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Lecture - 30
Activity Coefficients

Hello and welcome back. In the previous lectures, we were looking at solution thermodynamics and how we can model various thermodynamic properties for a mixture of chemical species. Along that discussion we introduced the concept of ideal solution and we said to account for non ideality we use what are known as activity coefficients, one of the ways to account for non ideality that is.

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$$\gamma_i = \frac{f_i}{f_i^{id}}$$

$$\ln \gamma_i = \frac{\bar{G}_i^E}{RT}$$

$$\frac{G^E}{RT} = \sum x_i \frac{\bar{G}_i^E}{RT} = \sum x_i \ln \gamma_i$$

$$\hat{\phi}_i = \hat{\phi}_i \{T, P, y_i\}$$

$$P_i^{sat} = \text{vap pressure of pure liquid "i" at } T$$

$$= P_i^{sat} \{T\}$$

$$\phi_i^{sat} = \phi_i^{sat} \{T, P_i^{sat}\} \text{ pure "i"}$$

$$\gamma_i = \text{activity coefficient} = \gamma_i \{T, P, x_i\}$$

And, these activity coefficients if you recall we have defined it as gamma i for species i is the ratio of fugacity of that species in the solution or the mixture over the fugacity if that solution were ideal. So, it is ratio of f i hat over f i hat for an ideal solution of an ideal solution, right and it turns out because of this definition and the relationship between the fugacity of species in the mixture to the chemical potential or the partial molar Gibbs free energy. This ratio will actually yield the relation that the logarithm of the activity coefficient is partial molar excess Gibbs free energy over RT for that particular species G i bar E over RT. Moreover because of this summability relation the total excess Gibbs free energy of the solution G E over RT is sigma x i G i bar E over RT

and because $G_i^R - G_i^E$ over RT is related to the activity coefficient this equation will become $\sum x_i \ln \gamma_i$.

In addition to this, we have also derived the criteria for phase equilibrium using the equality of chemical potentials and hence the fugacities. And, we expressed fugacities in terms of fugacity coefficients and the activity coefficient and the final relation we derived yesterday was for the liquid phase the fugacity of species in the mixture is $x_i \gamma_i P_i^{\text{sat}}$ where P_i^{sat} is the vapor pressure at the temperature we are interested in times ϕ_i^{sat} that is the fugacity coefficient for the pure species at the temperature of interest.

And, this will be equal to the fugacity of the vapor phase which is $y_i P$, the partial pressure, multiplied by the fugacity coefficient for species i in the vapor $\hat{\phi}_i$, right. On the left hand side we have fugacity of the liquid phase on the right hand side I have fugacity of the vapor phase. Of course, this relation ignores the Poynting correction factor for the liquid phase and if the total pressure of the mixture is not too far away from the vapor pressure P_i^{sat} then this is a fair approximation, right.

Let me reemphasize each of these terms here. This is the liquid phase mole fraction and y_i is the vapor phase mole fraction total pressure and this is the fugacity coefficient for species i in the vapor mixture. So, if I were to write the functionalities for the vapor phase; this will be a function of the temperature T , the pressure P as well as the mole fraction y_i . I can use any suitable equation of state be it the virial equation of state or a cubic equation of state to obtain the vapor phase fugacity.

Now, for the liquid phase I have x_i which is the liquid phase mole fraction, let us see P_i^{sat} is the vapor pressure of pure liquid in this case i at temperature T . It will be only the function of temperature because it is pure liquid. So, P_i^{sat} is only a function of temperature there is the vapor pressure of that species i and ϕ_i^{sat} is the fugacity coefficient at the saturation conditions and so, it will be a function of the temperature and the corresponding vapor pressure which is P_i^{sat} , but this is still for pure species i alone, it is not in the mixture. So, it is independent of that composition x_i .

And, γ_i is the activity coefficient as in case of all other thermodynamic properties this activity coefficient because it is related to partial molar Gibbs free energy in strict sense it will be a function of the temperature, the pressure, as well as the liquid phase composition x , but in real life the effect of pressure is somewhat weak it does not affect

the liquid phase activity coefficients that much. So, usually we ignore that functionality of pressure, but nevertheless thermodynamically it is a function of the temperature pressure as well as the liquid phase mole fraction.

So, this is the phase equilibrium relation we have looked at yesterday.

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Handwritten mathematical derivation on a black background:

$$y_i P \hat{\phi}_i = x_i \gamma_i P_i^{\text{sat}} \phi_i^{\text{sat}}$$

(1) Vapor is ideal gas like

$$\hat{\phi}_i = 1 \quad \phi_i^{\text{sat}} = 1$$

$$y_i P = x_i \gamma_i P_i^{\text{sat}}$$

(2) Ideal solution $\gamma_i = \frac{f_i}{f_i^{\text{ideal}}} = 1$

$$y_i P = x_i P_i^{\text{sat}}$$

Raoult's law

Now, one can simplify this phase equilibrium relation by making certain assumptions. It turns out that if the vapor phase is ideal well let me write what we had in the previous slide $y_i P \hat{\phi}_i = x_i \gamma_i P_i^{\text{sat}} \phi_i^{\text{sat}}$ at the saturation condition.

Now, if the vapor phase is ideal gas line then $\hat{\phi}_i$ will be 1, ϕ_i^{sat} we will also be equal to 1 and I can write it that equation reduces to $y_i P = x_i \gamma_i P_i^{\text{sat}}$ and in addition to this if we have an ideal solution recall for an ideal solution γ_i will be f_i / f_i^{ideal} for the ideal solution and because it is an ideal solution in itself this will both of them will be f_i^{ideal} or that ratio will turn out to be 1 which means $y_i P$ is going to be equal to $x_i P_i^{\text{sat}}$. This is for an ideal solution and the vapor phase behaving as an ideal gas. This equation at the end is more commonly known as Raoult's law. Of course, we know the underlying assumptions to be able to use Raoult's law, right.

So, in any of these equations we have seen here all of them relate on one side the fugacity of the liquid phase to the fugacity of the vapor phase on the other side. Depending on the conditions we are at, the temperature, the pressure conditions we are at

we can use one or the other form of these equations. Of course, neglecting the activity coefficients or assuming the solution to be ideal off also requires knowledge of the chemical species and if those chemical species do form an ideal solution or an ideal mixture or not.

So, with that what we will look at next is how I can use the vapor liquid equilibrium information to calculate the excess Gibbs free energy.

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$$x_i \gamma_i P_i^{sat} = y_i P$$

$$\gamma_i = \frac{y_i P}{x_i P_i^{sat}}$$

$$\frac{G^E}{RT} = \sum x_i \ln \gamma_i$$

$$\gamma_i = \gamma_i \{T, P, x\}$$

$$\gamma_i = \gamma_i \{T, x\}$$
 At const. T

$$\gamma_i = \gamma_i \{x\}$$

If you recall one of the equations we have written for ideal gas like behavior for phase equilibrium is $x_i \gamma_i P_i^{sat} = y_i P$. For now for sake of simplicity let us assume that this equation is valid, the solution is not ideal. We have an activity coefficient that is not equal to unity. If I have this relation what I can do is rewrite this equation to get the activity coefficient in terms of the mole fractions of the vapor and the liquid phases and the vapor pressure of the species i .

So, activity coefficient is going to be related to them via this equation. We can perform an experiment like we discussed yesterday. A vapour liquid equilibrium experiment obtain the composition of the liquid phase, obtain the composition of the vapor phase, the total pressure and hands calculate the activity coefficient at equilibrium conditions for each of the species i . If I perform this at various mole fractions then I get activity coefficient as a function of the mole fraction x_i . Once I have the activity coefficient recall that the excess Gibbs free energy G^E by RT is $\sum x_i \ln \gamma_i$.

So, once I have the activity coefficients I can go back and calculate the excess Gibbs free energy for that particular mixture. The excess Gibbs free energy or the activity coefficients indicate that the solution is ideal, then things are simpler. If then; if the solution is not ideal then we need to build a model that represents the behavior of that particular solution. When we see a model if you recall we said activity coefficients are functions and G by RT for that matter are functions of temperature pressure and the mole fraction x the functionality on pressure is weak.

So, what I am looking at is a model for activity coefficients in terms of temperature and x or at constant temperature what we are looking for is a model for activity coefficient in terms of the mole fraction x that is applicable at that particular temperature or pressure of interest; once the temperature changes then that model of course, will change. So, we can do experiments at constant temperature and pressure conditions obtain how G by RT or the activity coefficients behave as a function of composition and then try to model such a behavior, right.

Now, before we talk about the models let us first look at broad behavior of these activity coefficients especially as we have done in the other cases, at the ends of the or especially as we have done in the other cases when the composition approaches pure component limits.

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γ at pure component limits

$x_1 \quad x_2$

$$\frac{G^E}{RT} = x_1 \ln \gamma_1 + x_2 \ln \gamma_2$$

$\lim_{\substack{x_1 \rightarrow 1 \\ x_2 \rightarrow 0}} \frac{G^E}{RT} = 0 \quad \lim_{\substack{x_1 \rightarrow 1 \\ x_2 \rightarrow 0}} \frac{\bar{G}_1^E}{RT} = \frac{\bar{G}_1}{RT} - \frac{\bar{G}_1^{id}}{RT} = \frac{G_1}{RT} - \frac{G_1}{RT} = 0$

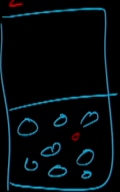
$\ln \gamma_1 = \frac{\bar{G}_1^E}{RT} = 0 \Rightarrow \gamma_1 = 1$

$\sum x_i d\bar{M}_i = 0 \quad (a, T, P) \quad \text{Gibbs Duhem equation}$

$x_1 d(\bar{G}_1^E/RT) + x_2 d(\bar{G}_2^E/RT) = 0$

$x_1 d \ln \gamma_1 + x_2 d(\ln \gamma_2) = 0 \quad (a, T, P)$

Irregularly dilute 2



So, for sake of discussion let us consider a binary mixture. So, I have x_1 , I have x_2 and then G^E by RT is going to be $x_1 \ln \gamma_1$ plus $x_2 \ln \gamma_2$. As we approach the pure component limit, let us consider a mixture which is like this and most of it is component 1, except I have a very small amount of component 2. At such limit x_1 going to 1 which means x_2 is going to 0. At this limit of pure component 1 what we will see is that the mixture is fairly ideal because most of it is made up of only one component and the excess Gibbs free energy G^E by RT will be equal to 0.

Also, if you want to look at the partial molar Gibbs free energy right I will drop the color code for now G_1^E by RT will be equal to G_1^{bar} by RT minus G_1^{bar} in an ideal solution over RT and in both cases because I am approaching the pure component limit both these terms G_1^{bar} as well as G_1^{bar} ideal will equal that of the pure component at this limit, right pure component values which is G_1 by RT minus G_1 by RT . So, that will be 0.

So, at the pure component limit the total Gibbs free energy as well as the partial molar Gibbs free energy for 1 will be equal to 0. If this is 0 what this means is $\ln \gamma_1$ which is G_1^{bar} E over RT equals 0 or γ_1 equals 1, it is approaching an ideal solution behavior. So, the activity coefficient for that species will approach 1. Now, what happens to the activity coefficient of the other species 2 at this particular limit?

Now, recall that at this particular limit we said that it is the limit of pure component 1 or infinitely dilute 2; 2 is in such a small quantity that we call it as infinitely dilute. At this infinite dilution limit for 2 what happens to its activity coefficient is what I am interested in. What I will do is I will resort to the Gibbs-Duhem equation which relates a $\sum x_i d \ln M_i^{\text{bar}}$ equals a 0 at constant temperature and pressure. This is the Gibbs-Duhem equation.

I will use this equation and I will use the partial molar Gibbs free energy G_i^{bar} E in this particular equation. So, this will read $x_1 d G_1^{\text{bar}}$ E over RT plus $x_2 d G_2^{\text{bar}}$ E over RT ; I am just using it for a binary solution will equal 0 and recall that G_1^{bar} E over RT $\ln \gamma_1$. So, this is $x_1 d \ln \gamma_1$ plus $x_2 d \ln \gamma_2$ will be equal to 0 at constant temperature and pressure. This is Gibbs-Duhem equation written in terms of activity coefficients 1 and 2.

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$$x_1 d \ln \gamma_1 + x_2 d \ln \gamma_2 = 0 \quad (\text{at } T, P)$$

$$x_1 \frac{d \ln \gamma_1}{dx_1} + x_2 \frac{d \ln \gamma_2}{dx_1} = 0$$

$$\lim_{\substack{x_1 \rightarrow 1 \\ x_2 \rightarrow 0}} \gamma_1 = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{d \ln \gamma_1}{dx_1} = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{\substack{x_1 \rightarrow 1 \\ x_2 \rightarrow 0}} x_2 \frac{d \ln \gamma_2}{dx_1} = 0$$

$\gamma_2^{\infty} \quad \lim_{\substack{x_1 \rightarrow 1 \\ x_2 \rightarrow 0}} \ln \gamma_2 = \ln \gamma_2^{\infty}$

$\gamma_2 = \gamma_2^{\infty} \rightarrow \text{infinite dilution activity coefficient for "2"}$

Now, for this particular equation, let me rewrite that again. $x_1 d \ln \gamma_1 + x_2 d \ln \gamma_2$ will equal 0 at constant temperature and pressure. Now, and constant temperature and pressure recall that we said activity coefficient will only be a function of composition that is the only thing that is left; temperature and pressure or any way have constant. So, that derivative then is taken with respect to the composition or the mole fraction.

Let us take it with respect to mole fraction of species 1. It does not matter it is a binary we could equivalently take it with respect to mole fraction of component 2, but for now let us say it is with respect to component 1. So, this is the Gibbs-Duhem equation written in terms of activity coefficients in a binary mixture at constant temperature and pressure.

Now, if you look at this equation we said that at the limit x_1 going to 1 and x_2 going to 0, which is the infinite dilution limit for 2, the first term γ_1 will go to 1 which means $d \ln \gamma_1$ it will go to a constant value. So, $d \ln \gamma_1$ over dx_1 will be 0 which means the first term drops out. And, if that drops out then the limit of x_1 going to 1 and x_2 going to 0 for the second term which is $x_2 d \ln \gamma_2$ over dx_1 will be equal to 0.

Now, as x_2 goes to 0 if the product of x_2 multiplied with another term in this case $d \ln \gamma_2$ by dx_1 should equal 0 then it automatically means that the second term here should be finite because x_2 is going to 0 and the product is going to 0. The only way that

happens is if the second term in this product will be a finite quantity, right. And, that finite quantity then is what we are going to call it as gamma to infinity.

So, limit of x_1 going to 1 and x_2 going to 0, right $\ln \gamma_2$ will be what we call as $\ln \gamma_2$ to infinity or γ_2 will be what we call as γ_2 to infinity. This is infinite dilution activity coefficient for species 2. So, γ_2 will be γ_2 to infinity or the infinite dilution activity coefficient for species 2.

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The image shows four handwritten equations arranged in a 2x2 grid on a black background. The top-left equation is $\lim_{\substack{x_1 \rightarrow 1 \\ x_2 \rightarrow 0}} \gamma_1 = 1$. The top-right equation is $\lim_{\substack{x_1 \rightarrow 1 \\ x_2 \rightarrow 0}} \gamma_2 = \gamma_2^{\infty}$. The bottom-left equation is $\lim_{\substack{x_2 \rightarrow 1 \\ x_1 \rightarrow 0}} \gamma_1 = \gamma_1^{\infty}$. The bottom-right equation is $\lim_{\substack{x_2 \rightarrow 1 \\ x_1 \rightarrow 0}} \gamma_2 = 1$.

So, at the pure component limit; so, let us summarize then what we just did; all we did was we have use gives you an equation to obtain this at the infinite at the pure component limit x_1 going to 1, x_2 going to 0, γ_1 will be 1 and at the same limit x_1 going to 1, x_2 going to 0 γ_2 will be at infinite dilution condition. So, its activity coefficient will be γ_2 to infinity.

Similarly, at the other limit of x_2 going to 1, x_1 going to 0 γ_1 will be at it is infinite dilution condition. So, it will be γ_1 infinity and at the same limit x_2 going to 1 x_1 going to 0 γ_2 will be pure component 2. So, γ_2 will be equal to 1. So, this is the summary of how the activity coefficients behave in a binary system as we approach the pure component limits.

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$$\lim_{x_1 \rightarrow 0} \frac{G^E}{RT x_1 x_2} = \ln \gamma_1^\infty \quad \lim_{x_2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{G^E}{RT x_1 x_2} = \ln \gamma_2^\infty$$

$$\frac{G^E}{RT x_1 x_2} = a + b x_1 + c x_1^2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{G^E}{RT x_1 x_2} = A + B (x_1 - x_2) + C (x_1 - x_2)^2 + \dots$$

Redlich-Kister expansion
(T, P const)

Now, that we know how they behave at the ends of the phase diagram and to make sure that this behavior holds it turns out that the limit of x_1 going to 0 G^E by $RT x_1 x_2$ will be equal to $\ln \gamma_1^\infty$ and limit of x_2 going to 0 G^E by $RT x_1 x_2$ will be equal to $\ln \gamma_2^\infty$, right and we can show this based on our previous discussion.

So, what we usually do is to be able to model the behavior of activity coefficients 1 and 2 with respect to composition we rather model the behavior of the excess Gibbs free energy because it incorporates both γ_1 and γ_2 and then take its partial derivative with respect to n_1 or n_2 to get the partial molar Gibbs free energies or the activity coefficients. In general, in a power series type of expansion the way we represent G^E by $RT x_1 x_2$ is a function of power series either in x_1 or x_2 in a binary mixture it does not matter plus so on.

We can reduce it into a more mathematically convenient form as G^E by $RT x_1 x_2$ is A plus $B x_1 - x_2$ plus $C x_1 - x_2$, let us use capital letters whole square plus so on. These expansions for G by RT where $x_1 x_2$ are known as Redlich-Kister expansions. These are expansions for the excess Gibbs free energy at a given temperature and pressure. So, it is only function of the mole fraction.

Now, out of these Redlich-Kister expansions then depending on our requirement we choose the first term, two terms, three terms etcetera. We can choose as many terms as we want out of this power series expansion.

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$$\frac{G^E}{RT x_1 x_2} = A \quad \text{implied activity coefficients}$$

$$B = C = \dots = 0$$

$$\frac{G^E}{RT} = A x_1 x_2$$

$$n = n_1 + n_2$$

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial n_1} = 1$$

$$\frac{n G^E}{RT} = A \frac{n_1 n_2}{n}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial (n G^E / RT)}{\partial n_1} \right|_{T, P, n_2} = A n_2 \cdot \left[\frac{n - n_1}{n^2} \right] = A x_2 (1 - x_1) = A x_2^2$$

$$\ln \gamma_1 = A x_2^2$$

$$\ln \gamma_2 = A x_1^2$$

$$\gamma_2^\infty = A$$

$$\gamma_1^\infty = \gamma_2^\infty = A$$

$$r_1^\infty = ? \quad \gamma_1^\infty = \lim_{\substack{x_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ x_2 \rightarrow 1}} \gamma_1 = A (1)^2 = A$$

So, let us start with the simplest scenario where G^E by RT let me demonstrate how we calculate the activity coefficients based on this model G^E by $RT x_1 x_2$ is only A ; every other term after including B is 0 . If this is the case then G^E by $RT x_1 x_2$ will simply be A or G^E by RT will be $A x_1 x_2$.

Now, if I want to find the activity coefficients from this particular model then what we do is take the derivative of all; we want to obtain G_1 bar E and G_2 bar E . So, what I will do is I will multiply it with and the total number of moles in the binary mixture and what I get on this side is $n_1 n_2$ over n . Recall that when we take the partial derivatives to obtain when to obtain the partial molar properties. We want to convert all the mole fractions into number of moles of each of the species.

So, when I multiply it with $1/n x_1$ will change to n_1 , but x_2 will remain as such. So, I am rewriting it as n_2 by n of course, remember that n is n_1 plus n_2 and derivative of n with respect to n_1 is going to be hence 1 . Now, with that in mind what I will do is I will take the derivative of $n G^E$ over RT with respect to n_1 at constant temperature pressure and n_2 . If I do that what I will get on this side is A ; let us say it is written only for a particular temperature and pressure. So, A is A and n_2 is constant, derivative of n_1 over

n is n minus $n - 1$ divided by n squared and if we simplify this; this is $A \times 2$ and that will be 1 minus x_1 . So, that will be $A \times 2$ squared, right.

So, the quantity on the left hand side if you recognize is partial molar Gibbs free energy excess partial molar Gibbs free energy for component 1 which we will call; which is related to the activity coefficient as $\ln \gamma_1$. So, $\ln \gamma_1$ using this model will be $A \times 2$ squared. We can go through a similar exercise and also show that $\ln \gamma_2$ will be $A \times 1$ squared. So, this is the simplest model we get using the Redlich-Kisters expansions for excess Gibbs free energy.

Now, if I ask a question what is γ_1 infinity? Then we can use this model and say that γ_1 infinity is nothing, but the limit of x_1 going to 0 for γ_1 and as x_1 goes to 0 x_2 will go to 1. So, A times 1 squared would be simply A . So, in this model γ_1 infinity will be A and if we actually write γ_2 infinity this will also equal A . So, for this particular model γ_1 infinity equals γ_2 infinity will be equal to A . So, the infinite dilution activity coefficients are what this term A represents in this particular model. Rather, this is logarithm of infinite dilution activity coefficients to be more specific, but then that is what it is.

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$$\frac{G^E}{RT x_1 x_2} = A + B(x_1 - x_2)$$

$$= A(x_1 + x_2) + B(x_1 - x_2)$$

$$= (A+B)x_1 + (A-B)x_2$$

$$\frac{G^E}{RT x_1 x_2} = A_{21} x_1 + A_{12} x_2$$

$$\frac{G^E}{RT} = A_{21} x_1^2 x_2 + A_{12} x_2^2 x_1$$

$$\frac{n G^E}{RT} = A_{21} \frac{n_1^2 n_2}{n^2} + A_{12} \frac{n_2^2 n_1}{n^2}$$

$$C = D = \dots = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial (n G^E / RT)}{\partial x_1} \Big|_{P, T, n_2} = \left[A_{21} n_2 \left[\frac{2n_1 n_2^2 - 2n_1^2}{n^4} \right] + A_{12} n_2^2 \left[\frac{n^2 - 2n_1}{n^4} \right] \right]$$

$$= \left[2A_{21} x_2 (x_1 - x_1^2) + A_{12} x_2^2 (1 - 2x_1) \right]$$

$$= 2A_{21} x_1 x_2^2 + A_{12} x_2^2 (x_2 - x_1)$$

Now, now let us look at a model which is slightly complicated than this and we call this as modules equation. What we will do is we will take Redlich-Kisters expansion up to two terms. A plus $B \times 1$ minus x_2 and we will drop all the other terms from C onwards

in the infinite series. If that happens we will readjust this a little bit and this will be $A x_1$ plus x_2 plus $B x_1$ minus $x_2 x_1$ plus x_2 anyways. So, it does not matter and then I can write it as A plus B times x_1 plus A minus B times x_2 , right and we will give a name to this A plus B quantity we will call it as $A_2 x_1 x_1$ plus $A_1 x_2 x_2$.

So, I can rewrite the model equation Redlich-Kisters expansion containing 2 terms in this fashion $G E$ by $RT x_1 x_2$ will be $A_2 x_1 x_1$ plus $A_1 x_2 x_2$. Now, we want to get the activity coefficient for this particular model. So, what we need to do is first get the partial molar quantities out of $G E$ by RT ; $n G E$ by RT will be $A_2 x_1 x_1$ square x_2 plus $A_1 x_2 x_2$ squared x_1 , right well this is still $G E$ by RT not $n G E$ by RT .

Now, if I make it $n G E$ by RT then this will be $A_2 x_1 n_1$ squared n_2 over n squared plus $A_1 x_2 n_2$ squared n_1 over n squared. Notice that I am multiplying only with one n and I have a cubic in decomposition on the right hand side. So, I still need to multiply and divide with n square so that everything is converted in terms of n and we do not leave any compositions in there.

Now, once we have it in this form I can calculate the partial molar enthalpy. Now, once we have it in this form I can take the derivative of this quantity with respect to n_1 and obtain G_1 bar E by RT . So, the derivative of $n G E$ by RT with respect to n_1 at P, T and n_2 will be equal to $A_2 x_1$ times n_2 is constant and I have n_1 square whose derivative will be $2 n_1$ times n squared minus $2 n_1$ squared over n to the power 4 and for the second term it will be $A_1 x_2$ and 2 square is constant n squared minus $2 n_1$ over n to the power 4, right.

So, this will be $2 A_2 x_1 x_2$ multiplied with x_1 minus x_1 square plus $A_1 x_2 x_2$ squared multiplied with 1 minus $2 x_1$. So, this will be $2 A_2 x_1 x_1 x_2$ squared plus $A_1 x_2 x_2$ squared multiplied with x_2 minus x_1 , right. So, that will be derivative of $n G E$ by RT with respect to n_1 .

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\bar{G}_i}{RT} &= \ln \gamma_i = x_2^2 \left[A_{12} + 2(A_{21} - A_{12})x_1 \right] \\ \ln \gamma_2 &= x_1^2 \left[A_{21} + 2(A_{12} - A_{21})x_2 \right] \\ \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow 0} \ln \gamma_1 &= \ln \gamma_1^\infty = A_{12} \\ \lim_{x_2 \rightarrow 0} \ln \gamma_2 &= \ln \gamma_2^\infty = A_{21}\end{aligned}$$

I can simplify this and rewrite it in a more convenient form it turns out that $\frac{\bar{G}_1}{RT}$ will be equal to $\ln \gamma_1$ and the simplified form of that will be $x_2^2 A_{12}$ plus 2 times A_{21} minus A_{12} times x_1 . And, similarly if I take the derivative with respect to n_2 at constant n_1 I will get $\ln \gamma_2$ which will be $x_1^2 A_{21}$ plus 2 times A_{12} minus A_{21} times x_2 this is $\ln \gamma_2$.

Now, if I ask a question what we will be γ_1 infinity; if we want to know what the infinite dilution activity coefficients are we simply need to take the limit as x_1 approaches 0; $\ln \gamma_1$ will give us $\ln \gamma_1$ infinity and that quantity will be simply A_{12} and similarly, if we take the limit as x_2 approaches 0 for $\ln \gamma_2$ we get $\ln \gamma_2$ infinity and that quantity as x_2 approaches 0, notice that x_1 will approach 1 this term drops out and we are left with A_{21} .

So, as you can see in this case the infinite dilution activity coefficients for species 1 and 2 are not same, they are different. One of them is A_{12} the other one is A_{21} . So, once I have a model for $\frac{\bar{G}_E}{RT}$ then I can use that model and obtain the activity coefficients from that information.

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Van Laar Model

$$\frac{RT x_1 x_2}{G^E} = A' + B'(x_1 - x_2) = (A' + B')x_1 + (A' - B')x_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{A_{21}'} x_1 + \frac{1}{A_{12}'} x_2$$

$$\rightarrow \ln \gamma_1 = A_{12}' \left[1 + \frac{A_{12}' x_1}{A_{21}' x_2} \right]^{-2}$$

$$\rightarrow \ln \gamma_2 = A_{21}' \left[1 + \frac{A_{21}' x_2}{A_{12}' x_1} \right]^{-2}$$

$$\ln \gamma_1^\infty = \lim_{\substack{x_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ x_2 \rightarrow 1}} \ln \gamma_1 = A_{12}'$$

$$\ln \gamma_2^\infty = \lim_{\substack{x_2 \rightarrow 0 \\ x_1 \rightarrow 1}} \ln \gamma_2 = A_{21}'$$

The other popular model is what is known as Van Laar model and in this particular model what we do is we write a power series for the inverse of G by RT x 1 x 2 and that looks like A prime plus B prime x 1 minus x 2. We can rewrite this as A prime plus B prime x 1 plus A prime minus B prime x 2 just like we did it in the Margules equation case and when we do that what we have is A 2 1 prime x 1 plus 1 by A 1 2 prime x 2.

So, this is the model equation we start with and then we take partial molar derivatives and do the regular exercise and finally, what we get is an expression for ln gamma 1 as A 1 2 prime 1 plus A 1 2 prime x 1 over A 2 1 prime x 2 to the power negative 2 and ln gamma 2 will be A 2 1 prime 1 plus A 2 1 prime x 2 by A 1 2 prime x 1 also raised to the power negative 2.

And, if I want to know what the infinite dilution activity coefficients are ln gamma 1 infinity will be the limit of x 1 going to 0 ln gamma 1 and that quantity if i put x 1 to be 0 and x 2 to be 1 in this particular equation what I get is simply A 1 2 prime. And, similarly ln gamma 2 infinity will be the limit as x 2 going to 0 x 1 going to 1 ln gamma 2 and if I put the limits in this particular equation what I will get is A 2 1 prime.

So, again using the model I can calculate the activity coefficients and what will be the activity coefficients at the infinite dilution limits. Now, all these models we have looked at so far are based on power series expansion they have very little a theoretical basis behind them.

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Local Composition Wilson's Equation, NRTL, UNIQUAC, UNIFAC

$$\frac{G^E}{x_1 x_2 R T} = \frac{G_{21} \gamma_{21}}{x_1 + x_2 G_{21}} + \frac{G_{12} \gamma_{12}}{x_2 + x_1 G_{12}}$$

$$\ln \gamma_1 = x_2^2 \left[\gamma_{21} \left(\frac{G_{21}}{x_1 + x_2 G_{21}} \right)^2 + \frac{G_{12} \gamma_{12}}{(x_2 + x_1 G_{12})^2} \right]$$

$$G_{12} = \exp(-\alpha \gamma_{12}) \quad G_{21} = \exp(-\alpha \gamma_{21})$$

$$\gamma_{12} = \frac{b_{12}}{R T} \quad \gamma_{21} = \frac{b_{21}}{R T}$$

The next set of models that have been developed for activity coefficients or excess Gibbs free energies are based on the concept of Local Composition. What local composition essentially means is that the liquids are not completely randomly mixed, but on a molecular level there is an influence of the short range interactions between the molecules and the molecular orientation itself is not completely random. It is based on what it is neighboring molecule or how it is neighboring molecule is oriented.

Based on these concepts are several models have been developed some of the popular ones include what are known as Wilson's equation; the nonrandom two-liquid theory model or NRTL model, the universal quasi chemical approach which is known as UNIQUAC model and finally, the universal; the UNIQUAC model and finally, a functional group type of approach known as the UNIFAC model.

Now, the approach behind calculating activity coefficients from the excess Gibbs free energy models in all these; now, the approach behind calculating the activity coefficients using any of the models is essentially the same as we have looked at in the previous scenarios when we use the Redlich-Kisters type of expansions. The only difference in using these models is there is some theoretical basis behind them and we can sort of relate the model parameters to the physics behind the interactions between molecules of various types.

So, for example, in case of NRTL equation I will just illustrate one of them for sake of an example. The NRTL equation; in case of NRTL equation G^E by $RT \sum_1 \sum_2$ is given as and using this model for excess Gibbs free energy one can derive the relation for activity coefficient 1 as $x_1 \ln \gamma_1 + x_2 \ln \gamma_2$ and the parameters G notice that G_{12} here within the model equation has nothing to do with the Gibbs free energy and this G_{12} and G_{21} are written in terms of α and τ_{12} and τ_{21} . And, τ_{12} itself is written as a function of temperature B_{12} and temperature B_{12} is a parameter that is independent of temperature.

So, in addition to representing the composition dependency because the parameter is τ_{12} and τ_{21} .