

In-class problem linked to lecture pages 128-137

Consider a chemical reaction  $2A+B \rightarrow C$ . Suppose we produce 1 mole of C at 500K and atmospheric pressure. The molar heat capacities of these substances at atmospheric pressure are all zero between 0 and 10K, and above 10K are given by:

$$c_A = 93 \text{ cal/mole-K}$$

$$c_B = 86 \text{ cal/mole-K}$$

$$c_C = 262 \text{ cal/mole-K}$$

(a) Will this reaction absorb or release heat?

(b) How much, in Joules?

$$dQ = T ds$$

$$S_A(500K) = \int_0^{500} \frac{c_A dT}{T} = 93 \int_{10}^{500} \frac{dT}{T} = 93 \ln 50$$

$$S_B = 86 \ln 50$$

$$S_C = 262 \ln 50$$

$$\Delta S = [262 - 86 - 2(93)] \ln 50$$

$$= -39.12$$

$$\Delta Q = T \Delta S = 500 (-39.12) = -19560 \text{ cal.} = -81840 \text{ J.}$$

↑  
negative means  
decreased