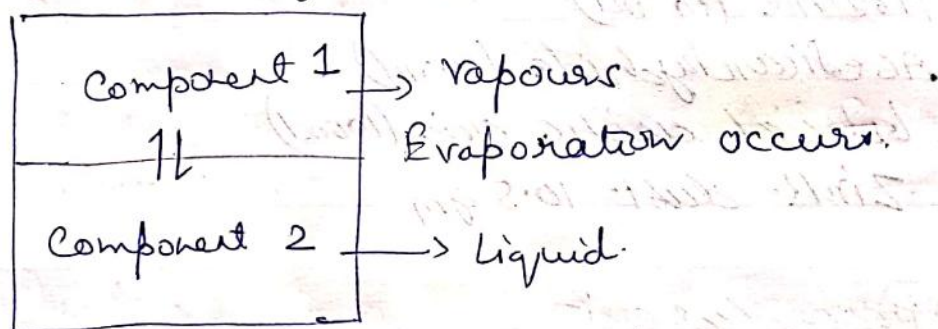


4. Vapour pressure of liquid solutions - Binary solutions
which includes two components -

- a) liquid in liquids
- b) solids in liquids.

4.1. Vapour pressure of liquid-liquid solutions.

Vapour pressure is defined as the pressure exerted by vapours of the liquid in equilibrium with liquid at a given temperature.



At particular temperature, vapour phase and liquid phase will approach equilibrium.

Let,

P_{total} = total vapour pressure.

P_1 and P_2 = Partial vapour pressure of two 1 & 2 components.

x_1 and x_2 = Mole fraction of 1 & 2 components.

Raoult's law - It states that for a solution of volatile liquids, the partial vapour pressure of each component in the solution is directly proportional to its mole fraction.

For component 1,

$$p_1 \propto x_1 \Rightarrow p_1 = p_1^{\circ} x_1 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

where, p_1° = vapour pressure of pure component 1 at same temperature.

For component 2,

$$p_2 = p_2^{\circ} x_2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

p_2° = vapour pressure of pure component 2 at same temperature.

According to Dalton's law of partial pressure.

$$P_{\text{total}} = p_1 + p_2$$

From (i) & (ii)

$$P_{\text{total}} = x_1 p_1^{\circ} + x_2 p_2^{\circ}$$

$$= (1 - x_2) p_1^{\circ} + x_2 p_2^{\circ} \quad [x_2 + x_1 = 1] \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

$$= p_1^{\circ} + (p_2^{\circ} - p_1^{\circ}) x_2$$

$$= p_1^{\circ} + p_2^{\circ} x_2 - p_1^{\circ} x_2 = p_1^{\circ} + x_2 (p_2^{\circ} - p_1^{\circ}) \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

Above equations (ii) concludes:

- a) Total vapour pressure over the solution can be related to the mole fraction of any one component.
- b) Total vapour pressure over the solution varies linearly with the mole fraction of component 2.
- c) Depending on the vapour pressures of the pure components 1 and 2, total vapour pressure over the solution decreases or increases with the increase of mole fraction of component 1.