

# Densities and Viscosities of Aqueous Solutions of Pyrrolidine and Piperidine from (20 to 50) °C

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In the present paper, density and kinematic viscosity have been determined for aqueous solutions of two amines (pyrrolidine and piperidine) at (20, 30, 40, and 50) °C. The study of these mixtures has covered its complete composition range. Density shows the typical behavior of the composition and temperature's effect, but viscosity shows a maximum with an increased amine composition. A Redlich–Kister type equation was employed to fit the excess properties.

## Introduction

In the past decades, amines and their mixtures with water have been used in processes related to natural gas, ammonia synthesis, etc. to remove acid gases such as carbon dioxide by means of a chemical reaction between these gases and the amines.<sup>1,2</sup> Certain aqueous solutions of amines remove selectively acid gases present in the mixtures, for example, monoethanolamine (MEA), *N*-methyldiethanolamine (MDEA), or triethanolamine (TEA).<sup>3</sup>

The use of these aqueous solutions as an absorbent involves the knowledge of physical properties of these systems (i.e., gas–liquid diffusivity)<sup>4</sup> since they are used to calculate essential parameters when analyzing absorption processes. For this reason, it is important to know their behavior in relation to the operational variables: mixture composition and temperature. Several studies<sup>4</sup> have been aimed at studying the effect of physical properties upon processes such as carbon dioxide absorption in amines aqueous solutions.

Other authors have analyzed in previous papers different amine + water systems in relation to important physical properties with influence in several industrial operations.<sup>5,6</sup> Densities, viscosities, and thermal conductivity have been measured for aqueous solutions of different amines and alkanolamines. The physical properties determined in the present paper have also been measured in the range of temperature from (20 to 50) °C to cover the temperature range found in industrial applications.

Nowadays, different types amines have been employed to remove acid gases;<sup>7</sup> piperazine, for example, is one of the amines with importance in these studies.<sup>8</sup> Aqueous solutions of pyrrolidine have also been employed as liquid absorbent to remove carbon dioxide.<sup>9</sup> Related to the amines used in the present paper, Minevich and Marcus<sup>10</sup> have developed studies related to the density behavior of pyrrolidine aqueous solutions at 25 and 50 °C. Teitelbaum et al.<sup>11</sup> have also developed experimental studies in the water + piperidine system, determining density, viscosity, surface tension, and refractive index of this binary mixture at 0,

25, 50, and 75 °C. In this work, the behavior for density and viscosity has been determined for aqueous solutions of pyrrolidine and piperidine over the entire concentration range at temperatures from 20 to 50 °C. In a previous paper, our research team had measured the surface tension of aqueous solutions of these amines aqueous solutions.<sup>12</sup>

## Experimental Section

**Materials.** Pyrrolidine (CAS Registry No. 123-75-1) and piperidine (CAS Registry No. 110-89-4) were supplied by Fluka and Riedel-de Haën, respectively, with a purity of >99 % and >99.5 %. Double-distilled water was used to prepare the mixtures of water and amine. All the mixtures were prepared by mass using an analytical balance (Kern 770) with a precision of  $\pm 10^{-4}$  g. The uncertainty of the samples preparation in mole fraction was  $\pm 0.0004$ .

**Methods.** Density ( $\rho$ ) of the pure liquids and its mixtures was measured with an Anton Paar DSA 5000 vibration tube densimeter with a precision of  $\pm 10^{-6}$  g·cm<sup>-3</sup>. The apparatus allows varying the temperature in the range used in the present study. The uncertainty in the density measurement was  $\pm 5 \cdot 10^{-5}$  g·cm<sup>-3</sup>.

The kinematic viscosity ( $\nu$ ) was determined from the transit time of the liquid meniscus through a capillary supplied by Schott (cap no. 0c,  $(0.46 \pm 0.01)$  mm of internal diameter,  $K = 0.003201$  mm<sup>2</sup>·s<sup>-2</sup>) measured with an uncertainty of  $\pm 0.0005$  mm<sup>2</sup>·s<sup>-1</sup> using

$$\nu = K(t - \theta) \quad (1)$$

where  $t$  is the efflux time,  $K$  is the characteristic constant of the capillary viscosimeter, and  $\theta$  is a correction value to correct the final effects. The glass capillary was connected to a Schott-Geräte AVS 350 Ubbelohde viscometer. An electronic stopwatch with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.01$  s was used for measuring efflux times. The capillary viscometer was immersed in a bath controlled to  $\pm 0.1$  °C. Each measurement was repeated at least five times. The dynamic viscosity ( $\eta$ ) was obtained from the product of kinematics' viscosity ( $\nu$ ) and the corresponding density ( $\rho$ ) of the binary mixture, in terms of eq 2 for each temperature and mixture composition:

$$\eta = \rho \nu \quad (2)$$

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**Table 1. Density ( $\rho$ ) for Water (1) + Pyrrolidine (2) from  $t = 20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$** 

$x_2$	$\rho/(\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3})$ at $t/^{\circ}\text{C}$			
	20	30	40	50
1.0000	0.85987	0.85011	0.84024	0.83388
0.8675	0.87239	0.86269	0.85281	0.84630
0.6858	0.89317	0.88353	0.87370	0.86368
0.5671	0.90610	0.89600	0.88620	0.87770
0.4834	0.91704	0.90758	0.89792	0.88805
0.3958	0.92864	0.91934	0.90983	0.90011
0.3039	0.94339	0.93433	0.92506	0.91560
0.2076	0.96231	0.95357	0.94465	0.93551
0.1158	0.98095	0.97319	0.96526	0.95715
0.0678	0.98946	0.98341	0.97691	0.97003
0.0221	0.99447	0.99112	0.98692	0.98200
0.0101	0.99633	0.99349	0.98978	0.98531
0.0057	0.99713	0.99441	0.99083	0.98646
0.0000	0.99821	0.99565	0.99221	0.98802

**Table 2. Density ( $\rho$ ) for Water (1) + Piperidine (2) from  $t = 20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$** 

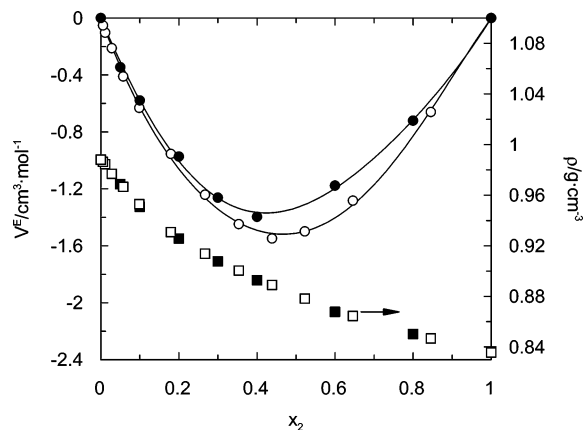
$x_2$	$\rho/(\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3})$ at $t/^{\circ}\text{C}$			
	20	30	40	50
1.0000	0.86381	0.85450	0.84508	0.83556
0.8454	0.87508	0.86574	0.85627	0.84667
0.6458	0.89299	0.88365	0.87416	0.86451
0.5225	0.90651	0.89728	0.88784	0.87822
0.4387	0.91750	0.90800	0.89900	0.88900
0.3536	0.92785	0.91889	0.90973	0.90037
0.2672	0.94018	0.93155	0.92271	0.91366
0.1795	0.95567	0.94760	0.93932	0.93084
0.0986	0.97458	0.96757	0.96035	0.95286
0.0573	0.98556	0.97956	0.97325	0.96660
0.0280	0.99243	0.98787	0.98266	0.97692
0.0110	0.99589	0.99289	0.98903	0.98442
0.0055	0.99707	0.99434	0.99068	0.98617
0.0000	0.99821	0.99565	0.99221	0.98802

**Table 3. Kinematic Viscosity ( $\nu$ ) for Water (1) + Pyrrolidine (2) from  $t = 20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$** 

$x_2$	$\nu/(\text{mm}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-1})$ at $t/^{\circ}\text{C}$			
	20	30	40	50
1.0000	0.9545	0.8268	0.7432	0.6412
0.8675	1.312	1.067	0.9134	0.7842
0.6858	2.133	1.706	1.368	1.119
0.5671	2.994	2.236	1.764	1.393
0.4834	3.639	2.733	2.085	1.605
0.3958	4.356	3.131	2.307	1.790
0.3039	4.776	3.343	2.457	1.866
0.2076	4.528	3.154	2.272	1.728
0.1158	3.518	2.419	1.770	1.364
0.0678	2.471	1.763	1.342	1.063
0.0221	1.438	1.121	0.8805	0.7629
0.0000	0.9899	0.8101	0.6655	0.5610

## Results and Discussion

The values determined in the present paper for all physical studies at different amine concentrations and temperatures in the range between 20 and  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  are listed in Tables 1 and 3 for the water + pyrrolidine system and in Tables 2 and 4 for the water + piperidine system. The experimental density value for the two systems that have been studied indicates that an increase in temperature produces a continuous decreasing value of this property in a linear trend. As regards the effect caused by mixture composition, the presence of amines in the aqueous solutions produces an increase when the pyrrolidine and piperidine composition increases in the mixture (see Figure 1). The behavior observed in the present paper is very common and similar to the results obtained by other authors for water/amine systems.<sup>13</sup>

**Figure 1.** Density and excess volume for water (1) + piperidine (2) system:  $\circ$  and  $\square$ , present paper;  $\bullet$  and  $\blacksquare$ , Teitelbaum et al.<sup>11</sup>**Table 4. Kinematic Viscosity  $\nu$ , for Water (1) + Piperidine (2) from  $t = 20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$** 

$x_2$	$\nu/(\text{mm}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-1})$ at $t/^{\circ}\text{C}$			
	20	30	40	50
1.0000	1.795	1.488	1.253	1.064
0.8455	2.598	1.997	1.621	1.315
0.6458	4.490	3.220	2.333	1.832
0.5225	6.088	4.371	3.104	2.311
0.4387	7.036	4.968	3.488	2.526
0.3536	8.023	5.417	3.705	2.680
0.2672	7.621	5.058	3.480	2.616
0.1795	5.936	4.007	2.813	2.139
0.0986	3.550	2.553	1.881	1.470
0.0573	2.200	1.741	1.325	1.066
0.0280	1.502	1.205	0.9421	0.8125
0.0110	1.210	0.9527	0.7723	0.6363
0.0055	1.106	0.8817	0.7181	0.5981
0.0000	0.9899	0.8101	0.6655	0.5610

**Table 5. Density ( $\rho$ ) and Viscosity ( $\eta$ ) of Pure Piperidine and Pyrrolidine**

$t/(^{\circ}\text{C})$	piperidine		pyrrolidine		
	$\rho/(\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3})$	$\eta/(\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s})$	$t/(^{\circ}\text{C})$	$\rho/(\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3})$	$\eta/(\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s})$
20	0.8638 <sup>a</sup>	1.5506 <sup>a</sup>	20	0.8599 <sup>a</sup>	0.8207 <sup>a</sup>
	0.8606 <sup>b</sup>	1.559 <sup>c</sup>		0.8586 <sup>b</sup>	0.799 <sup>c</sup>
	0.862 <sup>c</sup>			0.864 <sup>c</sup>	
50	0.8356 <sup>a</sup>	0.8887 <sup>a</sup>	50	0.856 <sup>d</sup>	
	0.8336 <sup>c</sup>	0.958 <sup>b</sup>		0.8339 <sup>a</sup>	0.5347 <sup>a</sup>
	0.8366 <sup>e</sup>	0.910 <sup>c</sup>		0.836 <sup>c</sup>	0.512 <sup>b</sup>
		0.757 <sup>e</sup>		0.8346 <sup>f</sup>	0.521 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Present paper. <sup>b</sup> Ref 14. <sup>c</sup> Ref 15. <sup>d</sup> Ref 16. <sup>e</sup> Ref 11. <sup>f</sup> Ref 10.

Table 5 shows a comparison between the experimental results obtained by our research group and the bibliographical results obtained by other researchers and included in some handbooks. Low deviations can be observed in the aforementioned table as regards most of the bibliographical results.

The presence of pyrrolidine and piperidine makes the viscosity to reach a maximum value of about an amine mole fraction of 0.3. A high value in the kinematic and absolute viscosity is observed in the maximum previously commented, as regards the value of this physical property (viscosity) for the pure components that have similar values ( $\nu_{\text{water}} = 0.9899\text{ mm}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{pyrrolidine}} = 0.9545\text{ mm}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{piperidine}} = 1.7950\text{ mm}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  at  $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Other authors have found a similar behavior for aqueous solutions of ethanol-amine.<sup>17</sup> Regarding the effect of temperature, this variable causes a clear decrease in the viscosity values for all the water + amine systems analyzed.

**Table 6.** Fit Parameters Corresponding to the Redlich–Kister Equation for Aqueous Solutions of Piperidine at Several Temperatures (20 to 50 °C)

	$t/^\circ\text{C}$			
	20	30	40	50
	$V^E/(\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$			
$q_1$	-6.302	-6.199	-6.147	-6.045
$q_2$	1.018	0.9358	0.9275	0.8711
$q_3$	0.0549	0.1848	0.3784	0.3896
$q_4$	1.156	1.271	1.023	0.9353
	$\Delta\eta/(\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s})$			
$q_1$	9.479	6.605	4.692	3.411
$q_2$	-16.83	-10.68	-6.954	-4.777
$q_3$	6.522	3.277	1.860	1.449
$q_4$	6.042	3.841	2.118	1.220

**Table 7.** Fit Parameters Corresponding to the Redlich–Kister Equation for Aqueous Solutions of Pyrrolidine at Several Temperatures (20 to 50 °C)

	$t/^\circ\text{C}$			
	20	30	40	50
	$V^E/(\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$			
$q_1$	-6.639	-6.554	-6.515	-5.752
$q_2$	0.2554	0.1851	0.0541	0.6144
$q_3$	-1.230	-1.122	-0.9502	-1.432
$q_4$	2.614	2.232	2.121	0.627
	$\Delta\eta/(\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s})$			
$q_1$	18.74	12.41	8.052	5.519
$q_2$	-30.95	-18.54	-11.71	-7.449
$q_3$	-0.6133	-1.250	-0.2604	0.5126
$q_4$	30.23	15.98	9.714	5.490

The excess molar volumes ( $V^E$ ) and viscosity deviations ( $\Delta\eta$ ) were calculated using

$$\Delta Y = Y_m - (x_1 \cdot Y_1 + x_2 \cdot Y_2) \quad (3)$$

where  $Y_m$  is the value of the physical property considered for the mixture, and  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$ ,  $x_1$ , and  $x_2$  are the values of the physical properties and mole fraction for pure components, respectively.

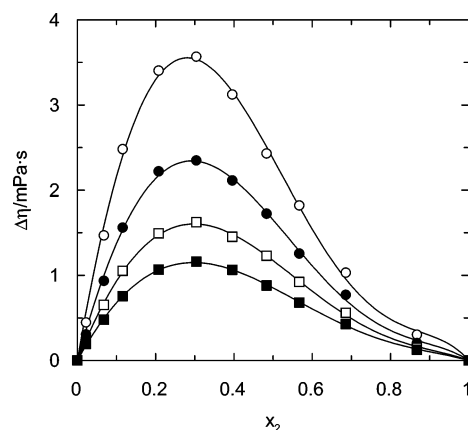
The values calculated for viscosity deviations and excess molar volumes were fitted using a Redlich–Kister type equation (eq 4):

$$\Delta Y = x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot \sum_{j=1}^4 q_j \cdot x_2^{(j-1)/2} \quad (4)$$

The results obtained for fitting parameters are shown in Tables 6 and 7.

The Redlich–Kister equation fits satisfactorily (Figures 1 and 2) the deviation values calculated from experimental data of density and viscosity. When we analyzed the results obtained concerning the influence of mixture composition upon the excess volumes (Figure 1), we can observe that these deviations are negative in all cases. As regards the excess volume value, certain deviation can be observed when comparing it to the values that had been calculated by means of the experimental data obtained by Teitelbaum et al.<sup>11</sup>

These negative deviations indicate that there are interactions among unlike molecules. On the basis of deviations' sign and magnitude (large deviations), we consider that there are strong hydrogen bonding interactions in the mixtures studied in the present paper. According to previous studies developed by Kapadi et al.,<sup>17</sup> negative values for excess volume could be due to (i) the reaction between water and amine compound where the amine is protonated and (ii) the reaction between two molecules of amine

**Figure 2.** Absolute viscosity deviations for water (1) + pyrrolidine (2) system: ○,  $t = 20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; ●,  $t = 30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; □,  $t = 40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; ■,  $t = 50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

forming a species-charged positive and negatively. In relation to the effect of temperature upon the excess volume, experimental data indicate that when the temperature value increases, the excess volume increases too.

The influence of mixture composition upon the value of absolute viscosity deviations, shown in Figure 2, indicates that all the mixtures formed by water and pyrrolidine have positive deviations. A similar behavior was observed for the other mixture studied in the present work. Great differences have been found when experimental data were compared with that previously obtained by Teitelbaum et al.<sup>11</sup> We consider that perhaps these differences are due to viscosity determination procedure because of the great differences observed in Table 5 for pure component (piperidine). The same conclusion has been obtained for viscosity deviations (hydrogen-bonding interactions between water and amine molecules) when excess volume was analyzed. The temperature causes a decrease in the value of the viscosity deviations.

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