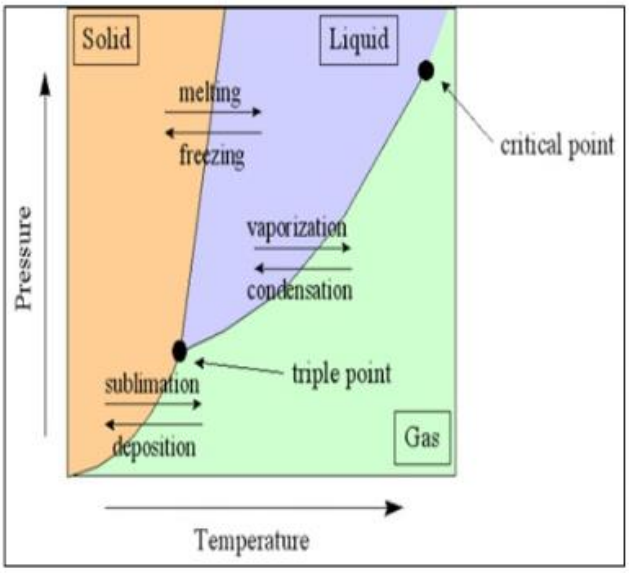
A **phase diagram** is a graphical way to depict the effects of **pressure** and **temperature** on the phase of a substance:

The CURVES indicate the conditions of temperature and pressure under which "equilibrium" between different phases of a substance can exist. BOTH phases exist on these lines:



Melting/Freezing: Any point on this line (pressure & temperature) the substance is both **solid** and **liquid**

Sublimation/Deposition: Any point on this line (pressure & temperature) the substance is both **solid** and **gas**

Vaporization/Condensation: Any point on this line (pressure & temperature) the substance is both **liquid** and **gas**

NOTE: the vapor pressure curve ends at the **critical point,** the temperature above which the gas cannot be liquefied no matter how much pressure is applied (the kinetic energy simply is too great for attractive forces to overcome). Any substance beyond this critical point is called a **supercritical fluid** – *indistinguishable* between gas or liquid (*neither one*)

The **TRIPLE POINT** is the condition of temperature and pressure where ALL THREE phases exist in equilibrium (solid, liquid, gas)

Remember that pressure can be expressed in many units where: **1 atm = 101.3 kpa = 760 mmHg**