

C=-2, corresponding to  $K_o''=-4.8\times 10^{-12}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/dyne. In spite of the impressive agreement, it should be mentioned that a phase transition at about 160 kb makes questionable any extrapolation from the low-pressure region into the high-pressure region.

The effect of varying m is shown in Figure 8 where we have plotted the calculated curves for aluminum oxide out to 5000 kb. Using values of m equal to 1, 2, and 3, equation 9 is plotted for C = -1. In addition, we have plotted the curves for m = 4.2, 5.2, 6.2, and C = +1.0. One can readily observe that the six curves are distinguishable only for extreme pressures. Also, as  $C \to 0$  for given  $K_0$  and m, either  $a \to \infty$  or  $K_0$  = m, and in both cases the limiting expression for  $K/K_0$  becomes independent of m. We may therefore conclude that the value of m does not appreciably affect the volume calculation when |C| is small.

As a final point of interest, Figure 9 compares typical results from equation 9 with re-

sults based on a quadratic approximation to the bulk modulus, given by

$$\frac{K}{K_0} = 1 + K_0'P + \frac{1}{2}CP^2$$

The extrapolation formula predicted by this quadratic approximation is obtained in a manner similar to that given in Appendix B for equation 7. That is

$$V = \exp\left[-\int \frac{dP}{\frac{1}{2}CP^2 + K_0'P + 1}\right]$$
$$= \left\{ \frac{[CP + K_0' + (r)^{1/2}][K_0' - (r)^{1/2}]}{[CP + K_0' - (r)^{1/2}][K_0' + (r)^{1/2}]} \right\}^{1/(r^2)}$$

where  $r = (K_0')^2 - 2C > 0$ . For r = 0 and r < 0 the volume equation becomes

$$V = \exp\left(\frac{2}{CP + K_0'} - \frac{2}{K_0'}\right) \tag{11a}$$

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