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Tow component systems containing liquid phases

- ethyl alcohol and water are miscible in all proportions,
- whereas water and mercury are, for all practical purposes, completely immiscible regardless of the relative amounts of each present.
- Between these two extremes lies a whole range of systems that exhibit partial miscibility
- One such system is phenol and water



 Under certain temperature and concentration of phenol and water, the phenol and water maybe in 1 phase condition or maybe being separated into 2 different phases.





PROCEDURES

1. Mixture of phenol and water in boiling tubes was prepared in the way that phenol was added in water in various percentages from 8%, 11%, 20%, 50%, 60%, 63% and 80%.

2. The total amount of 2 liquids in the boiling tubes was fixed to be 30ml and the boiling tubes were labeled accordingly from A to G.

3. Then, the boiling tube A was heated in hot water and the mixture was stirred.

4. The temperature at which the turbid liquid became clear was recorded.

5. Finally, repeated for tubes B to G.

6. A graph of temperature at complete miscibility against phenol composition in the different mixtures was plotted.



Percentage of phenol (%)	Volume of phenol (ml)	Volume of water (ml)	Average temperature at which the turbid liquid become clear (°C)
8.0	2.4	27.6	50
11.0	3.3	26.7	64
20.0	6.0	24.0	68
50.0	15.0	15.0	67
63.0	18.9	1 1.1	70
80.0	24.0	6.0	-



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All combinations of phenol and water above this temperature are completely miscible and yield one-phase liquid systems.

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at equilibrium, will separate into phases of constant composition. These phases are termed **conjugate phases.**



Two-Component Systems Containing Solid and Liquid Phases



 We restrict our discussion, in the main, to those solid—liquid mixtures in which the two components are completely miscible in the liquid state and completely immiscible as solids

Examples of such systems:
✓ salol-thymol
✓ salol-camphor



Phenyl salicylate, or salol, is a chemical substance, used in the manufacture of some polymers, lacquers, adhesives, waxes, and polishes



The phase diagram for the salol-thymol system showed four regions:



A region in which both components are present as pure solid phases.

 Suppose we prepare a system containing 60% by weight of thymol in salol and raise the temperature of the mixture to 50°C.
Such a system is represented by point x in the figure



- On cooling the system, we observe the following sequence of phase changes:
- ✓ The system remains as a single liquid until the temperature falls to 29°C, at which point a minute amount of solid thymol separates out to form a two-phase solid—liquid system.
- ✓ Below 13°C, the liquid phase disappears altogether and the system contains two solid phases of pure salol and pure thymol.



- ✓ As system x is progressively cooled, the results indicate that more and more of the thymol separates as solid.
- ✓ A similar sequence of phase changes is observed if system y is cooled in a like manner.
- ✓ In this case, however, the solid phase that separates at 22°C is pure salol.



- The lowest temperature at which a liquid phase can exist in the salol-thymol system is 13°C, and this occurs in a mixture containing 34% thymol in salol.
- This point on the phase diagram is known as the **eutectic point**.
- The eutectic point is the point at which the liquid and solidb phases have the same composition (*the eutectic composition*).



- A eutectic mixture is defined as a mixture of two or more components which usually do not interact to form a new chemical compound but, which at certain ratios, inhibit the crystallization process of one another resulting in a system having a lower melting point than either of the components
- Eutectic point is the component ratio that exhibits the lowest observed melting point.





• Lidocaine and prilocaine, two local anesthetic agents, form a 1:1 mixture having a eutectic temperature of 18°C.



- The mixture is therefore liquid at room temperature and forms a mixed local anesthetic that may be used for topical application.
- Separately, lidocaine and prilocaine are solid bases. When mixed in equal quantities by weight, however, they form a eutectic mixture – that is the melting point of the mixture is lower than the melting points of the individual components.

Phase Equilibria in Three-Component Systems



- Because we are dealing with a three-component system, it is more convenient to use triangular coordinate graphs
- Rules Relating to Triangular Diagrams:







Ternary Systems with One Pair of Partially Miscible Liquids

- Water and benzene are miscible only to a slight extent, and so a mixture of the two usually produces a two-phase system.
- On the other hand, alcohol is completely miscible with both benzene and water. It is to be expected, therefore, that the addition of sufficient alcohol to a two-phase system of benzene and water would produce a single liquid phase in which all three components are miscible
- It might be helpful to consider the alcohol as acting in a manner comparable to that of temperature in the binary phenol–water system considered earlier.
- Raising the temperature of the phenol–water system led to complete miscibility of the two conjugate phases and the formation of one liquid phase.



