CHEM 36 General Chemistry Quiz #2

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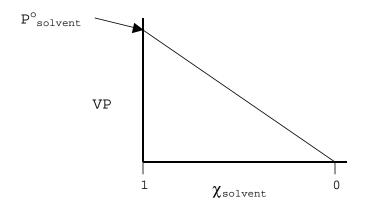
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1. In looking at the energetics of dissolution, we've considered three processes that must occur: disruption of solute-solute intermolecular forces (IMFs), disruption of solvent-solvent IMFs, and formation of solute-solvent IMFs. Which of these processes is *exothermic*; explain briefly.

AH is negative for exothermic processes and results in the loss of energy from the system. In order to disrupt IMFs, energy has to be added to the system - these processes, then, are endothermic. However, when IMFs are established between solute and solvent, energy is released and the process is exothermic.

2. Raoult's Law describes the effect of dissolved solute on the solvent vapor pressure above the solution. In one sentence, state Raoult's Law and sketch a plot of solvent vapor pressure versus solvent mole fraction.

Raoult's Law: The vapor pressure of a volatile solvent above a solution is directly proportional to the mole fraction of the solvent.



3. Raoult's Law applies only to *ideal* solutions -- what is an *ideal* solution?

A solution in which solvent-solute intermolecular forces are comparable in magnitude to solvent-solvent (and solute-solute) intermolecular forces.