values that simultaneously solve these three equations are  $(P, T, v) = (P_c, T_c, v_c)$ .

### First approach

Define the three equations, and solve them simultaneously. What could be simpler??

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In [55]: # First equation - the equation of state
         eq1 = P==Dieterici
         show(eq1)
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Out[55]: 
$$P = -\frac{RTe^{-\frac{a}{RTv}}}{b-v}$$

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In [56]: # Second equation - first derivative of P wrt V == 0:
         firstderiv = diff(Dieterici,v)
         eq2 = firstderiv==0
         show(eq2)
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Out[56]: 
$$-\frac{RTe^{-\frac{a}{RTv}}}{(b-v)^2} - \frac{ae^{-\frac{a}{RTv}}}{(b-v)v^2} = 0$$

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In [57]: # Third equation - second derivative of P wrt V == 0
         secondderiv = diff(firstderiv,v)
         eq3 = secondderiv == 0
         show(eq3)
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Out[57]: 
$$-\frac{2RTe^{-\frac{a}{RTv}}}{(b-v)^3} + \frac{2ae^{-\frac{a}{RTv}}}{(b-v)v^3} - \frac{2ae^{-\frac{a}{RTv}}}{(b-v)^2v^2} - \frac{a^2e^{-\frac{a}{RTv}}}{RT(b-v)v^4} = 0$$

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In [58]: solve( [eq1,eq2,eq3], P, v, T)
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TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-58-f650b6e88ba3> in <module>()  
----> 1 solve( [eq1,eq2,eq3], P, v, T)  
  
/ext/sage/sage-8.3_1804/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/sage/symbolic/relation  
.pyc in solve(f, *args, **kwds)  
    1133         s = []  
    1134  
-> 1135     sol_list = string_to_list_of_solutions(repr(s))  
    1136  
    1137     # Relaxed form suggested by Mike Hansen (#8553):  
  
/ext/sage/sage-8.3_1804/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/sage/symbolic/relation  
.pyc in string_to_list_of_solutions(s)  
    578     from sage.structure.sequence import Sequence  
    579     from sage.calculus.calculus import symbolic_expression_from_maxima_s  
tring  
--> 580     v = symbolic_expression_from_maxima_string(s, equals_sub=True)  
    581     return Sequence(v, universe=Objects(), cr_str=True)  
    582  
  
/ext/sage/sage-8.3_1804/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/sage/calculus/calculus  
.pyc in symbolic_expression_from_maxima_string(x, equals_sub, maxima)  
    2157         _augmented_syms = {}  
    2158     except SyntaxError:  
-> 2159         raise TypeError("unable to make sense of Maxima expression '%s'  
in Sage"%s)  
    2160     finally:  
    2161         is_simplified = False  
  
TypeError: unable to make sense of Maxima expression '[if(union(if(_SAGE_VAR_a!=  
0,(e^2*_SAGE_VAR_b!=0)and(4*e^2*_SAGE_VAR_b^4!=0)and(4*e^2*_SAGE_VAR_a*_SAGE_VAR  
_b^6!=0),union()),if(_SAGE_VAR_a!=0,(_SAGE_VAR_v*e^(_SAGE_VAR_a/(_SAGE_VAR_R*_SA  
GE_VAR_T*_SAGE_VAR_v))-_SAGE_VAR_b*e^(_SAGE_VAR_a/(_SAGE_VAR_R*_SAGE_VAR_T*_SAGE  
_VAR_v))!=0)and(_SAGE_VAR_v^4*e^(_SAGE_VAR_a/(_SAGE_VAR_R*_SAGE_VAR_T*_SAGE_VA  
R_v)))-2*_SAGE_VAR_b*_SAGE_VAR_v^3*e^(_SAGE_VAR_a/(_SAGE_VAR_R*_SAGE_VAR_T*_SAGE_VA  
R_v))+_SAGE_VAR_b^2*_SAGE_VAR_v^2*e^(_SAGE_VAR_a/(_SAGE_VAR_R*_SAGE_VAR_T*_SAGE  
_VAR_v))!=0)and(_SAGE_VAR_R*_SAGE_VAR_T*_SAGE_VAR_v^7*e^(_SAGE_VAR_a/(_SAGE_VAR_R  
*_SAGE_VAR_T*_SAGE_VAR_v))-3*_SAGE_VAR_R*_SAGE_VAR_T*_SAGE_VAR_b*_SAGE_VAR_v^6*e  
^(_SAGE_VAR_a/(_SAGE_VAR_R*_SAGE_VAR_T*_SAGE_VAR_v))+3*_SAGE_VAR_R*_SAGE_VAR_T*_  
SAGE_VAR_b^2*_SAGE_VAR_v^5*e^(_SAGE_VAR_a/(_SAGE_VAR_R*_SAGE_VAR_T*_SAGE_VAR_v))  
-_SAGE_VAR_R*_SAGE_VAR_T*_SAGE_VAR_b^3*_SAGE_VAR_v^4*e^(_SAGE_VAR_a/(_SAGE_VAR_R  
*_SAGE_VAR_T*_SAGE_VAR_v))!=0),union()),if(_SAGE_VAR_a!=0,[_SAGE_VAR_P==(e^(2*I  
*pi*z137-2)*_SAGE_VAR_a)/(4*_SAGE_VAR_b^2)],union()),union())]' in Sage
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**Rats!** This doesn't work! Somehow it's too complicated for SageMath!

But notice that eq2 and eq3 do not involve  $P$  at all. Perhaps we can solve those 2 for  $T$  and  $v$ , and then substitute those values back into eq1 to get  $P$ . We could also divide out the exponential factor in eq2 and eq3 to make those a bit easier to solve. ...This works!

But in the meantime, I accidentally found **an even easier approach**: If you just give the variables  $P$ ,  $v$ , and  $T$  to solve(...) **in a different order**, with  $P$  last, it will work right away! Like this...

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In [59]: solve( [eq1,eq2,eq3], v, T, P)
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Out[59]: [[v == b, T == 0, P == r24], [v == 2*b, T == 1/4*a/(R*b), P == 1/4*a*e^(-2)/b^2]]
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The first solution, with  $T = 0$ , and  $v = b$  (where  $(v - b)$  is in the denominator!) Doesn't sound too attractive.

The second solution is what we want, and matches the solution that Carter gives:

$$v_c = 2b; \quad T_c = \frac{a}{4Rb}; \quad P_c = \frac{a}{4b^2}e^{-2}.$$

Finally, we wish to calculate

$$RT_c/(P_c v_c)$$

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In [65]: vc=2*b
         Tc=a/(4*R*b)
         Pc=(a/(4*b^2))*e^(-2)
         simplify(R*Tc/(Pc*vc))
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Out[65]: 1/2*e^2
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In [66]: # evaluate the numerical value of the previous cell
         n(_)
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Out[66]: 3.69452804946533
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3.6945: This is in the middle of the values in the table of problem 2-6, and close to the value for  $CO_2$ ! And interestingly, that value is independent of the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .