

### Question #51039, Chemistry, Physical Chemistry

On addition of a solute, the vapor pressure of a liquid reduced to 9/10th of its original value. If 2 gram of solute (molar mass = 100) is added to 100 grams of the liquid to achieve that reduction then find the molar mass of the solvent assume ideality.

**Answer:**

$$M_{\text{solute}} = 100$$

$$m_{\text{solute}} = 2 \text{ g}$$

$$m_{\text{solvent}} = 100 \text{ g}$$

$$P^0 = 1$$

$$P = 0.9$$

$$M_{\text{solvent}} = ?$$

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**Raoult's law**

$$\frac{(P_A^0 - P_A)}{P_A^0} = X_B$$

$$X_j = \frac{\nu_j}{\sum_{i=1}^n \nu_i}$$

$$(P^0 - P)/P^0 = 0.1$$

$$X = 0.1$$

$$n_{\text{solute}} = 2 \text{ g} / 100 \text{ g/mol} = 0.02 \text{ mol}$$

$$n_{\text{solvent}} = (n_{\text{solute}} - X \cdot n_{\text{solute}}) / X$$

$$n_{\text{solvent}} = (0.02 - 0.1 \cdot 0.02) / 0.1 = 0.18$$

$$M_{\text{solvent}} = m / n_{\text{solvent}} = 100 / 0.18 = 555.5$$

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