- (24%) Explain the (a) Bragg law, (b) Beer-Lambert (or Lambert-Beer) law, (c) Langmuir adsorption isotherm, (d) Zeta potential. (You may draw figures to explain.)
- 2. (24%) True or false? Please explain. (a) If the partial pressure P_i increases in an ideal gas mixture held at constant T, then μ_i increases in the mixture. (b) It is impossible for the entropy of a closed system to decrease substantially in an irreversible process. (c) For a one-component system, the maximum number of phases that can coexist in equilibrium is two. (d) For a one-component system, the most stable phase at a given T and P is the phase with the lowest H_m. (e) ΔS_{syst}+ΔS_{surr} is positive for every irreversible process. (f) The work done by a closed system can exceed the decrease in the system's internal energy. (g) For every process in an isolated system, ΔT=0. (h) ΔT=0 for every adiabatic process in a closed system.
- 3. (a) (14%)Estimate $(\partial U/\partial V)_T$ for N_2 gas at 25°C and 1 atm using the van der Waals equation. (For N_2 , $a=1.35\times10^6$ cm⁶ atm/mol², b=38.6 cm³/mol) (b) (12%) The normal boiling of ethanol is 78.3°C, and at this temperature $\Delta H_{vap}=38.9$ kJ/mol. To what value must P be reduced if we want to boil ethanol at 25°C in a vacuum distillation?
- 4. (16%)The following is a slightly simplified version of the mechanism to explain the iodine-catalyzed decomposition of acetaldehyde;

$$I_{2} \underset{k_{-1}}{\longleftrightarrow} 2I$$

$$I + CH_{3}CHO \xrightarrow{k_{2}} HI + CH_{3}CO$$

$$CH_{3}CO \xrightarrow{k_{3}} CH_{3} + CO$$

$$CH_{3} + HI \xrightarrow{k_{4}} CH_{4} + I$$

Apply the steady-state treatment (or pseudo-steady-state-hypothesis) to I, CH_3CO and CH_3 , and obtain a rate expression of CO.

5. (10%)The activation energy for the reaction,

$$H + CH_4 \rightarrow H_2 + CH_3$$

has been measured to be 49.8 kJ/mol. Some estimates of enthalpies of formation, ΔH^o_f , are: H: 218 kJ/mol, $CH_4: -74.8$ kJ/mol, $CH_3: 139.5$ kJ/mol, Estimate a value for the activation energy of the reverse reaction.