

Completely Miscible Liquids. They can be handled by Raoult's Law, i.e.

$$y_i P = x_i P_i^0$$

where P = Total pressure of vapors in equilibrium with the liquid solution, P_i^0 = vapor pressure of component i in pure state, y_i = mole fraction of i^{th} component in vapor state, x_i = mole fraction of i^{th} component in liquid state.

This most fundamental expression may be arranged in many useful forms. e.g. for binary solutions :

$$P = x_a P_a^0 + (1 - x_a) P_b^0$$

a =toluene, b =xylene 1 atm=760 torr, 0.5 atm =380 torr

$$P = x_a P_a^0 + (1 - x_a) P_b^0 = 400x_a + 150(1 - x_a) = 400x_a + 150 - 150x_a = 250x_a + 150$$

$$250x_a = 380 - 150$$

$$x_a = 230/250 = 0.92$$

$$x_b = 1 - 0.92 = 0.08$$

$$P_a = x_a P_a^0 = 0.92 * 400 = 368 \text{ torr}$$

$$P_b = x_b P_b^0 = 0.08 * 150 = 12 \text{ torr}$$

$$y_a = P_a / P = 368 / 380 = 0.968 \quad (96.8\%)$$

$$y_b = 1 - y_a = 0.032 \quad (3.2\%)$$