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VAPOR-LIQUID EQUILIERIA, BINARY MIXTURES OF METHYL ALCOHOL, ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL AND n-BUTYL ALCOHOL WITH BENZENE.

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INTRODUCTION

The primary objective of the work described in this paper was to determine vapor-liquid equilibria for three binary systems, viz., methyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol and n-butyl alcohol with benzene. It was also decided to calculate the activity coefficients in order to indicate the deviations from Raoult's Law. Based on a literature search, the system benzene-methyl alcohol was found to have been previously investigated and was therefore used in this study as a means of developing a technique and to standardize the apparatus. The only published data found for the system benzeneisopropyl alcohol was a minimum boiling point (10) and a reference to the vapor pressure at 25°C (22). There were no references to the system benzene-n-butyl alcohol except for data on the total and partial pressures at 25°C (23).

The basic reason for undertaking this study was twofold. First, in the application of organic pigments, in the protective coatings and printing ink fields, there are a number of operations which require the use of suitable solvent combinations for evaluations, synthesis and other purposes. Among these are the binary mixts. involving various lower alcohols and hydrocarbons. From the research and development, as well as the operating points of view, a complete knowledge of the behavior of these systems is of great importance. Secondly, these combinations were chosen in an attempt to provide an empirical basis for a theoretical discussion of such topics as hydrogen bonding, polarity and azeotrope formations. An examination of vapor-liquid equilibria data (1) reveals that the majority of the binary mixtures do not even approximate Raoult's Law and therefore the vapor-liquid equilibria relationships must be determined by experimental means. There are various methods described in the literature for experimental determination of these relationships, such as the method of Carveth (2), Petit (3), Rosanoff, Bacon and Unite (4), Carey and Lewis (5), Scatchard (6), Othmer (7) and others (8), (9).

In order to determine vapor-liquid equilibria empirically, it is necessary to establish and maintain an equilibrium between the boiling liquid and the refluxing vapor. Various types of apparatus have been used as equilibrium stills, the operation of which is based on the reflux equilibrium principle.

SUMPARY OF RESULTS

The vapor-liquid equilibrium curves expressing boiling point as a function of composition, were determined at atmospheric pressure for the three systems. The apparatus and method used were found to yield excellent results, good duplicability and curves in agreement with the literature in the case of the known system, Benzene-Nathyl Alcohol.

The still was checked for accuracy and performance by running a system cited in the literature, viz., Benzene-Methyl Alcohol (8). Experimental data are summarized in Tables 1, 2 and 3. Vapor-liquid composition curves were plotted and the following information was obtained:

For the system Benzene-Hethyl Alcohol, the reported minimum boiling point of 53.3°C at 64% by weight benzene (8) (10) was verified. The system Benzene-Isopropyl Alcohol was also observed to have a minimum boiling point, occurring at 71.9°C with 66.7% by weight benzene. This is in close agreement with a minimum boiling point reported in the literature (10). Benzene-n-butyl Alcohol yielded a normal smooth curve without maximum or minimum which is characteristic of the ideal mixtures following Racult's Law over the greater portion of their concentrations.

The equilibrium diagrams or x-y curves were characteristic of their respective type binary mixture. The sigmoid curve, indicative of the minimum boiling-point mixture, was obtained for the systems Benzene-Methyl Alcohol and Benzene-Isopropyl Alcohol.

In both plots for the systems with minimum boiling points, the curves crossed the diagonal with slopes flatter than the slope of the diagonal.

At points of intersection, the composition at minimum boiling point was obtained. The equilibrium diagram for the system Benzene-b-Butyl Alcohol was a gradually rising symmetrical curve with no intersection of the diagonal.

The equilibrium data were used to calculate the activity coefficients which indicated positive deviations from Raoult's Law for the systems Benzene-Nethyl Alcohol, Benzene-Isopropyl Alcohol and Benzene-n-Butyl Alcohol.

Deviations from the ideal behavior are discussed and explained under a separate heading, "Theoretical Considerations".

THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

When a binary mixture is formed by dissolving two liquids in each other, the composition of the vapor differs from that of the liquid, if the vapor pressures of the two components are different; each component lowers the vapor pressure of the other. The extent to which the vapor pressure is lowered for practically ideal solutions at all concentrations and for many non-ideal solutions at all concentrations can be determined by reference to Raoult's Law which states that at a given temperature, the partial p pressure of any constituent in a mutually soluble liquid mixture is equal to its vapor pressure multiplied by its mole fraction in solution. This is stated mathematically by the expression

$$P_{\rm A} = \frac{N_{\rm A}}{N_{\rm A} + N_{\rm B}} = \varkappa_{\rm A} P_{\rm A}$$

and

$$PB = \frac{N_B}{N_A + N_B} = (1 - 2A)P_B = 2BP_B$$

where for and for a partial vapor pressure of components A and B, respectively.

R and **R** = vapor pressure of components A and B respectively, in the pure state at the temperature of the liquid.

 N_A and $N_B =$ mols of components A and B, respectively $\chi_A =$ mol fraction of component A in the liquid. χ_B and $(I - \chi_A)$ = mol fraction of component B in the liquid.

This expression applies only for binary liquids where there is no chemical reaction nor molecular association between In addition, the molecules of each component constituents. must be approximately the same size. In an ideal solution, eg., a mixture of methyl and ethyl alcohols, the molecules of one component are not changed by the surrounding molecules of the other component. In general, however, in most solutions one constituent exerts some type of interaction on the other so that Raoult's Law does not hold. There may be compound formation as in the case of chloroform and acetone. Another type involves the formation of non-volatile ions which results in one component being less volatile in the presence of the other. A third phenomenon occurs in solutions where the second liquid breaks down the larger units of the first liquid and in so doing, renders the first liquid more volatile.

A low vapor pressure is indicative of a high boiling temperature and generally the boiling-point composition curves are directly opposite to the vapor pressure -- composition curves. Homogeneous binary mixtures fall under three types:

1. Mixtures with vapor pressures intermediate between those of the pure constituents over the entire range of composition.

2. Mixtures whose vapor pressures over a certain range of composition are greater than that of either of the pure components.

3. Mixtures with vapor pressures over a certain range of composition lower than that of either of the pure components.

In an ideal solution, the vapor and liquid composition curves run smoothly between the two boiling points, but in a non-ideal solution, particularly where the boiling points are quite close, the variation in volatility resulting from the chemical influence of the other component may cause a minimum or maximum in the boiling point curve (corresponding to a maximum or minimum in the vapor pressure curve).

Henry's law states that the partial pressure of the component present in the smallest concentration, the solute, is proportional to its mol fraction in the solution, i.e.,

po=Kas

where partial vapor pressure of the solute

24 = mol fraction of the solute

K = constant which depends on temperature of the solution.

Raoult's and Henry's Laws then, are actually special cases of each other differing only by the proportionality constant which determines the slope of the line. The constant is in Raoult's Law, whereas it must be experimentally determined in the other. For ideal solutions, the two laws are identical.

As has been stated earlier under Discussion of Results, the relationship between the vapor and liquid curve at equilibrium is derived from the principle which states that the vapor phase is relatively richer in the component which results in a lowering of the boiling point when added to the mixture or alternatively, the liquid phase is richer in the higher boiling point constituent. This principle is based on Monowalorit's rule (1881) which was arwived at empirically, although anticolpated by the theoretical considerations of J.W. Gibbs (1876). After Gibbs, P. Luhem (1886) and M. Margules (1895) both independently of each other and Gibbs, derived what is generally known as the Dukem-Largules equation which can be written in the form

where \mathscr{A}_A and \mathscr{A}_B are again the respective mole fractions and \mathscr{P}_A and \mathscr{P}_B the respective partial pressures. Since $\mathscr{A}_A = -\mathscr{A}_A$, the above expression becomes

$$\frac{\chi_{\rm A}}{P_{\rm A}} \frac{d\mu_{\rm A}}{d\chi_{\rm A}} \frac{\chi_{\rm B}}{p_{\rm B}} \frac{d\mu_{\rm B}}{d\chi_{\rm A}} = 0$$

$$\frac{dP}{dx_{A}} = \frac{dp_{A}}{dx_{A}} + \frac{dp_{B}}{dx_{A}} = \frac{dp_{B}}{dx_{A}} \left(\frac{-\chi_{B} p_{A}}{-\chi_{A} p_{B}} \right)$$

where P is the total vapor pressure. The value of $d\rho B/dx_A$, which is equal to $-d\rho B/dx_B$, must be negative; then if dP/dx_A is to be positive

the meaning of which, is that the vapor is richer in A than is the liquid from which it evolves.

In the same manner, if dP/dx_A is negative, i.e., dP/dx_B is positive, the vapor will be relatively richer in B. The vapor, therefore, is relatively richer in the constituent which by its presence in the liquid results in an increase in total vapor pressure. If the vapor pressure curve has a maximum or minimum, dP/dx_A in the above equation, must be zero; therefore, either dP_B/dx_A must be zero, or $\varkappa_A P_B = \varkappa_B P_A$ i.e., $\varkappa_A/\varkappa_B =$ P_A/P_B . The first condition is not probable, since it would mean that the partial vapor pressure would remain constant regardless of a change in concentration and therefore for a maximum or minimum total vapor pressure, $P_A/P_B = \varkappa_A/\varkappa_B$

The molecular ratio of the two vapor constituents is given by p_{A}/p_{B} , if the gas law is obeyed; and so the conclusion is that when the vapor pressure is a maximum or minimum, the vapor composition is equal to that of the liquid with which it is in equilibrium.

EXPERIMENTAL METHOD AND APPARATUS

Principle

The method employed in obtaining vapor-liquid equilibrium data is similar to that of Othmer (7). Vapors in equilibrium with a boiling liquid mixture are condensed and returned to the boiler. The equilibrium still is operated so that when the composition and quantity of vapor leaving the boiling liquid are identical with the composition and quantity of distillate returning to the boiler, equilibrium is established and the boiling point remains constant at a given pressure. Temperature and pressure can be directly measured and samples of liquid and corresponding vapor are removed and their compositions determined by physical or chemical analysis.

Apparatus

A diagram of the apparatus is shown in Figure 1. It consists of a modified Cottrell boiling point unit and is essentially the same as that used by J.W. Rogers, J.W. Knight and A.R. Choppin (8). The column is fitted with a three-way T-type stopcock, which is used to return the condensate to the boiler or to withdraw liquid or vapor samples. A precision grade thermometer graduated in

0.1 ° C and calibrated against a Bureau of Standards thermometer was used to determine the boiling points at equilibrium.

To provide in greater measure for good equilibrium between boiling liquid and refluxing vapor, some modification of the apparatus as described in the cited article was employed.

This consisted in the installation of insulating material in the form of a cylindrical wrapping of as best os tape. Aluminum foil was then placed over the tape and was also used as a thermometer shield to eliminate errors in temperature readings. A nichrome wire heating unit was also added.

Procedure

In operating the still, a charge of 100 cc of binary liquid was introduced into the boiler, with the stopcock in position for distillate return. Samples of binary liquid rangingfrom 0% to 100% of one component. in 5% increments were used. Heat was then applied via the nichrome wire heating unit. (A microburner, properly shielded was also found to give satisfactory results). The heat was applied at a rate which permitted 1) the Cottrell pumps to eject a rapid flow of boiling liquid over the thermometer bulb and 2) the condensate to return from the condenser at a constant rate. The boiling was continued until the temperature became constant, the pressure being checked and controlled with a manometer and pump. The heating unit wasthen turned off and samples were withdrawn by moving the three-way stopcock to the The sampling tube was flushed out each time by proper position. a portion of the liquid remaining in the vapor return tube and the small amount of this wash liquid was then quickly drained by touching the tip with a piece of filter paper. Thevapor sample was then collected in a small vial which was immediately sealed. A similar procedure was used for liquid sampling.

Analysis

The refractive index of the samples were determined with an Abbe Refractometer and the composition was then obtained by referring to reference curves, Figures 2, 3 and 4 which were previously prepared by measuring the refractive index of liquid samples of various known compositions. Series of mixtures of the binary liquids were made up, individual samples ranging from 5 cc to 95 cc in 5 cc increments. These samples were prepared from reagents maintained at 20°C. From the known densities of the two constituents, the weight per cent of each was calculated from the volume percent. The refractive index of these samples was measured at 20°C, the temperature being controlled to 0.1°C by circulating water from a 20 liter jar equipped with copper coils and a constant input head.

Purity of Material.

In order to insure liquid purity, all the solvents used were selected from C.P. stock. The benzene was thiophene free and was redistilled before use, E.P. = 80.1°C, R.I. = 1.5014. Lethyl Alcohol was acetone free and was redistilled over lime, E.P. = 64.7°C, R.I. = 1.5312. Isopropyl Alcohol was redistilled over lime, B.P. = 82.3°C, R.I. = 1.3776. n-Butyl Alcohol was redistilled at 117.7°C, R.I. = 1.3993.

PRECISION OF HEASURELEMTS

Precision was evaluated using the observed values for the refractive indices of the pure solvents and the binary liquids. For each sample, four separate refractive indices were taken and the arithmetic mean or average of each was taken as the most probable value of the correct result. The precision of an individual result was measured by its deviation from the average result, and the average precision was measured by the average deviation of the single results from the mean.

The following procedure as recommended by W.C. Pierce and E.L. Haenisch (10) was employed to determine the average deviation of the individual results in the series of refractive index measurements;

- 1. The arithmetic mean was computed.
- 2. The numerical deviation of each result from the mean was computed without regar d to algebraic sign.
- 3. The deviations of the individual results were averaged.
- 4. Each deviation from the mean was expressed in parts per 1000.

The deviation of a doubtful result was compared with the deviations of other results from the average. If the deviation of a single result was greater than four times the average deviation of the remaining results, the single result was discarded.

A summary of evaluation of precision for observations made on the pure solvents is shown in Table 4.

ACTIVITY COEFFICIENTS

The deviation from ideality is expressed by the activity coefficient X , which is defined as the activity divided by the mole fraction or

$$\delta_1 = \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1}$$
 and $\delta_2 = \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_2}$

where the activity, α is the relative fugacity; or the ratio between the fugacity of a substance in solution and its fugacity in the pure state, the fugacity being an ideal vapor pressure, identical with the partial pressure $\gamma \omega$, where the conditions are specified by the perfect gas laws. If the components behave according to the perfect gas laws, then the fugacity is equivalent to the partial pressure and the expression for the activity coefficients then becomes

 $\aleph_1 = \frac{12}{P_1 \varkappa_1} = \frac{P_1 \varkappa_1}{P_1 \varkappa_2}$ and $\aleph_2 = \frac{P_1 \varkappa_2}{P_2 \varkappa_2}$ where P_1 is the vapor pressure of the pure component and Pis the total pressure.

In determining correlation with the Van Laar equation, the experimental data on the vapor-liquid equilibria of the systems studied in this paper were calculated in terms of deviation factors from Raoult's Law by substituting in the above equations. Vapor pressures were obtained by referring to curves plotted from data contained in the literature (15), (16), (17), (18), (19).

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Figures 17, 18, 19 and 20. The constants A and B were obtained from the plot of $\mathcal{N}_1 \mathcal{N}_2 / \mathcal{N}_1 \log \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \log \lambda_2$ vo \mathcal{N}_1 , the $\mathcal{N}_1 = 0$ intercept being the constant 1/A and the $\mathcal{R}_1 = 1.0$ intercept being 1/B according to the procedure used by P.H. Hiller (23). Using the method described by Carlson and Colburn (12), a new activity coefficient was then calculated by using a slightly rearranged form of the Van Laar equation.

The corresponding new value of was then calculated by substituting in the equation $r_{d} = \frac{X_{1} + \frac{B}{B} \frac{Z_{2}}{Z_{1}}}{P}$ Percent Deviation was calculated according to the formula given by Robinson and Gilliland (13), viz., 3 Deviation = $\frac{Y_{calk} - Y_{1}}{Y_{1} - z} \times 100$

As pointed out by Carlson and Colburn (12) the constants A and B as represented in the above symmetrical form of the Van Laar equation have the property of being equal to the terminal values of log X of the two curves. Therefore at $\varkappa_1 = 0$, $\log_2 \delta_1 = A$, and at $\varkappa_1 = 1$ when $\varkappa_2 = 0$, $\log_2 \delta_2 = B$. It should be emphasized that at $\varkappa_1 = 0$, $\log_2 \delta_2 = 0$ or $\delta_2 = 1$, and at $\varkappa_1 = 1$, $\log_2 \delta_1 = 0$ or $\delta_1 = 1$, which satisfies the limiting condition that Raoult's Law holds for a component whose concentration approaches 100 mol %. Benzene-Hathyl Alcohol

Referring to Figure 14, the intercepts at $x_1 = o$ and $x_1 = l$ are both equal to 1.24, the reciprocal being 0.81 and the slope of the line is zero. The semi-log plot, see Figure 11, is typical of a non-ideal system. At $\alpha_{i} = 0$, $\log \chi_{i} = A$ or $\log 6.5 = A$, A = 0.81. Similarly, at $\varkappa_1 = 1$, $\log \chi_2 = B$ or $\log 6.5 = B$, B = 0.81. This is an example of the special case where A = B. At $\infty_1 = 0.5$, the curves represented by the Van Laar equations have an unusual property which is manifest at the midpoints on the curves,

 $\frac{\log \chi_1}{A} = \frac{\log \chi_2}{B} = \frac{AB}{(A+B)^2}$ If A=B, the term AB/(A+B)² = 1/4 · As A and B differ, the ratio decreases slightly. According to the preceding "midpoint" equation then, the halfway value on one curve is approximately one fourth the end value on the other curve. Referring to Figure 11 again, it is evident that at $\mathcal{A}_{,} = 0.5$, $\log \{ = \frac{A}{4} \} = 1.594$.

The deviations from ideality in the liquid state are positive in this system, i.e., the activity coefficients are greater than unity so that the logarithms of the activity coefficients are positive numbers. Referring to Table 6, the maximum % deviation is 20.0 and the average % deviation -6.4 According to the classification of Mason (14) the agreement of the Van Laar equations for a system is poor, if the avorage deviation is greater than 11%.

Benzene-Isopropyl Alcohol

The plot of $\mathcal{N}_1 \mathcal{N}_2 / \mathcal{N}_1 \log \mathcal{N}_1 + \mathcal{N}_2 \log \mathcal{N}_2$ Figure 15 reveals A and B to be equal to 0.593 and 0.842, respectively. Referring to the semi-log plot Figure 12 at $\mathcal{N}_{1}=0$, $\log X_{1}=A$ or $\log 3.92=A$, A = 0.593 and at $\mathcal{X}_{1} = 1$, $\mathcal{X}_{2} = 0$ and $\log V_{2} = B$ or $\log 6.95 = 0.842$, B=0.842. In this case, the values of $\log \delta_1$ and $\log \delta_2$ at the midpoint are approximately one quarter of B and A respectively i.e., at $\mathcal{N} = 0.5$, $\log X = B/4$ or $\log 1.9 = 0.279$, B = 1.1 and at $\mathcal{N}_1 = 0.5, \log V_2 = A_4$ or $\log 1.35 = 0.130, A = 0.52.$ The curve for Isopropyl Alcohol which has the higher end value is the lower at N = 0.5, which is essentially in agreement with the "midpoint" In this system, the activity coefficients being greater equation. than unity, the deviations from Raoult's Law are also positive. The maximum % deviation is 50 and the average % deviation 23, Table 7. According to lason (14) then, the agreement of the Van Laar equations for this system is poor.

Benzene-n-Butyl Alcohol

The straight line plot of $\alpha_1 \varkappa_2 / \varkappa_1 \log \delta_1 + \varkappa_2 \log \delta_2$ resulted in intercepts, the reciprocals of which were equal to A = 0.478 and B = 0.424, Figure 16.

A plot of the data on semi-log paper according to the method previously described, yielded activity coefficient curves which intersected at $\mathcal{M}_i = 0.635$ Figure 13. Calculation of the 5 deviation resulted in a maximum of - 91.7 and an average of - 6.3. According to Lason (14), this represents good correlation with the Van Laar equation, which is to be expected with a system which has a normal boiling point curve. The curves obtained in Figure 13 are apparently the result of plotting the activity coefficients of a system which although it has a normal boiling point curve, is not completely ideal over the entire concentration range and yields activity coefficient curves indicating positive deviations.

Further discussion of the results appears under the next heading, Theoretical Considerations.

Nomenclature

- A and B = arbitrary constants in Van Laar equation and equal to $\log \chi_1 a \neq \pi_1 = 0$ and $\log \chi_2$ at $\pi_2 = 0$ respectively. $\mathcal{Z} = \text{mol fraction in liquid}$
 - 34 = mol fraction in vapor
 - ¥ = activity coefficient
 - P = total pressure of system, mm Hg

 $f_i P_i$ = vapor pressures of pure components, mm Hg.

Subscripts

- 1 = Component of binary mixture with lower boiling point
- 2 = Component of binary mixture with higher boiling point

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Graphical representation of the equilibrium relationships between the liquid and vapor phases, based on experimental data, can be constructed by various methods, but the most useful of these are the boiling point and the equilibrium diagrams.

1. The first part of this discussion deals with the vaporliquid curves. The data are plotted in the conventional manner with the compositions as abscissae and the boiling points as ordinates. Of the two resulting curves, one gives the composition of the liquid, the other that of the vapor with which it is in equilibrium at the boiling point. The relation between the two curves depends on a principle which follows from Konovaloff's rule, (previously discussed under Theoretical Background) viz., the vapor phase is relatively richer in the component which lowers the boiling point when added to the mixture; the liquid phase being richer in the component which raises the boiling point.

a) Benzene-Methyl Alcohol System, Figure 5.

These curves are typical of a system having a minimum boiling point. At the intersection of the vapor and liquid curves, the compositions of both phases are identical at 60.4% benzene by weight, with a minimum boiling point of 58.3 ° C.

A liquid of this composition then, will boil at a constant temperature and distil over without change in composition, this type liquid being defined as an azeotrope. If a liquid composed of less than 60.4% benzene were fractionally distilled, the distillate would eventually equal this azeotropic composition, while the final residue would approach 100% methyl alcohol. This, of course, is because the more volatile constituent benzene,

would be distilled off with resultant lowering of the boilding point. A liquid with composition higher than 60.4% benzene would yield on fractionation, distillates approaching the azeotropic composition whereas the liquid residue would tend toward 100% benzene. The vapor phase at any given boiling point is relatively richer in the less volatile component, viz., methyl alcohol. Therefore the liquid residue on fractionation becomes richer in the more volatile benzene, which results in a progressive rise in boiling point.

b) Benzene - Isopropyl Alcohol System, Figure 6. This system also proved to be of the minimum boiling point type, an azeotropic mixture occurring at 66.7% benzene by weight with a boiling point of 71.9 ° C. Similar conclusions may be drawn. Binary mixtures containing less than 66.7% benzene, will eventually on fractionation, form an azeotrope. The final liquid residue will approach 100% isopropyl alcohol with a progressive rise in boiling point.

Fractional distillation of mixtures above 66.7% benzene will yield distillates which approach the azeotrope in composition, while the liquid residue will approach 100% benzene with a progressive drop in boiling point.

The two systems benzene-methyl alcohol and benzene-isopropyl alcohol, having boiling-point curves with minima belong to the more common group of which approximately four hundred are listed in the International Critical Tables. These systems, as is to be expected, showed definite deviations from the ideal situation as expressed by Raoult's Law. The vapor pressure curves all have maxima.

c) Benzene-n-Butyl Alcohol System, Figure 7. These curves indicate that the system is a member of the group whose boiling point increases regularly with change of liquid composition from the more volatile constituent, benzene, to the less volatile, n-butyl alcohol. The vapor thus always contains more of the lower boiling point component, benzene. For example, a liquid composed of 67.5% benzene by weight will boil at 83.0 ° C and the vapor will be 89% benzene. In a distillation where the vapor phase is removed, it is evident that since the vapor phase is richer in the more volatile benzene, the liquid remaining becomes relatively richer in n-butyl alcohol and the boiling point gradually rises.

2) Equilibrium or $\mathscr{D} \rightarrow \mathscr{Q}$ diagrams are a more direct method of representing the equilibrium relationships between liquid liquid and vapor composition. In this type of diagram, the concentration of the more volatile component in the liquid phase is plotted as ordinates against the equilibrium concentration in the vapor phase as abscissae. A 45 ° reference line is also included; a point on this line representing a state where vapor and liquid compositions are identical. Equilibrium diagrams prove particularly useful in colving distillation problems at constant pressure, because the vapor-liquid equilibrium relationships are only slightly affected by moderate changes in pressure. In plotting a boiling-point curve however, a slight pressure change results in an appreciable variation in the boiling-point composition relationships.

a) Benzene-Methyl Alcohol System, Figure 8. This equilibrium diagram indicates that when the liquid concentration of benzene is low, i.e., less then 38 mol %, a vapor is evolved which is richer in benzene. At the intersection with the diagonal, the compositions of liquid and vapor phase are identical, viz., 38 mol % benzene, which corresponds to the minimum boiling point of a 60.4% benzene by weight liquid, Fig., 5. Above this concentration of benzene in the liquid, the liquid begins to evolve vapor which is less rich in benzene. The volatility of the components is reversed. It is to be noted that the curve crosses the diagonal with a slope flatter than the slope of the diagonal. This is characteristic of curves which possess minimum boiling points at the intersection.

b) Eenzene-Isopropyl Alcohol System, Figure 9. Examination of the equilibrium diagram for this system reveals another minimum boiling point type. Here, it is again evident that when the liquid contains relatively low amounts of benzene, i.e., less than 53.5 mol %, the vapor isricher in benzene. When the benzene concentration in the liquid rises to 53.5 mol %, the composition of the vapor is the same. Above this level a reversal occurs, the liquid evolving vapor which is less rich in benzene. The curve crosses the diagonal with a slope flatter than the slope of the diagonal at 53.5 mol % benzene which corresponds to the minimum boiling point of a 66.7% benzene by weight liquid, Fig., 6.

c) Benzene-n-Butyl Alcohol System, Figure 10: The equilibrium diagram indicates the normal type for binary mixtures which obey Raoult's Law over the entire range of composition. The vapor evolved always contains more of the lower boiling point, more volatile component than the corresponding liquid. In this type, there cannot be any intersection of the curve with the diagonal.

PROBACICAL CURSIDERATIONS

The behavior of the three systems studied in this paper, considered from the viewpoint of ideality, may be analyzed in terms of a number of theoretical concepts.

The poor agreement of the systems Fenzene-Nethyl Alcohol and Benzerce-Jeopropyl Alcohol with the Van Laar equations is not surprising if explained on the basis of alcohol - benzene miscibility. It is known that in mixtures approaching immiscibility, i.e., those having y, a curved which are nearly horizontal over an appreciable concentration range, poor agreement is the rule rather than the exception. Both Rathyl Alcohol and Isopropyl Alcohol with benzene have y, x curves which tend to be nearly horizontal over a relatively wide concentration range, Figures 8 and 9. The entropy of mixing is not the same in a partially immiscible solution as it would be in an ideal solution and for complete immiscibility the entropy of mixing would be zero. In the case of Benzene-n-Butyl Alcohol where the y, x curves do not approach the horizontal, Figure 10, the agreement is fair. This is to be expected since the miscibility of alcohols with a non polar solvent such as benzene increases as the alcohol becomes more hydrocarbon in nature.

Methyl Alcohol is only weakly miscible with benzene as may be shown by adding sodium iodide which results in a separation into two layers. Methyl Alcohol, since it is a water-like substance has chemical and physical properties halfway between water and ethyl alcohol. It is more miscible in benzene than in water and as the length of the hydrocarbon chain increases in ascending the series, the alcohols become progressively more soluble in benzene.

The tendency to follow Encult's Law also increases with the length of the hydrocarbon portion of the molecule. This implies that the degree of association decreases with the higher alcohols. A possible explanation for the decrease in association is that as the length of the hydrocarbon chain in the alcohol increases, the distance between the hydroxyl and methyl groups also increases. The methyl group, which supplies electrons in the sense than an electron drift is set up toward the oxygen, favoring hydrogen bonding, is placed at a greater distance from the hydroxyl. This of course means the likelihood of hydrogen bonding is lessened.

Another theory which helps to explain the phenomenon can be set up on the basis of polarity. In a system which behaves ideally and follows Raoult's Law, molecule A has the same attractive force for molecule B as it does for another molecule of A. However, because of the wide difference in polarity between Hethyl Alcohol and Benzene, the polar alcohol groups exert an unusually high attractive force on each other with resultant higher surface tension and cohesion. There is a tendency to displace or force out the non-polar benzene molecules and therefore the system deviates from Raoult's Law because of the unequal forces of attraction. The strong affinity set up between the polar alcohol molecules results in the formation of aggregates (which can be identified with products formed by association in the hydrogen bond theory) acting as barriers to the non-polar benzene molecule.

The analysis can be taken a stop further in an attempt to explain the mechanism of hydrogen bouding and azeotrope formation. The term hydrogen bonding may be defined as the tendency of a proton such as hydrogen to act as an acceptor of electrons which may be donated by an exygen or a nitrogen atom. In this way larger units are bound together. Hildsbrand (21) states that hydrogen bond formation offers a satisfactory explanation for the higher solubilities of aniline and phenol in water compared to benzene. He proposes that the oxygen atom of water acts as a donor and the hydrogen atoms of the amino and hydroxyl groups behave as acceptors. Hildebrand presented evidence of hydrogen bonding from solubility relationships, stating that in order for a substance to be soluble there should be strong attractive forces between solute and solvent molecules. The source of such attraction probably arises from either the mutual electrostatic attraction of molecular dipoles or the chemical coordinative forces such as are produced in the formation of hydrogen bonds.

Based on the strength of hydrogen bonds or on the lack of such bonds, organic liquids have been grouped according to five classifications (20). Hethyl, Isopropyl and n-Eutyl Alcohols belong to class II which includes liquids composed of molecules containing active hydrogen atoms and conor atoms such as oxygen, nitrogen and fluorine. This includes alcohols, acids, phenols, primary and secondary amines, oximes, nitro compounds with hydrogen atoms, nitriles with hydrogen atoms, ammonia, hydrazine, hydrogen fluoride, hydrogen

cyanide, etc.

Benzene belongs to class V which consists of liquids having no hydrogen bond forming capabilities. This class includes hydrocarbons in general, carbon disulfide, sulfides, mercaptans, halphydrocarbons without active hydrogens, nonmetallic elements such as iodice, phosphorus, sulfur, etc. Combinations of classes II and V if nonideal, yield deviations from Raoult's Law which are always positive. Systems which show positive deviations from Raoult's Law and also from azeotropes are always minimum bolling. Further, according to this classification with combination of classes II and V, hydrogen bonds are broken only.

Empirical proof of this may be derived from the systems studied. The combinations of benzene with methyl and isopropyl alcohol form azeotropes because there is a tendency for the RO-H ... O bonds to be broken. In mixtures of benzene and n-butyl alcohol, the higher alcohol is more boluble in benzene and less associated. The attractive forces are equal, the polarity of the two components is closer, so that the trend is toward ideal behavior.

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Distillation

Vapor pressure

Binary Liquids -- Mixtures

Benzene

Methyl alcohol

n-Butyl alcohol

Isopropyl alcohol

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FIGURE 1. DIAGRAM OF APPARATUS









Benzene-Methyl Alcohol System

Experimental Data

760 mm pressure

Benzene <u>in Vapor</u>		Benzene in Liqu	iđ	Temperature OC
<u>Wt. %</u>	<u>Mol. %</u>	<u>Wt. %</u>	Mol. %	
$ \begin{array}{c} 100.0\\ 90.0\\ 78.0\\ 72.5\\ 70.0\\ 66.0\\ 65.0\\ 64.0\\ 63.0\\ 62.0\\ 62.0\\ 60.4\\ 58.0\\ 57.0\\ 52.0\\ 48.0\\ 31.5\\ 21.5\\ 16.5\\ 7.5\\ \end{array} $	100.0 78.0 59.3 52.0 48.9 44.4 43.2 42.2 41.1 40.0 38.4 36.2 35.8 30.7 27.5 20.0 15.8 10.1 7.5 3.2	$ \begin{array}{r} 100.0 \\ 98.0 \\ 97.0 \\ 95.5 \\ 95.0 \\ 93.0 \\ 90.0 \\ 87.5 \\ 84.5 \\ 80.0 \\ 60.4 \\ 44.0 \\ 38.0 \\ 31.5 \\ 23.0 \\ 17.0 \\ 11.5 \\ 7.5 \\ 5.0 \\ 2.0 \\ \end{array} $	100.0 95.3 93.0 89.5 88.5 84.5 84.1 74.0 69.1 62.8 38.4 24.4 20.0 15.9 10.9 7.8 5.0 3.2 2.0 0.8	80.3 73.5 68.0 64.5 62.5 60.4 59.6 59.2 58.9 58.5 58.3 58.4 58.6 59.2 58.4 58.6 59.2 58.3 58.4 58.6 59.2 59.8 60.8 61.8 63.0 63.6 64.1
0.0	0.0	· 0.0	0.0	64.7

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Eenzene-Isopropyl Alcohol System

Experimental Data

760 mm Pressure

Benzene in Vapo	e or	Benzene in Liqu	uid	Temperature oc
<u>Wt. %</u>	Mol. %	Wt. %	Lol. %	
$100.0 \\ 97.0 \\ 93.5 \\ 90.5 \\ 86.5 \\ 82.0 \\ 77.5 \\ 71.0 \\ 66.7 \\ 60.0 \\ 55.5 \\ 50.0 \\ 44.0 \\ 36.5 \\ 28.0 \\ 22.5 \\ 16.5 \\ 10.0 \\ 0.0$	100.0 96.1 91.8 88.0 83.2 77.8 72.6 65.3 60.6 53.6 48.9 43.5 37.7 30.7 23.0 17.9 13.2 7.8 0.0	$ \begin{array}{r} 100.0 \\ 98.5 \\ 96.5 \\ 95.0 \\ 93.0 \\ 91.0 \\ 87.5 \\ 75.0 \\ 66.7 \\ 47.5 \\ 42.5 \\ 32.5 \\ 22.0 \\ 16.0 \\ 10.5 \\ 8.0 \\ 6.0 \\ 2.5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \end{array} $	100.0 98.1 95.5 93.6 91.2 88.6 84.4 69.8 60.6 41.0 36.3 27.2 17.8 12.8 8.3 6.3 4.7 2.0 0.0	80.0 78.7 77.1 76.0 74.8 73.6 72.7 72.1 71.9 72.1 72.25 73.4 75.3 76.7 78.2 79.2 80.1 81.3
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Benzene-n-Butyl Alcohol System

Experimental Data

760 mm Pressure

Benzene in Vapor		Benzene in Liqu	lid	Temperature °C
<u>Wt. %</u>	1.01. %	<u>Wt. %</u>	<u>Nol. %</u>	
100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	80.0
9 8 . 5	98.3	96.0	95.8	80.1
97.5	97.0	95.0	94.6	80.3
92.5	92.1	80.0	79.3	81.5
89.0	88.4	67.5	66.3	83.0
86.0	85.4	55.5	54.2	85.0
84.0	83.3	47.5	46.1	87.0
82.5	81.7	41.5	40.2	88.5
77.5	76.6	33.5	32.3	91.5
71.0	69.9	27.0	26.0	94.2
69.0	67.9	25.5	24.5	95.0
63 .5	62.3	21.0	20.2	97.2
57.5	56.2	17.0	16.3	99.4
52.5	5 1. 2	14.5	13.9	101.2
46.5	45.2	11.5	11.0	103.3
41.5	44.8	9,5	9.1	105.1
27.0	26.0	5.0	4.8	100.8
16.5	15.8	2.5	2.4	113.0
7.5	7.2	1.0	0.9	115.5
4.0	3.8	0.5	0.5	116.5
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	117.7













Evaluation of Precision

I Pure Components

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a) Benzene Lit. Values: R.I. 1.50142 B.P. 80.1°C (Handbook of Chemistry and Physics)

Observed values:

R.I.	Deviations	Deviations in parts per 1000	B.P.OC	Deviations	Deviations in parts per 1000
		* * *			
1.5015	0.000125	0.083	80,05	0.025	0.30
1.5013	0.000750	0.488	80.10	0.025	0.30
1,5013	0.000750	0,488	80.10	0.025	0.30
1.5014	0.000125	0,083	80.05	0.025	0.30
1.5013	75 0.0004375	0.2855	80.075	0.025	0.3 Av.
				20	
b) I	Methyl Alcohol	L Lit. Values:]	R.I. 1.33	318 B.P. (64.7°C
C	bserved value				
		Deviations in			Deviations in
R.I.	Deviations	parts per 1000	B.P.°C	Deviations	parts per 1000
1.3312	0.0000	0.000	64.65	0.00	0.00
1.3311	0.0001	0.075	64.60	0.05	0.80
1.3313	0.0001	0.075	64.65	0.00	0.00
1.3312	0.0000	0.000	64.70	0.05	0.80
1.3312	0.00005	0.0375	64.65	0,025	0.40 Av.
c)	Isopropyl Alc	cohol Lit. Values	B: R.I.	1.37757 1	B.P. 82.3 ⁰ C
	Observed valu	105:			
		Deviations in			Deviations in
R.I.	Deviations	parts per 1000	B• P• oC	Deviations	parts per 1000
1.3776	0.0000	0.000	32,30	0.06	0.73

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1.3777	0,0001	0.074	32.15	0.09	1.10	
1.3775	0.0001	0.073	82.25	0.01	0.12	
1.3776	0.0000	0,000	32,25	0.01	0.12	٢,
1.3776	0.00005	0.0335	82.24	0.04	0.51	AV.

d) n-Butyl Alcohol Lit. values: R.I. 1.39931 B.P. 117.7°C

O	bserved value	S 2			
R.I.	Deviations	Deviations in parts per 1000	В• Ь° оС	Deviations	Deviations in parts per 1000
1.3992 1.3992 1.3994 <u>1.3994</u> 1.3993	0.0001 0.0001 0.0001 0.0001 0.0001	0.0715 0.0715 0.0715 0.0715 0.0715	117.60 117.70 117.65 <u>117.70</u> 117.66	0.06 0.04 0.01 <u>0.04</u> 0.0375	0.51 0.34 0.10 <u>0.34</u> 0.032 Av.

Activity Coefficients - Benzene-Lethyl Alcohol

Temp.,	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	P mm Hg	R m Hg	<u> </u>	Y2 Nr	×2/2, log 8, + 2, log 82	% Dev. *
73.5	0.220	0.047	1070	600	3.440	1.035	1.13	8.1
68.0	0.407	0.070	864	510	5.130	0.950	0.93	- 2.67
64.5	0.480	0.105	752	468	4.620	0.942	1.01	- 2.02
62 . 5	0.511	0.115	69 6	428	4.850	0.980	1.175	-16.75
60 .4	0.556	0 .1 55	63 6	396	4.280	1.005	1.32	-16.50
59.6	0.568	0.159	616	380	4.410	1.030	1.182	-20.00
59.2	0 . 57 8	0.260	604	376	2.800	1.155	1,18	- 1.25
58.9	0.589	0.309	60 0	374	2.410	1.205	1.22	1.79
58.5	0.600	0.372	592	368	2.060	1.315	1.22	2.19
58.3	0.616	0.616	586	366	1.295	2.070	1.24	-
58.4	0.638	0.758	588	367	1.090	3.080	1.255	-16.95
58.6	0.642	0.800	592	369	1.030	3.680	1.29	-17.7
59.2	0.693	0.841	604	376	1.034	3.900	1,25	-10.1
59.8	0.725	0.891	620	388	0.995	4.940	1.255	-11.4
60.8	0.800	0.922	644	400	1.025	4.850	1.125	7.36
61.8	0.842	0.950	6 7 4	412	1.000	5.820	1.242	0.9
63.0	0.899	0.968	71 G	436	0.995	5.500	1.15	-10.15
63. 6	0.925	0.980	728	444	1.010	6.400	0.98	- 2.73
64.1	0,968	0.992	74 2	448	0.998	6.800	1.05	- 8,34

Activity Coefficients - Benzene-Isopropyl Alcohol

Temp., oC	V.	x,	P, mm Hg	P. mm Hg	X	X	ning by tox + alex	% Dev.*
78.7	0.961	0.981	7 24	666	1.03	2.34	0.94	131
77.1	0.918	0.955	6 88	620	1.06	2 .2 3	1.088	140
76.0	0.880	0.936	6 68	592	1.07.	2.40	1.165	71.4
74.8	0.832	0.912	6 48	568	1.07	2.56	1.287	47.5
73.6	0 .77 8	0.886	620	532	1,075	2.78	1.298	29.6
72.7	0.726	0.844	604	512	1.082	2.60	1.410	13.6
72.1	0.653	0.698	5 88	494	1.212	1 .76 8	1.588	- 8.9
71.9	0.606	0.606	5 82	490	1.305	1.55	1.705	
72.1	0.536	0.410	4 88	494	1.691	1.21	1.705	39.7
72.25	0.489	0.363	596	504	1.715	1.205	1.695	15.0
73.4	0.435	0.272	612	52 0	1.985	1.13	1.650	4 8 . 4
75.3	0.377	0.178	654	576	2.46	1.005	2.050	25.6
76.7	0.307	0,128	680	610	2.68	0.988	1.890	24.6
78.2	0.230	0.083	7 05	646	2.99	0 .98 8	1.730	-69.4
79.2	0.179	0.063	724	672	2.985	0.99	1.745	21.1
80.1	0.132	0.047	7 60	700	2.81	0.988	1.745	42.1
81.3	0.07 8	0.020	772	748	3.83	0.955	1.730	- 2.4

Activity Coefficients - Benzene-n-Butyl Alcohol

Temp., oc	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	P. mm Hg	nm Hg	<u> </u>	Y2	2. 2. /2. loz X + 2. log	2*
80.1	0.983	0.958	757	172	1.03	2.00	1.893	-60.0
80.3	0.970	0.946	760	174	1.03	2.44	2.192	-91.7
81.5	0.921	0.793	792	180	1.12	1.61	2.041	85.0
83.0	0,884	0,663	828	192	1.22	1.36	2.180	-38,1
85.0	0.854	0.542	8 79	208	1.36	1.17	2.408	-27.9
87.0	0.833	0,461	93 2	2 2 5	1.47	1.05	2.842	-21.8
88.5	0.817	0.402	972	236	1.59	1.00	2.990	-20.0
91.5	0.766	0.323	1060	266	1.70	1.00	2.941	-13.3
94.2	0.699	0.260	1156	302	1.77	1.02	2.726	- 0.7
95.0	0.679	0.245	1 176	310	1.79	1.04	2.452	1.2
97.2	0.623	0.202	1240	332	1.89	1.08	1.954	36.3
99.4	0.562	0.163	1324	372	1.97	1.07	1.893	5,2
101.2	0,512	0.139	1 388	400	2.02	1.08	1.680	33. 2
103.3	0,452	0.110	1468	440	2.13	1.06	1.639	12.9
105.1	0.448	0.091	1540	472	2.43	1.00	2.357	0.0
109.8	0.260	0.048	1740	563	2.36	1.04	1.371	31.3
113.0	0.158	0.024	1860	652	2.69	1.01	1.612	6.8
1.15.5	0.072	0.009	2004	712	3.03	1.00	1.872	- 3.2
116.5	0.038	0.005	2052	736	2.8 2	1.00	2.210	6.1

* % Dev.=
$$\frac{ye_{ab.} - ye_{xp.}}{(y-x)e_{xp.}} 100$$

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