

## Gaseous mixtures:

### Partial pressure:

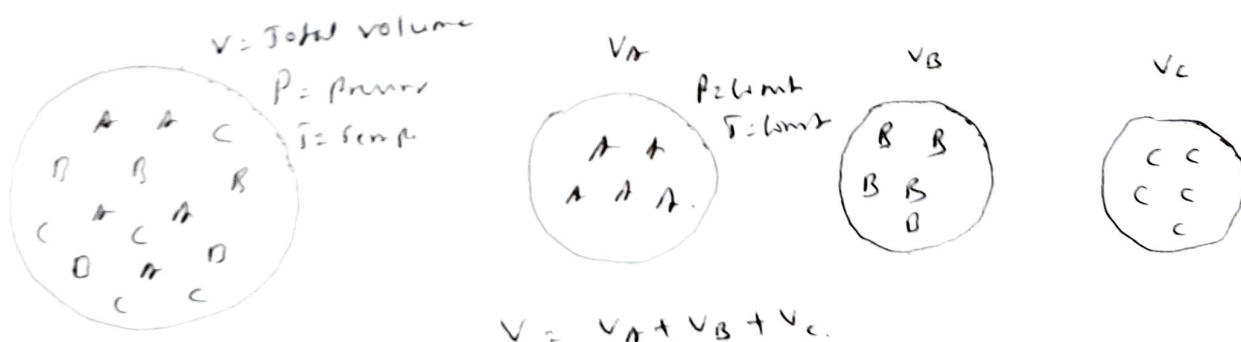
Partial pressure of a component gas in a gas mixture is the pressure that would be exerted by the component gas if it alone ~~were present in the same volume~~ <sup>occupied the volume of the mixture</sup> and at the same temperature.



$$P = P_A + P_B + P_C$$

### Pure component volume

The pure component volume of a component gas in a gas mixture is the volume that would be occupied by that component gas when it alone were present at the same pressure and temperature.



$$V = V_A + V_B + V_C$$

## DALTON'S LAW.

In an ideal gas mixture, the total pressure is the sum of the partial pressures exerted by each component.

~~Amagat's Law: The total pressure occupied by a gaseous mixture is equal to the sum of the partial pressures exerted by each component.~~

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or  $P = \sum P_i$

## AMAGAT'S LAW

Total volume occupied by the gaseous mixture is equal to the sum of the pure-component volumes, that is

$$V = V_A + V_B + V_C + \dots$$

or  $V = \sum V_i$

If  $V_i$  is the volume occupied by the component  $i$ , if it alone is present at pressure  $P$  and temperature  $T$  of the mixture

$$V_i = \frac{n_i RT}{P}$$

where,  $n_i$  is the number of moles of component  $i$ .

From Equation (2), it is clear that  $V_i$  is proportional to  $n_i$ . In other words, the volume % of a component in a gas mixture equals to mole % of it. This is strictly true for ideal gases.

Partial pressure :- The pressure exerted by each component is called partial pressure or pure-component pressure. In other words

$$P_i = \frac{n_i RT}{V}$$

From eqn (3) and eqn (4), for an ideal gas mixture

$$\text{volume \%} = \text{mole \%} = \text{pressure \%}$$

Equation (5) is very important equation in stoichiometry.

[In mixture of gases, each gas has a partial pressure which is the hypothetical pressure of that gas if it alone occupied the volume of the mixture at the same temperature]

## Average molecular weight

$$\text{Mathematically } M = \sum (M_i \cdot x_i)$$

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$M_i$  - molecular weight of the  $i$ th component

## Gas-liquid mixtures.

At low concentration of gas Raoult's law does not hold good. For such non-ideal behaviour, Henry's law is found to be useful. If  $P_i$  is the partial pressure of solute gas  $i$ ,

$$P_i = H_i \cdot x_i$$

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Where,  $x_i$  is the mole fraction of the  $i$ th component in the solution and  $H_i$  is the Henry's law constant

Ex. (2.17) Calculate the average molecular weight and composition by weight of air. ~~The~~ An average composition of air at sea level by volume is given below.

Composition of Air at Mean Sea Level

Gas	Mole-%
Nitrogen	78.084
Oxygen	20.946
Argon	0.934
Carbon dioxide	0.033
Neon	$18 \times 10^{-4}$
Helium	$5.2 \times 10^{-4}$
Krypton	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$
Hydrogen	$0.5 \times 10^{-4}$
Xenon	$0.08 \times 10^{-4}$

In general, it can be taken that oxygen, nitrogen and argon are present to the extent of 21%, 78% and 1% respectively (on a volume basis)



Basis : 100 kmol of air.

Gas	Formula	Molecular weight	kmol.	Weight Kg	Weight %
Oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	31.9988	21	$31.9988 \times 21 = 671.786$	23.19
			78	$28.0135 \times 78 = 2185.051$	75.43
Nitrogen	N <sub>2</sub>	28.0135			
Argon	Ar	39.948	1	$39.948 \times 1 = 39.948$	1.38
		<del>100.00</del>	100.00	2896.785	100.00

Average molecular weight of air =  $\frac{2897}{100} = 28.97$

Example (2.18) Cracked gas from a petroleum refinery has the following composition by volume: Methane 45%, Ethane 10%, Ethylene 25%, propane 7%, propylene 8%, n-Butane 5%.

Find

- the average molecular weight of the gas mixture
- the composition by weight
- specific gravity of the gas mixture

Solution: Basis: 100 kmol of cracked gas

Gas	Formula	vol. %	mole (kmol)	Mol. wt.	Weight Kg	Weight %
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	45%	45	16	720	27.13
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	10%	10	30	300	11.3
Ethylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	25%	25	28	700	26.37
Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	7%	7	44	308	11.61
Propylene	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	8%	8	42	336	12.66
n-Butane	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	5%	5	58	290	10.93
		100%	100	<del>2654</del>	2654	100.00

Average molecular weight of the mixture =  $\frac{2654 \text{ Kg}}{100 \text{ kmol}}$

= 26.54 kg/kmol.

Specific gravity of gas mixture =  $\frac{26.54}{28.97} = 0.9161$  Ans