

Assessment of Thermoacoustic Properties of the Refined Natural Oils

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Abstract: Utilizing the coefficient of volume expansion, α , the thermoacoustic parameters, such as the Sharma constant S_0 , the isochoric temperature coefficient of internal pressure (X) and the adiabatic temperature coefficient volume expansion (X'), the decreased volume, the reduced compressibility ($\tilde{\beta}$), and the "Huggins parameter" (F) have been assessed for the refined coconut and castor oils. The results show that the S_0 , the Sharma's constant has the typical value of 1.11 ± 0.01 which establishes the Sharma parameter's constancy. All the remaining parameters are in the anticipated order of magnitude.

Keywords: Sharma's constant, Huggins parameter, adiabatic temperature coefficient of volume expansion, Isochoric temperature coefficient of internal pressure. Refined oils.

1. Introduction

In the previous two or three years, significant importance has been given to the analysis of physicochemical behaviour of liquid crystals in their mesophases, isotropic and crystalline phases because of various technological applications in science and industry. The fluid crystalline phase displays anisotropic and rheological properties of the fluid for its unusual existence between isotropic liquid states and the solid crystalline¹.

Oil is a viscous liquid that is neutral and non-polar in nature at room temperature. In nature, oil is both hydrophobic and lipotropic. Oils have a significant hydrogen and carbon concentration, as seen by their chemical composition. The natural oils are oils that are derived from plant seed or fruit. Most edible oils are derived from plant seeds. Triglycerides are the building blocks of oils². Edible oils are the most significant components of the human diet as they provide food with distinctive nutrients, flavour, and textures. As a result, ultrasonic studies in edible oils have been a field of study for many decades. For example, an implementation of ultrasonic technology in the high voltage' liquid insulation. sector to reduce the pour point of oilseed samples in order to use seed oils as fluid insulation on power transformers in cold climate zones was performed by Bakruthen et.al.³. D. Julian Mc Clements et.al.^{4,5}, utilized the low intensity ultrasound technique for the characterisation of edible oils and fats, they found the dynamic rheology, composition of oils, emulsions droplet size.

Sharma established the worth of the coefficient of volume expansion (α) in assessing other thermoacoustic characteristics, such as the Sharma constant (S_0), in a variety of non-mesomorphic systems, such as polymers, rare earth alkali metals, polycrystalline solids, and so on. Sharma discovered that the Sharma constant, which is a characteristic constant, imparts a constant value of 1.11 ± 0.01 in all these systems. Understanding intermolecular interactions and the molecular arrangement in the condensed phase may be aided by S_0 . Y. Narasimha Murthy et.al.⁶, have determined the Sharma's constant and other acoustic characteristics of natural oils/fats such as Sal seed fat and Mango kernel fat using the coefficient of volume expansion and proved the Sharma parameter's constancy.

Inspired by these studies, an attempt is made in this research to estimate several thermoacoustic characteristics, including the Sharma constant. To understand the behaviour of the numerous thermoacoustic parameters in nematic and isotropic' states, as well as at and near the phase transition temperature, the coefficient of volume expansion (α), was used for the two natural refined oils namely coconut oil and castor oil.

2. Theory

A brief description of a theoretical approach for estimating various thermoacoustic' parameters using the coefficient of volume expansion (α) is as below,

2.1. The volume expansion coefficient (α) can be defined as

$$(2.1) \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{V_n} \left(\frac{dV}{dT} \right),$$

where $dV = V_2 - V_1$, $dT = T_2 - T_1$ and $V_n = \left(\frac{V_1 + V_2}{2} \right)$, where V_1 and V_2 are the molar volumes at the temperatures T_1 and T_2 respectively.

(2.2) The isochoric temperature coefficient of internal pressure (ITIP) as derived by Harward and Parker⁶ and denoted by \tilde{X} can be calculated using α as

$$(2.2) \quad \tilde{X} = \left[\frac{d \ln P_i}{d \ln T} \right]_v = \frac{-2[1 + 2\alpha T]}{\tilde{V}^{C_1}},$$

where P_i is the internal pressure, \tilde{V} is the reduced volume, $\tilde{\beta}$ is the reduced compressibility, C_1 is the dimensionless coefficient of bulk modulus as introduced by Moelwyn-Hughes⁶. These values can be obtained from α as follows

$$(2.3) \quad \tilde{V} = \left(\frac{V}{V^*} \right) = \left[1 + \frac{\alpha T}{3(1 + \alpha T)} \right]^3,$$

$$(2.4) \quad \tilde{\beta} = \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta^*} \right) = (\tilde{V})^{C_1},$$

$$(2.5) \quad C_1 = \frac{13}{3} + \frac{1}{\alpha T} + \frac{4\alpha T}{3}.$$

Here V , V^* , β , β^* are the hard-core volumes⁶ and compressibilities at absolute zero and temperature T .

(2.3) The isochoric temperature coefficient of volume expansivity (X') can be given^{1,7},

$$(2.6) \quad X' = -[1 + 2\alpha T].$$

(2.4) The Sharma's constant (S_0) by means of the coefficient of volume expansion (α) can be expressed as

$$(2.7) \quad S_0 = \frac{-X'}{\tilde{\beta}} [3 + 4\alpha T] = \frac{-S^* S_0^*}{\tilde{\beta}} [3 + 4\alpha T],$$

where S^* and S_0^* are the Sharma's parameters¹ given by

$$(2.8) \quad S^* = 1 + \frac{4}{3}\alpha T \quad \text{and} \quad S_0^* = \frac{1 + 2\alpha T}{1 + \frac{4}{3}\alpha T}$$

(2.5) The Huggin's Parameter (F) is stated in terms of the Sharma's constant as

$$(2.9) \quad F = 2 \left[1 + \frac{S_0}{(3 + 4\alpha T)} \right] - \frac{(3 + 4\alpha T)}{3}.$$

Thus, from the above expressions of the thermoacoustic parameters imply the importance of the coefficient of volume expansion (α).

3. Materials Used

3.1. Coconut, well-known as *Cocos Nucifera*, a tree known for its numerous nutritional and medicinal properties has recently sparked interest in western medicine. Coconut oil is very regularly used as a tropical edible oil in several Asian cultures and is comprised of almost 90- 95% saturated fatty acids. Coconut oil contains no cholesterol, sodium, or sugar. It includes an uncommon composition of saturated fats, primarily lauric acid and myristic acids, which have been found to have many health benefits. This also makes it an admirable source of energy, as it is the type of fat which is burned straight away rather than stored⁸.

3.2. Castor oil's scientific name is "*Ricinus communis*". The seeds of castor oil plants are extracted and used for medicinal purposes. It is a colourless to dark pale yellow liquid with a distinct taste and odour. It has a boiling point of 3130 °C and a density (ρ) of 0.961 x103 kgm⁻³. Castor oil is a triglyceride that contains 90 percent fatty acids such as ricinolate. Castor oil and its derivatives are used in the production of lubricants such as brake fluids, as well as paints, coatings, and soaps⁸.

4. Results

The Sharma constant narrates the adiabatic volume derivative of the intermolecular constant to the Gruneisen thermodynamic parameter and other numerous physical parameters, and as such it is a significant parameter in examining the physicochemical behaviour of any system. According to the descriptions of Sharma , the value of the Sharma constant” is a constant for any type of system, either in a solid or in a liquid¹. The observation of this study reveals that, when the system transitions from an isotropic liquid state to a mesomorphic state, S_0 takes on a lower value than the characteristic value only at the transition temperatures. S_0 drops to a lower value at the transition temperature than at any other temperature. Table.1 and Table.2 give the investigation results of the thermo acoustic properties of the refined coconut and castor oils and from the tables it is evident that S_0 is solely dependent on α , but not on temperature. For refined coconut oils the transition temperature is 308⁰K and for castor oil it is 303⁰K.

The other parameters display atypical behaviour at the transition temperature, as well as pre-transitional effects on both sides of the transition.

Table1 Thermoacoustic properties of the refined coconut and refined castor oil⁹.

Temper ature T ⁰ K	α x 10 ⁻³ K ⁻¹	-X	-X'	\tilde{V}	$\tilde{\beta}$	S_0	S^*	S_0^*	F
1.Refined Coconut oil									
298	0.3300 63	0.65814	1.196 7	1.092 25	3.63 668	1.11 7	1.13 11	1.057 97	1.52 6992
303	0.9687	0.53595	1.587 0	1.244 509	5.92 233	1.11 9	1.39 14	1.140 638	1.14 4594
308	0.0911	0.71225	1.056 1	1.027 555	2.96 567	1.10 8	1.03 74	1.018 04	1.67 4817
313	0.1468	0.61965	1.307 7	1.139 333	4.22 062	1.12 0	1.20 51	1.085 099	1.41 4546
318	0.9431 4	0.53250	1.599 8	1.248 92	6.00 882	1.11 8	1.39 99	1.142 829	1.13 2605
323	0.1808 65	0.68809	1.116 8	1.056 217	3.24 619	1.11 3	1.07 79	1.036 132	1.61 0199
328	0.4875 19	0.61564	1.319 8	1.144 294	4.28 762	1.12 0	1.21 32	1.087 87	1.40 243
333	0.2343 08	0.67314	1.156 0	1.074 138	3.43 481	1.11 5	1.10 40	1.047 115	1.56 9104
2.Refined Castor oil									
298	0.327	0.65888	1.1946	1.091	3.626	1.1	1.12	1.05	1.5291

		1	68	349	36	17	98	74	02
303	0.058	0.72101	1.0348 96	1.017 247	2.870 68	1.1 07	1.02 33	1.01 14	1.6977 46
308	0.556	0.60828 7	1.3423 7	1.153 401	4.413 61	1.1 21	1.22 82	1.09 29	1.3800 4
313	0.23	0.67779 8	1.1436 88	1.068 537	3.374 71	1.1 14	1.09 58	1.04 37	1.5820 06
318	0.248	0.67242 1	1.1579 6	1.074 999	3.444 15	1.1 15	1.10 53	1.04 76	1.5671 15
323	0.324	0.65352 2	1.2095 1	1.097 851	3.701 51	1.1 17	1.13 97	1.06 13	1.5138 48
328	0.191	0.68494 2	1.1249 88	1.059 979	3.284 91	1.1 13	1.08 33	1.03 85	1.6016 17
333	0.969	0.52047 8	1.6452 81	1.264 309	6.322 19	1.1 17	1.43 02	1.15 04	1.0902 91

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