

Molar Volumes, Molar Refractions, and Isentropic Compressibilities of (Ethanol + Methanol + 2-Methoxy-2-methylpropane) and (Ethanol + Methanol + 2-Methoxy-2-methylbutane) at 298.15 K

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Excess molar volumes (V^E) and deviations in molar refractions (ΔR) and the isentropic compressibility ($\Delta\kappa_s$) were determined for the systems ethanol + methanol + 2-methoxy-2-methylpropane and ethanol + methanol + 2-methoxy-2-methylbutane at 298.15 K and atmospheric pressure. For both systems, these results were satisfactorily correlated by the Redlich–Kister polynomial. Several empirical equations allowing prediction of the results for the ternary systems from the V^E , ΔR , and $\Delta\kappa_s$ of their constituent binary subsystems were also examined. The Kohler equation gives the best predictions of V^E , while the equations of Radojkovic *et al.* and of Jacob and Fitzner give the best predictions of ΔR and $\Delta\kappa_s$.

Introduction

Determination of the effects of mixing on thermodynamic properties is of importance in chemical engineering. Moreover, since these effects arise through molecular interactions, knowledge of them is central to the study of the thermodynamics of solutions.

The systems ethanol + methanol + 2-methoxy-2-methylpropane (MTBE) and ethanol + methanol + 2-methoxy-2-methylbutane (TAME) are of interest because the ethers are efficient and economic alternatives to the gasoline additive tetraethyl lead, which is now considered a harmful pollutant. In this work, we determined the excess molar volumes of the above two systems and also the deviations of their molar refractions and isentropic compressibilities from the mole fraction or volume fraction average, respectively, of these properties of the pure components. These parameters were estimated from the densities and refractive indices of the systems at 298.15 K and atmospheric pressure and from the speed of sound. To our knowledge, data for the above mixtures are not available in the literature.

Determination of the thermodynamic properties of mixtures becomes more tedious as the number of components increases. In this work we evaluated several empirical equations allowing prediction of the properties of ternary systems from the corresponding properties of their constituent binary subsystems (Scatchard *et al.*, 1952; Tsao and Smith, 1953; Kohler, 1960; Toop, 1965; Colinet, 1967; Jacob and Fitzner, 1977; Radojkovic *et al.*, 1977; Rastogi *et al.*, 1977).

Experimental Section

Materials. Methanol and ethanol were supplied by Merck and had nominal purities >99.7 and >99.8 mass %, respectively; 2-methoxy-2-methylpropane (MTBE) was supplied by Aldrich with nominal purity >99.8 mass %, and 2-methoxy-2-methylbutane (TAME) was supplied by Fluka with nominal purity >98.9 mass %. Water contents of the ethanol, methanol, MTBE, and TAME (determined with a Metrohm 737 KF coulometer) were 0.08, 0.03, 0.03, and 0.02 mass %, respectively.

Apparatus and Procedure. The mixtures were prepared by mass using a Mettler AE 240 balance that

Table 1. Densities ρ and Refractive Indices n_D of the Pure Components, and Speeds of Sound u through Them, at 298.15 K and Atmospheric Pressure

component	$\rho/\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$		n_D		$u/\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$	
	exptl	lit.	exptl	lit.	exptl	lit.
ethanol	0.7851	0.784 93 ^a	1.3592	1.359 41 ^a	1143	1145 ^d
methanol	0.7866	0.786 37 ^a	1.3264	1.326 52 ^a	1102	1102 ^b
MTBE	0.7356	0.735 28 ^c	1.3666	1.366 30 ^c	1037	^g
TAME	0.7658	0.765 77 ^e	1.3858	1.385 80 ^e	1115	1115 ^b

^a Riddick *et al.*, 1986. ^b Arce *et al.*, 1996. ^c Daubert and Danner, 1989. ^d Amanabhavi, 1993. ^e Linek, 1987. ^g Not found.

measured to within ± 0.0001 g. The densities and speeds of sound of the mixtures were measured to within ± 0.0001 $\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ and ± 1 $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$, respectively, in an Anton Paar DSA-48 Densimeter and Sound Analyzer calibrated with air and water. Refractive indices were measured to within ± 0.0001 in an ATAGO RX-1000 refractometer. A Hetho therm thermostat was used to maintain the temperature at (298.15 \pm 0.02) K.

Table 1 lists the densities, speeds of sound, and refractive indices measured for the pure components, together with published values for these parameters (Aminabhavi *et al.*, 1993; Arce *et al.*, 1996; Daubert and Danner, 1989; Linek, 1987; Riddick *et al.*, 1986).

Results

Table 2 lists the densities, speeds of sound, and refractive indices measured for the binary and ternary systems. Included in Table 2 are the corresponding excess molar volumes (V^E), which were calculated using the expression

$$V^E = V - \sum_i x_i V_i \quad (1)$$

where V is the molar volume of the mixture and V_i and x_i are the molar volume and mole fraction respectively, of component i ; the molar refractions (R), which were calculated using the Lorentz–Lorenz equation

$$R = \frac{n_D^2 - 1}{n_D^2 + 2} V \quad (2)$$

and the deviations of these values from a mole fraction average of the molar refraction of the pure components

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Table 2. Densities ρ , Speeds of Sound u , Isentropic Compressibilities κ_s , Refractive Indices n_D , Excess Molar Volumes V^E , and Deviations $\Delta\kappa_s$ and ΔR for Mixtures of Ethanol (1) + Methanol (2) + MTBE (3) and Ethanol (1) + Methanol (2) + TAME (3) at 298.15 K and Atmospheric Pressure

x_1	x_2	$\rho/\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	$u/\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$	κ_s/TPa^{-1}	n_D	$V^E/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\kappa_s/\text{TPa}^{-1}$	$\Delta R/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	x_1	x_2	$\rho/\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	$u/\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$	κ_s/TPa^{-1}	n_D	$V^E/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\kappa_s/\text{TPa}^{-1}$	$\Delta R/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$
Ethanol + Methanol + MTBE																	
0.0523	0.9477	0.7865	1106	1040	1.3288	0.001	0	0.004	0.1907	0.7627	0.7823	1110	1037	1.3393	-0.122	-16	-0.045
0.1248	0.8752	0.7863	1109	1033	1.3321	0.003	0	0.007	0.1324	0.8352	0.7835	1109	1039	1.3358	-0.088	-11	-0.043
0.1631	0.8369	0.7862	1111	1030	1.3337	0.003	0	0.008	0.0683	0.9150	0.7850	1107	1040	1.3321	-0.048	-6	-0.031
0.2146	0.7854	0.7861	1114	1025	1.3358	0.004	0	0.009	0.6978	0.0000	0.7662	1107	1066	1.3644	-0.423	-44	-0.021
0.2621	0.7379	0.7860	1116	1021	1.3376	0.005	0	0.008	0.5644	0.1912	0.7692	1108	1059	1.3605	-0.409	-44	-0.024
0.3114	0.6886	0.7859	1118	1017	1.3394	0.005	0	0.008	0.4935	0.2928	0.7709	1109	1055	1.3578	-0.389	-43	-0.035
0.3500	0.6500	0.7859	1120	1014	1.3408	0.006	0	0.007	0.4228	0.3941	0.7727	1109	1052	1.3549	-0.360	-40	-0.040
0.4096	0.5904	0.7858	1123	1010	1.3428	0.006	0	0.006	0.3585	0.4862	0.7745	1109	1050	1.3521	-0.326	-38	-0.040
0.4567	0.5433	0.7857	1125	1006	1.3444	0.006	0	0.005	0.2696	0.6136	0.7770	1109	1047	1.3475	-0.266	-32	-0.039
0.4974	0.5026	0.7856	1126	1003	1.3457	0.006	0	0.004	0.1917	0.7253	0.7794	1108	1046	1.3426	-0.203	-24	-0.042
0.5357	0.4643	0.7856	1128	1001	1.3469	0.006	0	0.004	0.1239	0.8224	0.7818	1106	1045	1.3376	-0.139	-17	-0.045
0.6073	0.3927	0.7855	1131	996	1.3490	0.006	0	0.003	0.1074	0.8462	0.7824	1106	1045	1.3363	-0.122	-15	-0.044
0.6508	0.3492	0.7854	1132	993	1.3503	0.006	0	0.003	0.0613	0.9122	0.7841	1105	1044	1.3327	-0.072	-8	-0.036
0.6990	0.3010	0.7854	1134	990	1.3517	0.005	0	0.003	0.5955	0.0000	0.7609	1095	1095	1.3654	-0.477	-46	-0.023
0.7371	0.2629	0.7853	1135	988	1.3527	0.005	0	0.003	0.5116	0.1410	0.7635	1098	1087	1.3627	-0.475	-48	-0.024
0.7938	0.2062	0.7853	1137	985	1.3543	0.004	0	0.003	0.4789	0.1958	0.7645	1099	1083	1.3615	-0.470	-48	-0.025
0.8346	0.1654	0.7852	1139	982	1.3553	0.003	0	0.003	0.4139	0.3050	0.7668	1101	1076	1.3589	-0.453	-48	-0.025
0.8854	0.1146	0.7852	1140	980	1.3566	0.003	0	0.002	0.3507	0.4110	0.7692	1102	1070	1.3559	-0.425	-46	-0.025
0.9435	0.0565	0.7851	1142	977	1.3580	0.001	0	0.002	0.2971	0.5011	0.7713	1104	1065	1.3530	-0.392	-44	-0.025
0.0709	0.0000	0.7384	1044	1242	1.3667	-0.110	-11	-0.004	0.2470	0.5852	0.7735	1104	1060	1.3499	-0.352	-41	-0.025
0.1130	0.0000	0.7399	1048	1229	1.3667	-0.176	-17	-0.006	0.1674	0.7189	0.7772	1105	1054	1.3440	-0.269	-32	-0.023
0.1571	0.0000	0.7416	1053	1217	1.3668	-0.243	-22	-0.008	0.1271	0.7866	0.7793	1105	1051	1.3406	-0.216	-27	-0.021
0.2085	0.0000	0.7437	1058	1202	1.3668	-0.313	-28	-0.011	0.0734	0.8767	0.7822	1105	1047	1.3353	-0.135	-17	-0.015
0.2599	0.0000	0.7458	1062	1188	1.3668	-0.373	-32	-0.013	0.4965	0.0000	0.7561	1085	1124	1.3659	-0.496	-45	-0.022
0.2903	0.0000	0.7471	1065	1180	1.3667	-0.404	-35	-0.015	0.4207	0.1527	0.7594	1089	1111	1.3632	-0.527	-49	-0.033
0.3627	0.0000	0.7501	1072	1160	1.3666	-0.459	-40	-0.018	0.3742	0.2463	0.7616	1092	1102	1.3614	-0.526	-51	-0.033
0.4095	0.0000	0.7522	1076	1148	1.3665	-0.481	-42	-0.019	0.3274	0.3406	0.7639	1094	1093	1.3592	-0.513	-52	-0.035
0.4570	0.0000	0.7543	1081	1135	1.3662	-0.493	-44	-0.021	0.2994	0.3969	0.7654	1096	1088	1.3577	-0.499	-52	-0.037
0.5033	0.0000	0.7564	1085	1122	1.3660	-0.496	-45	-0.022	0.2482	0.5001	0.7682	1098	1080	1.3544	-0.461	-50	-0.045
0.5674	0.0000	0.7595	1092	1104	1.3656	-0.486	-46	-0.022	0.2023	0.5926	0.7710	1100	1072	1.3508	-0.414	-47	-0.055
0.6088	0.0000	0.7615	1097	1092	1.3653	-0.472	-46	-0.023	0.1482	0.7014	0.7746	1101	1064	1.3459	-0.339	-40	-0.064
0.6582	0.0000	0.7641	1102	1077	1.3648	-0.448	-45	-0.022	0.0902	0.8183	0.7789	1102	1057	1.3396	-0.233	-27	-0.063
0.7018	0.0000	0.7664	1107	1064	1.3644	-0.420	-44	-0.021	0.0546	0.8900	0.7818	1103	1052	1.3354	-0.152	-18	-0.050
0.7449	0.0000	0.7689	1112	1051	1.3639	-0.386	-42	-0.020	0.3966	0.0000	0.7516	1075	1152	1.3665	-0.476	-42	-0.019
0.7934	0.0000	0.7717	1118	1036	1.3633	-0.340	-38	-0.018	0.3347	0.1560	0.7553	1080	1135	1.3638	-0.533	-48	-0.031
0.8758	0.0000	0.7769	1129	1011	1.3620	-0.239	-28	-0.012	0.3044	0.2324	0.7573	1083	1127	1.3624	-0.549	-50	-0.033
0.8901	0.0000	0.7778	1130	1006	1.3618	-0.217	-26	-0.011	0.2766	0.3027	0.7593	1085	1119	1.3608	-0.557	-52	-0.034
0.9436	0.0000	0.7813	1137	991	1.3607	-0.125	-15	-0.006	0.2415	0.3910	0.7619	1088	1108	1.3586	-0.553	-54	-0.035
0.0000	0.0782	0.7384	1043	1244	1.3660	-0.171	-13	-0.006	0.1932	0.5128	0.7658	1093	1094	1.3549	-0.522	-54	-0.038
0.0000	0.1265	0.7401	1047	1233	1.3655	-0.266	-20	-0.010	0.1607	0.5947	0.7687	1095	1084	1.3518	-0.482	-53	-0.041
0.0000	0.1769	0.7418	1051	1221	1.3650	-0.355	-27	-0.013	0.1178	0.7029	0.7728	1099	1072	1.3469	-0.403	-48	-0.043
0.0000	0.2224	0.7435	1054	1211	1.3644	-0.424	-33	-0.015	0.0826	0.7918	0.7765	1101	1063	1.3419	-0.312	-40	-0.040
0.0000	0.2673	0.7452	1057	1201	1.3638	-0.483	-38	-0.017	0.0449	0.8867	0.7808	1102	1055	1.3357	-0.188	-26	-0.030
0.0000	0.3116	0.7468	1060	1192	1.3630	-0.530	-42	-0.019	0.3100	0.0000	0.7479	1069	1171	1.3667	-0.421	-36	-0.015
0.0000	0.3536	0.7485	1063	1183	1.3623	-0.565	-46	-0.020	0.2733	0.1185	0.7510	1073	1157	1.3650	-0.505	-42	-0.021
0.0000	0.4067	0.7506	1066	1172	1.3612	-0.596	-50	-0.021	0.2412	0.2218	0.7538	1077	1144	1.3633	-0.555	-47	-0.026
0.0000	0.4282	0.7515	1067	1168	1.3607	-0.604	-51	-0.022	0.2130	0.3131	0.7566	1081	1132	1.3614	-0.580	-50	-0.031
0.0000	0.5172	0.7554	1073	1150	1.3583	-0.616	-55	-0.022	0.1819	0.4131	0.7598	1085	1118	1.3589	-0.585	-53	-0.035
0.0000	0.5639	0.7575	1076	1141	1.3568	-0.607	-56	-0.022	0.1480	0.5226	0.7637	1090	1103	1.3555	-0.560	-55	-0.038
0.0000	0.6060	0.7596	1078	1132	1.3553	-0.591	-56	-0.021	0.1213	0.6088	0.7670	1093	1091	1.3523	-0.515	-54	-0.038
0.0000	0.6619	0.7625	1082	1120	1.3530	-0.558	-56	-0.020	0.0930	0.7001	0.7708	1097	1079	1.3483	-0.443	-50	-0.035
0.0000	0.7090	0.7652	1085	1109	1.3508	-0.520	-55	-0.018	0.0649	0.7907	0.7750	1100	1067	1.3433	-0.344	-43	-0.029
0.0000	0.7519	0.7677	1089	1099	1.3485	-0.476	-53	-0.016	0.0328	0.8942	0.7803	1102	1056	1.3362	-0.195	-27	-0.018
0.0000	0.8388	0.7736	1095	1078	1.3428	-0.359	-46	-0.012	0.2139	0.0000	0.7440	1058	1201	1.3668	-0.320	-28	-0.011
0.0000	0.8458	0.7741	1095	1076	1.3423	-0.348	-45	-0.011	0.1838	0.1407	0.7478	1065	1180	1.3650	-0.447	-39	-0.015
0.0000	0.8905	0.7774	1098	1067	1.3385	-0.267	-36	-0.009	0.1650	0.2285	0.7504	1069	1166	1.3636	-0.507	-45	-0.019
0.0000	0.9401	0.7814	1100	1058	1.3336	-0.160	-22	-0.005	0.1450	0.3222	0.7535	1074	1151	1.3618	-0.552	-50	-0.024
0.9056	0.0000	0.7788	1132	1002	1.3615	-0.193	-23	-0.010	0.1260	0.4111	0.7566	1078	1137	1.3597	-0.573	-53	-0.027
0.7715	0.1480	0.7796	1129	1005	1.3580	-0.169	-21	-0.009	0.1048	0.5102	0.7604	1083	1122	1.3569	-0.569	-55	-0.030
0.6485	0.2839	0.7805	1127	1009	1.3545	-0.146	-19	-0.007	0.0844	0.6052	0.7644	1087	1107	1.3535	-0.535	-55	-0.031
0.5454	0.3978	0.7812	1124	1013	1.3512	-0.125	-17	-0.006	0.0653	0.6945	0.7685	1091	1093	1.3496	-0.472	-52	-0.030
0.4528	0.5000	0.7820	1121	1017	1.3479	-0.106	-15	-0.005	0.0424	0.8019	0.7741	1096	1075	1.3436	-0.354	-43	-0.024
0.3761	0.5847	0.7826	1119	1021	1.3450	-0.089	-14	-0.005	0.0233	0.8911	0.7793	1100	1061	1.3372	-0.218	-30	-0.016
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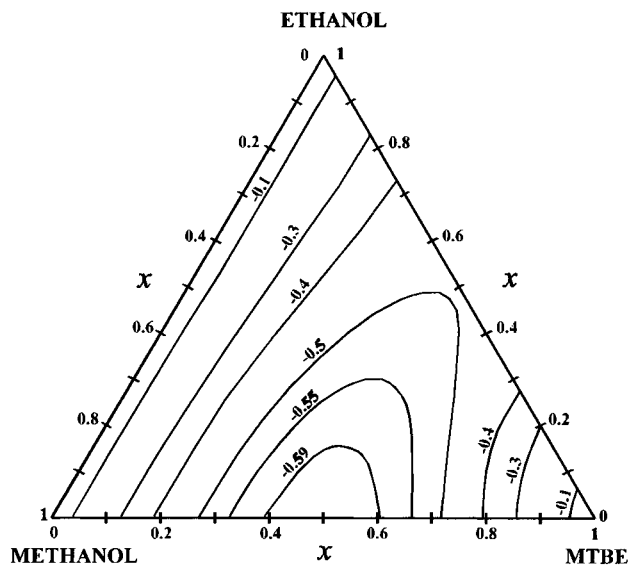


Figure 1. Excess molar volume isolines for ethanol (1) + methanol (2) + MTBE (3) at 298.15 K and atmospheric pressure (system compositions in mole fraction).

(ΔR), which were obtained from

$$\Delta R = R - \sum_i x_i R_i \quad (3)$$

where R_i is the molar refraction of pure component i .

The speeds of sound through the mixtures (u) and the corresponding densities (ρ) were used to calculate isentropic compressibilities (κ_s , Table 2) using the equation

$$\kappa_s = u^{-2} \rho^{-1} \quad (4)$$

and the deviations in isentropic compressibility ($\Delta\kappa_s$, Table 2) were obtained using the expression

$$\Delta\kappa_s = \kappa_s - \sum_i \phi_i \kappa_{si} \quad (5)$$

where κ_s and κ_{si} are the isentropic compressibilities of the mixture and component i , respectively, and ϕ_i is the volume fraction of component i in the mixture as given by

$$\phi_i = x_i V_i / \sum_j \phi_j V_j \quad (6)$$

where j refers to all components of the mixture.

For the ethanol + methanol + 2-methoxy-2-methylpropane system, Figure 1 shows excess volume isolines (system compositions in mole fractions, x_i), and Figure 2 shows isolines for the deviation in isentropic compressibility (system compositions in volume fraction, ϕ_i). These data are shown for the ethanol + methanol + 2-methoxy-2-methylbutane system in Figures 3 and 4.

Correlation

The V^E , ΔR , and $\Delta\kappa_s$ data were correlated with the composition data by means of the Redlich–Kister polynomial (1948), which for binary mixtures is

$$\Delta M = x_i x_j \sum_n A_n (x_i - x_j)^n \quad (7)$$

where ΔM is V^E or ΔR and x_i is the mole fraction of component i in the mixture, or ΔM is $\Delta\kappa_s$ and x_i is the volume fraction of component i in the mixture, A_n is the polynomial coefficient, and n is the number of the poly-

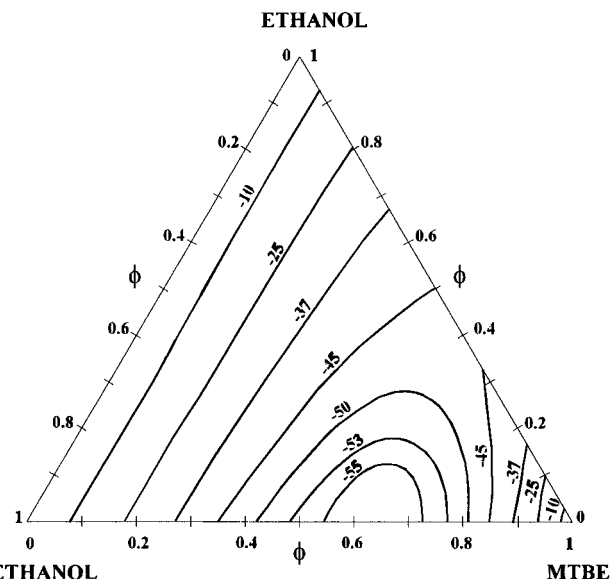


Figure 2. Isolines for the deviation in isentropic compressibility of ethanol (1) + methanol (2) + MTBE (3) mixtures at 298.15 K and atmospheric pressure (system compositions in volume fraction).

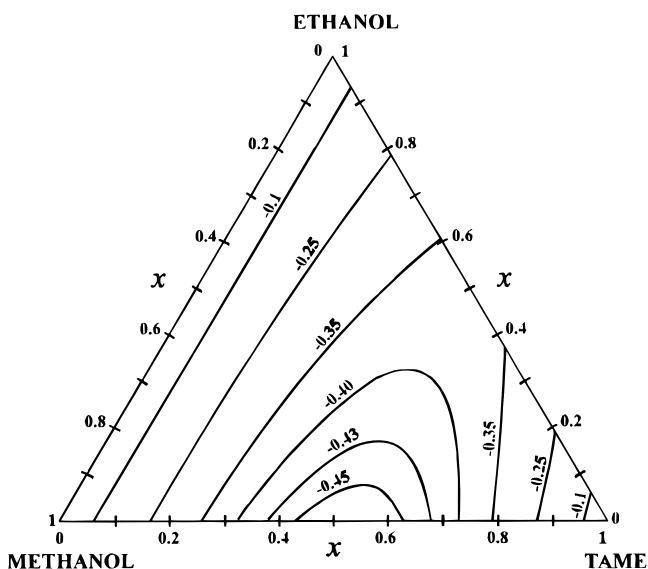


Figure 3. Excess molar volume isolines for ethanol (1) + methanol (2) + TAME (3) at 298.15 K and atmospheric pressure (system compositions in mole fraction).

mial coefficient. For ternary systems the corresponding equation is

$$\Delta M_{123} = \Delta M_{12} + \Delta M_{32} + \Delta M_{31} + x_1 x_2 x_3 (A + B(x_1 - x_2) + C(x_3 - x_2) + D(x_3 - x_1) + E(x_1 - x_2)^2 + F(x_3 - x_2)^2 + G(x_3 - x_1)^2 + \dots) \quad (8)$$

where ΔM_{123} is V^E , $\Delta\kappa_s$, or ΔR , x_i is the mole fraction or volume fraction of component i , according to the parameter being correlated (as previously indicated), and ΔM_{ij} is the value of the Redlich–Kister coefficient for the same property, as obtained by fitting the Redlich–Kister polynomial to the data for the binary system (i, j).

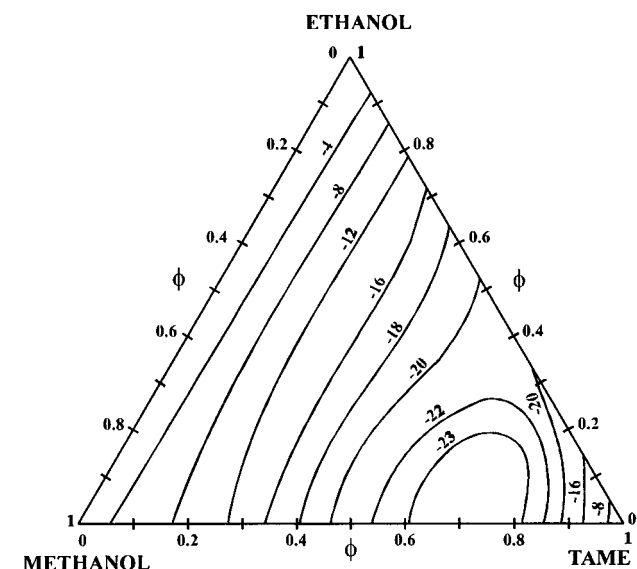
Equations 6 and 7 were fitted to the appropriate parameter–composition data for the binary and ternary systems by least-squares regression, applying Fisher's F -test to establish the number of coefficients. These coefficients and their mean standard deviations are listed in Table 3 for the binary systems (data for the TAME + methanol system

Table 4. Polynomial Coefficients and Standard Deviations (σ) Obtained for the Fits of Eq 8 to the V^E , $\Delta\kappa_s$, and ΔR Composition Data for the Ternary Systems Ethanol (1) + Methanol (2) + MTBE (3) and Ethanol (1) + Methanol (2) + TAME (3) (for $\Delta\kappa_s$, System Compositions Were in Volume Fraction, ϕ_j)

property	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	σ
	Ethanol + Methanol + MTBE							
$V^E/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	-0.5696	0.7923	-1.3317	-0.5394				0.006
$\Delta\kappa_s/\text{TPa}^{-1}$	89.37	-2.28	-18.24	-20.51	-86.51	506.35	78.04	0.8
$\Delta R/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	0.1192	0.6700	-0.8571	-0.1871	-2.5023	-3.1130	1.2472	0.009
	Ethanol + Methanol + TAME							
$V^E/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	-0.0747	0.0925	0.8920	0.7995				0.003
$\Delta\kappa_s/\text{TPa}^{-1}$	59.49	57.66	90.09	32.43				0.6
$\Delta R/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	0.0188	0.0004	-0.2316	-0.2312				0.009

Table 5. Standard Deviations in the Excess Molar Volumes and Deviations in Molar Refraction and Isentropic Compressibility Predicted for Ternary Mixtures at 298.15 K and Atmospheric Pressure

	Radojkovic <i>et al.</i> (eq 9)	Rastogi <i>et al.</i> (eq 10)	Jacob and Fitzner (eq 11)	Colinet (eq 12)	Toop (eq 13)	Kohler (eq 14)	Tsao and Smith (eq 15)	Scatchard <i>et al.</i> (eq 16)
	Ethanol + Methanol + MTBE							
$\Delta V_{123}^E/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	0.061	0.148	0.049	0.246	0.029	0.017	0.078	0.203
$\Delta R_{123}/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	0.023	0.024	0.023	0.009	0.021	0.022	0.020	0.021
$\Delta\kappa_{s123}/\text{TPa}^{-1}$	3	13	2	19	8	5	13	24
	Ethanol + Methanol + TAME							
$\Delta V_{123}^E/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	0.009	0.102	0.031	0.177	0.033	0.01	0.070	0.170
$\Delta R_{123}/\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	0.004	0.047	0.004	0.09	0.004	0.012	0.015	0.008
$\Delta\kappa_{s123}/\text{TPa}^{-1}$	1	5	1	9	4	3	6	11

**Figure 4.** Isoles for the deviation in isentropic compressibility of ethanol (1) + methanol (2) + TAME (3) mixtures at 298.15 K and atmospheric pressure (system compositions in volume fractions).

were taken from Arce *et al.*, (1996) and in Table 4 for the ternary system.

Prediction

Although it would be desirable to be able to estimate the thermodynamic properties of multicomponent systems from the properties of their pure components, in practice such estimates are often inaccurate due to the effects of mixing. An attractive alternative that limits experimental work to binary mixtures is to evaluate the property changes of mixing of the multicomponent system from the properties of its constituent binary subsystems. To assess the viability of this approach for the ternary systems studied here, their V^E , ΔR , and $\Delta\kappa_s$ were predicted from these properties of their constituent binary subsystems by means of empirical equations available in the literature. The equations used were as follows.

The equation of Radojkovic *et al.* (1977)

$$\Delta M_{123} = \Delta M_{12}(x_1, x_2) + \Delta M_{23}(x_2, x_3) + \Delta M_{13}(x_1, x_3) \quad (9)$$

in which ΔM_{ij} or ΔM_{ijk} is the excess molar volume or the deviation in the molar refraction or in the isentropic compressibility and x_i is the mole fraction or volume fraction of pure component i , as indicated above.

The equation of Rastogi *et al.* (1977)

$$\Delta M_{123} = 0.5[(x_1 + x_2)\Delta M_{12}(x'_1, x'_2) + (x'_1 + x'_3)\Delta M_{13}(x'_1, x'_3) + (x_2 + x_3)\Delta M_{23}(x'_2, x'_3)] \quad (10)$$

in which $\Delta M_{ij}(x'_i, x'_j)$ is the excess volume or the deviation in the molar refraction or isentropic compressibility of the binary mixture and $x'_i = 1 - x'_j = x_j/(x_i + x_j)$.

The equation of Jacob and Fitzner (1977)

$$\Delta M_{123} = 4 \left[\frac{x_1 x_2}{(2x_1 + x_3)(2x_2 + x_3)} \Delta M_{12}(x'_1, x'_2) + \frac{x_1 x_3}{(2x_1 + x_2)(2x_3 + x_2)} \Delta M_{13}(x'_1, x'_3) \right] + \left[4 \frac{x_2 x_3}{(2x_2 + x_1)(2x_3 + x_1)} \Delta M_{23}(x'_2, x'_3) \right] \quad (11)$$

The equation of Colinet (1967)

$$\Delta M_{123} = 0.5 \left[\left(\frac{x_2}{1 - x_1} \right) \Delta M'_{12}(x_1, 1 - x_1) + \left(\frac{x_1}{1 - x_2} \right) \Delta M'_{12}(1 - x_2, x_2) + \left(\frac{x_3}{1 - x_1} \right) \Delta M'_{13}(x_1, 1 - x_1) \right] + 0.5 \left[\left(\frac{x_1}{1 - x_3} \right) \Delta M'_{12}(1 - x_3, x_3) + \left(\frac{x_3}{1 - x_2} \right) \Delta M'_{23}(x_2, 1 - x_2) + \left(\frac{x_2}{1 - x_3} \right) \Delta M'_{23}(1 - x_3, x_3) \right] \quad (12)$$

The equation of Toop (1965)

$$\Delta M_{123} = \left(\frac{x_2}{1 - x_1} \right) \Delta M_{12}(x'_1, x'_2) + \left(\frac{x_3}{1 - x_1} \right) \Delta M_{13}(x'_1, x'_3) + (1 - x_1)^2 \Delta M_{23}(x'_2, x'_3) \quad (13)$$

The equation of Kohler (1960)

$$\Delta M_{123} = (x_1 + x_2)^2 \Delta M_{12}(x'_1, x'_2) + (x_1 + x_3)^2 (x'_1, x'_3) \Delta M_{13} + (x_2 + x_3)^2 (x'_2, x'_3) \Delta M_{23} \quad (14)$$

The equation of Tsao and Smith (1953)

$$\Delta M_{123} = \left(\frac{x_2}{1-x_1} \right) \Delta M_{12}(x'_1, x'_2) + \left(\frac{x_3}{1-x_1} \right) \Delta M_{13}(x'_1, x'_3) + (1-x_1) \Delta M_{23}(x'_2, x'_3) \quad (15)$$

The equation of Scatchard *et al.* (1952)

$$\Delta M_{123} = \left(\frac{x_2}{1-x_1} \right) \Delta M_{12}(x'_1, x'_2) + \left(\frac{x_3}{1-x_1} \right) \Delta M_{13}(x'_1, x'_3) + \Delta M'_{23}(x'_2, x'_3) \quad (16)$$

For each ternary system, Table 5 lists the standard deviations in the values of V^E , ΔR , and $\Delta \kappa_s$ predicted by each equation.

Conclusions

For both the ethanol + methanol + MTBE system and the ethanol + methanol + TAME system, the excess molar volumes at 298.15 K and atmospheric pressure were negative, except for binary ethanol + methanol mixtures, which had small, positive V^E . The system containing MTBE showed the largest deviation from ideality, with minimum V^E around $-0.62 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ for mixtures with MTBE and methanol in around 0.5 mole fraction. For the system containing TAME, minimum V^E were around $-0.46 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ and also occurred for mixtures with ether and methanol in around 0.5 mole fraction.

The deviations in the molar refractions of the two systems studied were also negative except for the binary ethanol and methanol mixtures. Although the largest deviation in ΔR occurred for the system containing MTBE, these deviations were generally very small for both systems.

As occurred for V^E and ΔR , the deviations in the isentropic compressibility were negative except for methanol + ethanol mixtures, for which the components' κ_s were additive. $\Delta \kappa_s$ was again largest for the system containing MTBE, for which the minimum deviation was around -57 TPa^{-1} , as against -24 TPa^{-1} for the system containing TAME.

The thermodynamic properties were very satisfactorily correlated by the Redlich–Kister polynomial. Most of the predictive equations examined, but especially Kohler's (1960) equation, allowed adequate prediction of V^E for the ternary systems from the data for their constituent binary subsystems. However, the predictions of ΔR and $\Delta \kappa_s$ were

rather poor. The best predictions of ΔR were obtained with the equations of Toop (1965), Radojkovic *et al.* (1977), and Jacob and Fitzner (1977). The latter two equations also afforded the best predictions of $\Delta \kappa_s$, while Kohler's (1960) equation afforded somewhat poorer predictions, and the remaining equations were unsuitable for prediction of the $\Delta \kappa_s$ values for the systems studied. The equations of Scatchard *et al.* (1952), Colinet (1967), and Rastogi *et al.* (1977) were particularly unsuitable for the prediction of the V^E , ΔR , or $\Delta \kappa_s$ data for the ternary systems studied.

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