

Colligative Properties

PROBLEM #1: Give the molecular formula, the van't hoff factor for the following Ionic Compounds as well as guess the solubility of the compounds. If you cannot write the molecular formulas of these compounds, review your polyatomic ions at http://ch301.cm.utexas.edu/?post_type=module&p=504. Remember that the rule of thumb for solubility is if the salt has a Group I metal or a nitrate group it will be soluble.

Ionic Compound	Molecular Formula	Van't Hoff Factor	Solubility Guess
Manganese (IV) Phosphate	$\text{Mn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_4$	7	"insoluble"
Chromium (III) Carbonate	$\text{Cr}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3$	5	"insoluble"
Chromium (III) Hydroxide	$\text{Cr}(\text{OH})_3$	4	"insoluble"
Chromium (II) Chlorate	$\text{Cr}(\text{ClO}_3)_2$	3	soluble
Copper (II) Sulfate	CuSO_4	2	soluble
Copper (II) Hydroxide	$\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$	3	"insoluble"
Aluminium Sulfate	$\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$	5	soluble
Aluminium Phosphate	AlPO_4	2	"insoluble"
Strontium Chlorate	$\text{Sr}(\text{ClO}_3)_2$	3	soluble
Barium Nitrate	$\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	3	soluble
Ammonium Hydroxide	NH_4OH	2	soluble
Lithium Nitrate	LiNO_3	2	soluble
Lithium Chlorate	$\text{Li}(\text{ClO}_3)$	2	soluble

** We expect you to know the solubility of Lithium Chlorate, Lithium Nitrate, Barium Nitrate. However, the others you most likely had to look up.

** We put "insoluble" in quotations since at a microscopic level these compounds look like they are "insoluble," but at a microscopic level we know even the most "insoluble" compound has a K_{sp} and is in equilibrium with at least a very small amount of its ions.

PROBLEM #2: At a lake in the Rocky Mountains, the partial pressure of oxygen is 0.19 atm. What is the molar concentration of oxygen in the lake at 25 °C? The value of Henry's Law constant for O₂ dissolved in water at 298 K is 4.34×10^4 atm. Assume the density of the lake is 1 g/ml.

STEP-BY-STEP QUESTIONS

1. What equation did we learn in class that has to do with the material in this problem?

Henry's Law $P_{\text{solute}} = K_{\text{solvent}} X_{\text{solute}}$

2. Is what we are looking for found in this equation?

no

3. What can we find using this equation and what we have been given? Calculate that value.

We have P_{solute} + K_{solvent} . we can solve for X_{solute}

$$X_{\text{solute}} = \frac{P_{\text{solute}}}{K_{\text{solvent}}} = \frac{0.19 \text{ atm}}{4.34 \times 10^4 \text{ atm}} = 4.378 \times 10^{-6}$$

4. This value is going to help us find the molar concentration of oxygen. Assume a sample that contains 4.378×10^{-6} moles of oxygen. How many moles of water are in the sample? The sum of all mole fractions of a mixture is 1.

$$1 = X_{\text{solute}} + X_{\text{solvent}}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_{\text{solvent}} = 1 - X_{\text{solute}} = 1 - 4.378 \times 10^{-6} = 0.999996$$

So, for this sample we have $0.999996 \text{ moles of H}_2\text{O}$

5. What is the mass of this sample?

The moles of O₂ compared to the moles of H₂O is so small that its contribution to the mass of the sample is negligible

$$m_{\text{sample}} \approx m_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = n_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \times M_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 0.999996 \text{ mol} \times \frac{18 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}} \approx 18 \text{ g}$$

6. What is the volume of this sample?

We have m_{soln} + d_{soln} , so we can find V_{soln} .

$$V_{\text{sample}} = \frac{m}{d} = \frac{18 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ g/mL}} = 18 \text{ mL} = 0.018 \text{ L}$$

7. What then is the molar concentration of this sample? Remember the molar concentration is the moles of solute in 1 liter of solution.

We will calculate the concentration of this sample since we know the moles of O₂ and the volume of the sample. This is equal to the concentration of the lake.

$$C_{\text{Lake}} = C_{\text{sample}} = \frac{n_{\text{solute}}}{V_{\text{soln}}} = \frac{4.378 \times 10^{-6} \text{ moles}}{0.018 \text{ L}} = 2.4322 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/L}$$

PROBLEM #3: Calculate the equilibrium vapor pressure of the 100 mL of 0.1 M lithium sulfate. The density of the solution is 1.15 g/mL and the vapor pressure of pure water is 25 Torr at room temperature.

STEP-BY-STEP QUESTIONS

1. What equation did we learn in class that has to do with the material in this problem?

Raoult's Law $P_{\text{soln}} = X_{\text{solvent}} P_{\text{solvent pure}}^{\circ}$

2. Is what we are looking for found in this equation? yes!
3. Do we have everything we need to solve for the vapor pressure of the solution? If not, what are we missing? No, we have P°

But, we are NOT given X_{solvent}

4. What do we need to find the information we are missing?

$X_{\text{solvent}} = \frac{n_{\text{solvent}}}{n_{\text{solvent}} + n_{\text{solute}}}$ So we need • moles of solvent
• moles of solute

5. How many moles of lithium sulfate do we have in the solution? What is the equation for lithium sulfate? How much mass does lithium sulfate contribute to the mass of the solution?



$$n_{\text{Li}_2\text{SO}_4} = C \times V = 0.1 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} \text{Li}_2\text{SO}_4 \times 0.100 \text{ L Li}_2\text{SO}_4 = 0.01 \text{ mol Li}_2\text{SO}_4$$

$$m_{\text{Li}_2\text{SO}_4} = n \times M = 0.01 \text{ mol} \times (7 \times 2 + 32 + 16 \times 4) \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}} = 1.1 \text{ g}$$

6. What is the total weight of the solution?

We can find this using the density of the soln

$$m_{\text{total}} = V \times d = 100 \text{ mL} \times 1.15 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mL}} = 150 \text{ g}$$

7. How much of the mass of the solution is due to the water molecules?

$$m_{\text{total}} = m_{\text{Li}_2\text{SO}_4} + m_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = m_{\text{total}} - m_{\text{Li}_2\text{SO}_4} = 150 \text{ g} - 1.1 \text{ g} = 148.9 \text{ g}$$

8. How many moles of water molecules are in the solution?

$$\boxed{n_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = \frac{m}{M} = \frac{148.9\text{g}}{18\frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}}} = 8.27\text{ mol}}$$

9. What is the solvent molar fraction?

We now have all the elements we were missing.

$$\boxed{X_{\text{solvent}} = \frac{n_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}}{n_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + n_{\text{Li}_2\text{SO}_4}} = \frac{8.27\text{ mol}}{(8.27 + 0.01)\text{ mol}} = 0.9988}$$

10. Calculate the vapor pressure of the solution.

We now have everything to calculate P_{soln}

$$\boxed{P_{\text{soln}} = X_{\text{solvent}} \times P_{\text{solvent}}^{\text{pure}} = 0.9988 \times 25\text{ torr} = 24.970\text{ torr}}$$

Compare and Contrast Moment

What aspects were the same about problem #3 and problem #2?

Both talked about pressures and solutions.

What aspects were different about problem #3 and problem #2?

Problem #2 is dealing with a gas solute dissolving in water and is asking for the molar fraction of the SOLUTE. The pressure needed to get the molar fraction is the partial pressure of the gas solute. Due to the situation we use Henry's law.

Problem #3 is dealing with a solid solute dissolving in water and is asking the vapor pressure of the solution. The mole fraction needed to get the vapor pressure is the molar fraction of the SOLVENT. Due to the situation we use Raoult's law.

PROBLEM #4: The addition of 125 mg of caffeine to 100 g of cyclohexane lowered the freezing point by 0.13 K. Calculate the molar mass of caffeine. The K_f for cyclohexane is $20.1 \text{ K} \cdot \text{kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$.

STEP-BY-STEP QUESTIONS

1. What equation did we learn in class that has to do with the material in this problem?

$$\Delta T = -K_f m_{\text{solute}}$$

2. Is what we are looking for found in this equation? no

3. What can we find using this equation? Calculate that value.

We are given ΔT & K_f . We can solve for m_{solute} .

$$m_{\text{solute}} = \frac{\Delta T}{-K_f} = \frac{\Delta T}{K_f} = \frac{0.13 \text{ K}}{20.1 \text{ K} \cdot \text{kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}} = 0.00646 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg of solvent}} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1000 \text{ g}} = 6.46 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{mol caffeine}}{\text{g cyclohexane}}$$

b/c we are given the magnitude of the change

4. Can that value help us find the molar mass of caffeine? How?

We can use the molality (which gives us the moles of caffeine per grams of solvent) and the mass of caffeine and cyclohexane used to make the soln to find the moles of caffeine and ^{then} molar mass of caffeine.

5. How many moles of caffeine are in the solution?

$$n_{\text{caffeine}} = \text{molality of caffeine} \times \text{mass solvent} = \frac{6.46 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol caffeine}}{1 \text{ g cyclo}} \times 100 \text{ g cyclo} = 6.46 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol caffeine}$$

6. What is the molar mass of caffeine? Remember that the molar mass of a compound is the mass of 1 mole of the compound.

With n_{caffeine} in the sample and the m_{caffeine} ^{mass} used to make the soln we have all the elements to find the molar mass of caffeine (M_{caffeine})

$$M_{\text{caffeine}} = \frac{m_{\text{caffeine}}}{n_{\text{caffeine}}} = \frac{0.125 \text{ g}}{6.46 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}} = 193.50 \text{ g/mol}$$

PROBLEM#5: A mysterious ionic compound is soluble in water and dissociates into one anion and one cation in solution. The aqueous solution of this mysterious compound containing 25 g/L develops an osmotic pressure of 0.54 torr at 25°C. Find the approximate molecular weight of this compound.

STEP-BY-STEP QUESTIONS

1. What equation did we learn in class that has to do with the material in this problem?

$$\pi = MRT$$

2. Is what we are looking for found in this equation? no

3. What can we find using this equation? Calculate that value.

We are given π and T and R is a constant. So we ^{can} calculate M .
 $T = 25^\circ\text{C} = (273 + 25)\text{K} = 298\text{K}$. $\pi = 0.54\text{ torr}$.

We want to use $R = 62.36 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{torr}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}}$ b/c it fits the units in the eq.

$$M = \frac{\pi}{RT} = \frac{0.54\text{ torr}}{62.36 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{torr}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}} \times 298\text{K}} = 2.906 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}$$

4. Is the above value the molarity of the compound or molarity of ions in solution?

M above is molarity of ions in soln
 b/c colligative properties are effected
 by the number of particles in soln.

$$\text{So } M_{\text{mysterious ionic compound}} = \frac{M_{\text{ions}}}{2} = \frac{2.906 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}}{2} = 1.453 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{mol of compound}}{\text{L}}$$

5. Can that value help us find the molecular weight of the compound? How?

Yes, Now we have the moles of compound per liter
AND the grams of compound per liter.

So, we assume 1 liter of soln and
 use the moles & grams of compound to
 find the molar mass of the compound

6. Calculate the molar weigh of the mysterious compound.

molecular weight

1 liter of soln has • $1.453 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol of compound}$
 • 25 g of compound

$$\text{So, } \boxed{M_{\text{compound}} = \frac{25\text{g}}{1.453 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}} = 1,720,578 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}}}$$

Compare and Contrast Moment

What aspects were the same about problem #4 and problem #5?

Both problems are asking for the molar weight (molar mass) of the solute.

What aspects were different about problem #4 and problem #5?

In problem #4, the solute does not dissociate into ions when in solution and freezing point data is given. So, the freezing point depression equation is used.

In problem #5, the solute dissociates into 2 ions when in solution and osmotic pressure data is given. So, the osmotic pressure equation is used.