

CHE221A
Assignment 8
Questions

1. Consider a binary mixture of n-propanol and water in vapor-liquid equilibrium (VLE). Let n-propanol be designated species 1 and water, species 2. A plot of the activity coefficients for this system at 100°C follows. The Lewis/Randall reference state is chosen for both species. The mole fraction of n-propanol in the liquid, x_1 is 0.2, and the temperature is 100°C. The saturation pressure of n-propanol at 100°C is 1.12 bar.

(a) Label the curve that corresponds to the activity coefficient for n-propanol, γ_1 , and the curve that corresponds to the activity coefficient for water, γ_2 . Explain.

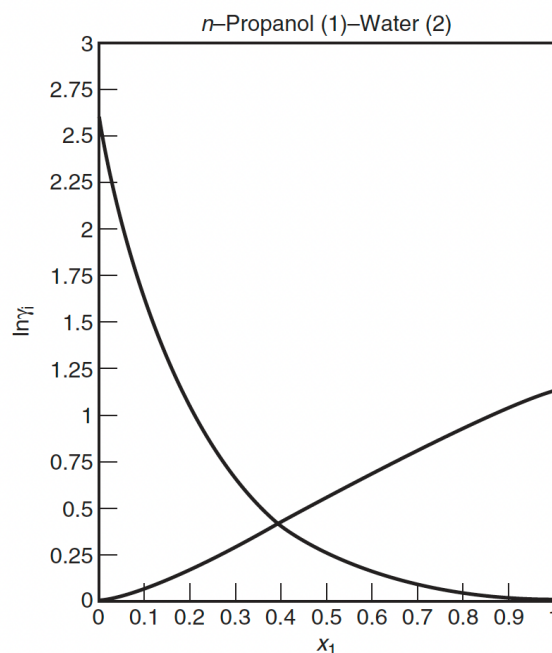
(b) Are like or unlike interactions stronger? Explain.

(c) Find the total pressure of the system.

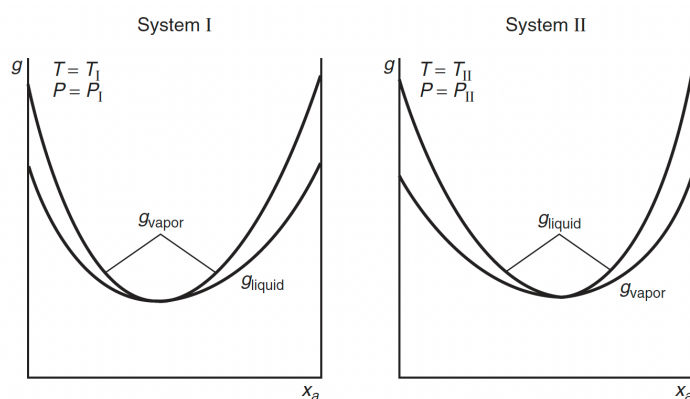
(d) Find the mole fraction of n-propanol in the vapor phase.

(e) Estimate the value of the Henry's law constant of n-propanol in water, H_1

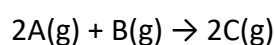
(f) Does this system exhibit an azeotrope? Explain.



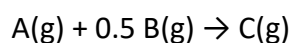
2. The Gibbs energies for the liquid phase and the vapor phase vs. mole fraction of a for two systems (system I and system II) follow. These plots are at constant temperature and pressure. What type of behavior does each of these plots correspond to?



3. Consider the following reaction:

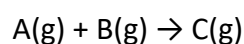


The Gibbs energy of reaction at 298 K is determined to be $\Delta g_{rxn,298}^0 = -1,000 \text{ J/mol}$, and at a given temperature, the equilibrium constant is reported to be $K_T = 16$. Now consider the reaction is written as follows:



What are the values of $\Delta g_{rxn,298}^0 =$ and K_T ?

4. At 300 K and 1 bar, the equilibrium constant for the following reaction:



Is reported to be 10. What is the equilibrium constant at 300 K and 10 bar? You may assume ideal gas behavior.