

Answer on the question #56034 - Chemistry - Physical Chemistry

Question:

At 1000 K, from the data :



C_p/R ratios of N_2 , H_2 and NH_3 are 3.5, 3.5 and 4 respectively. Heat of formation of NH_3 at 300 K is?

Solution:



The enthalpy of the reaction at 300 K can be calculated, using Kirchhoffs' law:

$$\Delta H^{300 \text{ K}} = \Delta H^{1000 \text{ K}} + \int_{1000}^{300} \Delta c_p dT$$

where Δc_p is the difference between the heat capacities of the products and reactants, taking into account the stoichiometry of reaction:

$$\Delta c_p = 2c_p(\text{NH}_3) - 3c_p(\text{H}_2) - c_p(\text{N}_2) = \frac{1}{R}(2 * 4 - 3 * 3.5 - 3.5) = -\frac{6}{R}$$

Then, the enthalpy of reaction at 300 K is:

$$\Delta H^{300 \text{ K}} = -86.2 \text{ kJ/mol} + \left(-\frac{6}{R}\right) * (300 - 1000) = 419 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

By definition, the enthalpy of formation of NH_3 is the enthalpy of reaction of formation of 1 mole of NH_3 from simple substances. Then, the value $\Delta H^{300 \text{ K}}$ should be divided by 2:

$$\Delta H_f^{300 \text{ K}} = \frac{\Delta H^{300 \text{ K}}}{2} = \frac{419}{2} = 210 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

Answer: 210 kJ/mol