

1 Isothermal/Adiabatic Compressibility

The isothermal compressibility is defined as

$$K_T = -\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial p} \right)_T \quad (1)$$

K_T is found by measuring the fractional change in volume when the pressure is slightly changed with the temperature held constant. In contrast, the adiabatic compressibility is defined as

$$K_S = -\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial p} \right)_S \quad (2)$$

and is measured by making a slight change in pressure without allowing for any heat transfer. This is the compressibility, for instance, that would directly affect the speed of sound. Show that

$$\frac{K_T}{K_S} = \frac{C_p}{C_V} \quad (3)$$

Where the heat capacities at constant pressure and volume are given by

$$C_p = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_p \quad (4)$$

$$C_V = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_V \quad (5)$$