

Heat capacity at constant pressure

The argument for C_V was: By definition,

$$C_V(T, V, N) = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{V, N}.$$

But the energy differential is

$$dE = T dS - p dV + \mu dN.$$

To reflect the constant V and N in the definition of C_V above, restrict this equation for dE to changes at constant V and N , giving

$$dE = T dS \quad \text{for } V, N \text{ constant.}$$

Divide by “ dT ” to obtain

$$\left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right)_{V, N} = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{V, N} = C_V(T, V, N).$$

So the parallel argument for C_p is: By definition,

$$C_p(T, p, N) = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{p, N}.$$

But the enthalpy differential is

$$dH = T dS + V dp + \mu dN.$$

To reflect the constant p and N in the definition of C_p above, restrict this equation for dH to changes at constant p and N , giving

$$dH = T dS \quad \text{for } p, N \text{ constant.}$$

Divide by “ dT ” to obtain

$$\left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \right)_{p, N} = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{p, N} = C_p(T, p, N).$$