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# BC(DEF) Parameters. 2. An Empirical Structure-Based Scheme for the Prediction of Some Physical Properties ${ }^{\dagger}$ 

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#### Abstract

Based on either a hierarchically organized additive-constitutive model or a subset of four physical properties, for calculation of intermediate $\operatorname{BC}(\mathrm{DEF})$ values where BCDEF are the principal components of a matrix of six physical properties of 114 compounds, all experimental values of 18 common physical properties for 139 additional compounds of diverse structure have been "predicted". The rms difference between the 1142 predicted and experimental values is $22 \%$ of the variance in the experimental values, corresponding to a "correlation coefficient" or " $r$ " of 0.88 . For the 118 compounds and 10 properties to which application of the BC(DEF) model is clearly warranted, the rms difference between the 749 predicted and actual values is $6 \%$ of the overall variance; that is, the " $r$ " is 0.97 . Predictions using the $\operatorname{BC}(D E F)$ model are at least as accurate as those of existing additive-constitutive models for individual properties. There is no significant difference in predictive accuracy between BCDEF values derived from the additive-constitutive model and BCDEF values derived from the property subset. The five-factor BCDEF model is more accurate than the two-factor BC model for compounds having reasonable structural similarity to any of the 114 used to derive the BCDEF scale, but the two-factor model is the less likely to give completely misleading results for very different structures.


In the preceding paper, ${ }^{1}$ analysis of a collection of physi-cal-property data for a variety of pure liquid compounds showed that more than $95 \%$ of the variance in most of the properties can be explained in terms of a two-, three-, or fivecomponent "BC(DEF)" model, where the components are derived by factorization of a matrix constructed from the values of activity coefficient, partition coefficient, boiling point, molar volume, refractivity, and heat of vaporization for 114 compounds. In this paper, the generality and utility of this model will be investigated by "predicting" the experimentally known properties of 139 compounds not among the 114 used for derivation of the model.

Prediction of a property using the $\mathbf{B C}(\mathbf{D E F})$ scheme has two steps: (1) calculation of the $\mathbf{B C}(\mathbf{D E F})$ values for the compound, either from previously known properties or from its structure alone; (2) calculation of the property, from the $\mathrm{BC}(\mathrm{DEF})$ values

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and the appropriate previously derived "property equation" (Table IV').

Although structurally based schemes have been proposed for calculating some of the physical properties encompassed by the BC(DEF) models, ${ }^{2}$ little attention has been given to scope and limitations. One notable exception is Exner's discussions of the significance of the long-known additive-constitutive behaviors of molar volume and parachor. ${ }^{3}$ Types of information which add to the utility of any predictive scheme include answers to the following questions: (1) What kinds of molecules (and properties) can the scheme confidently be applied to? (2) What must be known about a molecule in order to calculate an unknown property? (3) How accurate are the results? These questions provide an outline for the following description of our data and methods.

Scope of the BC(DEF) Model. In choosing the 139 compounds whose properties were to be predicted, the major objectives were a large number of examples of values for the rarer properties and a structurally diverse data set. The completed

Table 1. Compounds and Properties Whose Values Have Been Predicted Using the BC(DEF) Scheme ${ }^{a}$

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{1}{ }^{\text {C }}$ |  | $\mathrm{MR}^{3}$ |  | $\stackrel{5}{4}$ |  | X |  | $\stackrel{9}{\text { VDW }}$ | 11 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \\ & \mathrm{CP} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & T C D \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \\ & \mathrm{CMP} \end{aligned}$ | 19 4 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 21 \\ & M W \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CLASS I COMPOUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | 4 |  | 6 |  | 8 | ${ }^{\text {A }} 10$ |  | 12 |  | 14 |  | 16 | 18 |  | 20 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $P C$ |  | BP |  | HVP |  | CT | VDW |  | SLP |  | STN |  | VIS | ET |  | MP |  |
|  | F | C | II | E | F | ID \# |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | B |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-METHYLEUTANE | -0.001 | -0.211 | 0.021 | -0.022 | 0.002 | 1 | + |  | = | -- = | = | $\pm=$ | $=$ | - | = = | : |  | = | = |  | + |  | = | = | + |
| HEXANE | 0.082 | -0.248 | 0.018 | -0.029 | 0.012 | 2 | $=$ |  | $=$ | -- | $=$ | = | = | -- | - - | $=$ | - | = | - | - | + + | -- = |  | = | = |
| 2-METHYLPENTANE | 0.075 | -0.249 | 0.032 | -0.026 | 0.005 | 3 | = |  | = | -- + | $+$ | -- | = | - |  |  |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | = | = |
| 2,3-IIIMETHYLEUTANE | 0.068 | -0.250 | 0.047 | -0.023 | -0.002 | 4 |  | -- | = | -- | ++ | - | - | -- |  |  |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | = | $=$ |
| METHYLCYCLOPENTANE | 0.049 | -0.186 | -0.016 | -0.017 | 0.000 | 5 | = |  | = | -- | = | -- | - | - |  |  |  | $=$ |  |  |  |  | $=$ | $+$ | + |
| ETHYLCYCLOPENTANE | 0.125 | -0.224 | -0.006 | -0.020 | 0.003 | 6 |  |  | = | -- | = | -- |  | - |  |  |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | $+$ | $=$ |
| ME THYLCYCLOHEXANE | 0.125 | -0.224 | -0.006 | -0.020 | 0.003 | 7 | = |  | = | -- | = | - | $\pm$ | - |  |  | = | = |  | = |  |  |  | = | = |
| CIS-2-EUTENE | -0.076 | -0.138 | 0.001 | -0.004 | 0.001 | 8 |  |  | = | -- + | $+$ | -- + | + | - |  |  |  | = |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |
| 1 -FENTENE | 0.001 | -0.176 | 0.012 | -0.008 | 0.005 | 9 | = |  | ++ | -- | + + | - |  | - |  | $=$ | = | = |  |  |  |  |  | = | + |
| 1-HEXENE | 0.077 | -0.215 | 0.023 | -0.011 | 0.008 | 10 | = |  | ++ | -- + | + | - + | $+$ | - |  |  | - | = |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ | $=$ |
| CYCLOHEXENE | 0.050 | -0.152 | -0.025 | -0.002 | 0.003 | 11 | -- | ++ | ++ | -- + | ++ |  | + | - |  | $=$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | = | = | + |
| 1.4-FENTAIIIENE | -0.005 | -0.143 | 0.018 | 0.010 | 0.001 | 12 | = | ++ | ++ | + | + | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ | = | $=$ |
| EIALLYL | 0.071 | -0.181 | 0.029 | 0.006 | 0.005 | 13 |  | ++ | ++ | + | ++ |  | ++ | - |  |  |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ | = |
| 1-FENTYNE | -0.041 | -0.078 | 0.039 | 0.004 | 0.008 | 14 | + | - | = | $+$ | + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = | = | = |
| 1,2.3-TRIMETHYLEENZENE | 0.255 | -0.159 | 0.001 | 0.008 | 0.003 | 15 |  |  | = | + | ++ | - |  | = |  |  |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | = | $=$ |
| MESITYLENE | 0.255 | -0.159 | 0.001 | 0.008 | 0.003 | 16 |  | ++ | = | $=$ | = | = $=$ | $=$ |  | = | = | = |  |  | = |  |  |  | = | = |
| 1,2,3,5-TETRAMETHYLEENZENE | 0.331 | -0.197 | 0.012 | 0.005 | 0.007 | 17 |  |  | = | -- | ++ | -- |  | = |  |  |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | = | = |
| IUFENE | 0.331 | -0.197 | 0.012 | 0.005 | 0.007 | 18 |  | ++ | = | -- | -- | -- | = |  | - -- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = | -- | = |
| F-CYMENE | 0.324 | -0.198 | 0.026 | 0.008 | -0.000 | 19 |  |  | = | $+$ | + | - $=$ | = | = | = |  | = | $=$ |  | = |  |  |  |  | = |
| 2-RUTYLBENZENE | 0.324 | -0.198 | 0.026 | 0.008 | -0.000 | 20 |  |  | - | ++ | $+$ | - $=$ | = |  | + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = |
| STYRENE | 0.173 | -0.088 | -0.005 | 0.030 | -0.004 | 21 |  | = | = | -- | ++ | = + | $+$ | $=$ |  | = | = | = |  |  |  |  |  | = | = |
| 1-METHYLNAFHTHALENE | 0.401 | -0.057 | -0.036 | 0.032 | -0.015 | 22 |  | -- | - | ++ | = |  | $=$ | + + |  |  |  | + |  |  |  |  |  | ++ | = |
| CHLOROCYCLOHEXANE | 0.155 | -0.116 | -0.027 | -0.013 | 0.004 | 23 |  |  | $=$ | -- | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ | = |
| FLUORORENZENE | 0.029 | -0.075 | -0.029 | 0.008 | -0.002 | 24 |  | ++ | + | -- | = | = | $=$ | = | = $=$ |  |  | $=$ |  |  | = |  | $=$ | = | = |
| IODOEENZENE | 0.253 | -0.059 | -0.075 | 0.016 | -0.013 | 25 |  | $+$ | $=$ | ++ | = |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ | + | - |
| METHYL ETHYL ETHER | -0.103 | 0.021 | 0.046 | 0.002 | -0.020 | 26 |  |  | $=$ | + | + | = |  | = | = $=$ |  |  | = |  |  |  |  | = |  | = |
| METHYL FROFYL ETHER | -0.027 | -0.017 | 0.057 | -0.002 | -0.017 | 27 | -- |  | = | $=+$ | + | -- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = |
| OIISOFROFYL ETHER | 0.111 | -0.096 | 0.108 | -0.004 | -0.023 | 28 | ++ |  | = | ++ | = | = | - | = |  | = |  | = |  | ++ |  |  |  | = | = |
| ETHOXYEENZENE | 0.213 | -0.066 | 0.036 | 0.020 | -0.016 | 29 |  | $+$ | $=$ | -- | ++ | -- | $\pm$ | = | = - |  |  | = | - | = |  |  |  | = | = |
| 3-METHYLBUTANOL | 0.135 | 0.095 | 0.036 | -0.018 | 0.023 | 30 |  | + | = | $+$ | + | -- |  | = |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = |  | = |
| 1 -HEF'TANOL | 0.295 | 0.020 | 0.044 | -0.028 | 0.036 | 31 | = |  | - | ++ | + | -- |  | = |  |  |  | = |  | = | $\pm$ | = |  | = | = |
| M-CRESOL | 0.271 | 0.163 | -0.058 | -0.008 | 0.003 | 32 |  | -- | $=$ | ++ | -- | ++ | $=$ | ++ | $+=$ | + |  | ++ |  | ++ | -- |  |  | + | $=$ |
| 2-NAFHTHOL | 0.452 | 0.188 | -0.047 | 0.028 | 0.009 | 33 |  | -- |  | ++ | ++ | ++ | $=$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = | = |
| 2-PENTANONE | 0.065 | 0.074 | 0.057 | 0.002 | -0.016 | 34 | = | = | = | ++ | = | -- $=$ | = |  |  |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | - | $=$ | = |
| 3-FENTANONE | 0.065 | 0.074 | 0.057 | 0.002 | -0.016 | 35 |  |  | = | ++ | = | -- $=$ | = | \# |  | - |  | = |  |  | + |  |  | = | $=$ |
| FROFIONIC ACID | 0.037 | 0.226 | -0.011 | -0.014 | 0.014 | 36 | - | -- | ++ | -- | = | -- $=$ | $=$ | $=$ | $=$ | ++ | ++ | = | = |  | = |  | = | $=$ | $=$ |
| FENTANOIC ACII | 0.233 | 0.149 | 0.003 | -0.032 | 0.013 | 37 |  |  | + + | ++ | ++ | + $=$ | = | + + |  | ++ |  | + |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ | $=$ |
| HEXANOIC ACIİ | 0.309 | 0.111 | 0.014 | -0.036 | 0.017 | 38 |  |  | ++ | ++ | ++ | -- = | = |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = | = |
| METHYL FORMATE | -0.145 | 0.144 | 0.026 | 0.007 | -0.022 | 39 | ++ |  | + | - $=$ | = | = $=$ | = | = | = $=$ | = | $=$ | = | = |  |  |  | = | = | = |
| ETHYL FORMATE | -0.069 | 0.106 | 0.037 | 0.003 | -0.018 | 40 | ++ |  | = | = | - | = | $=$ | = | - $=$ | = | = | = | = |  | = |  | = | = | = |
| ISOBUTYL FORMATE | 0.076 | 0.029 | 0.073 | -0.001 | -0.018 | 41 | ++ |  | = | = $=$ | = | = - | - |  | = $=$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ |
| N-FENTYL FORMATE | 0.160 | -0.008 | 0.070 | -0.008 | -0.008 | 42 |  |  | = | $=$ | $=$ |  |  | = | = |  |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | = | $=$ |
| BUTYL ACETATE | 0.160 | -0.008 | 0.070 | -0.008 | -0.008 | 43 | $+$ |  | $=$ | + | $=$ |  | $=$ | $=$ |  | $=$ | = | $=$ |  | + | + |  |  |  | $=$ |
| ISORUTYL ACETATE | 0.153 | -0.009 | 0.084 | -0.005 | -0.015 | 44 | ++ |  | $=$ | ++ | $=$ | + - | - |  | = - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = | $=$ |
| METHYL FROFIONATE | 0.008 | 0.068 | 0.048 | -0.001 | -0.015 | 45 | = |  | = | = $=$ | $=$ | = $=$ | = | = | = $=$ | = | $=$ | $=$ |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ | = |
| METHYL RUTYFATE | 0.084 | 0.030 | 0.059 | -0.004 | -0.011 | 46 | = |  | = | $\pm=$ | $=$ | + $=$ | $=$ | = | - $=$ | = |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ | $=$ |
| ETHYL EUTYFATE | 0.160 | -0.008 | 0.070 | -0.008 | -0.008 | 47 | + |  | - | ++ | = | ++ | - | + | = -- | = |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | = | = |
| 2-AMINOFROFANE | -0.053 | 0.116 | 0.063 | 0.032 | -0.001 | 48 |  | - | $+$ | - | - |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ | $=$ |
| RUTYLAMINE | 0.031 | 0.079 | 0.060 | 0.025 | 0.009 | 49 | -- | = | ++ | -- $=$ | = |  | $=$ | -- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ | = | = |
| PENTYLAMINE | 0.107 | 0.041 | 0.071 | 0.021 | 0.013 | 50 | - | - | + | -- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \% | $=$ | $=$ |
| IIIMETHYL AMINE | -0.141 | 0.155 | 0.068 | 0.042 | -0.012 | 51 | $=$ |  | ++ | -- | + | - |  | = | = $=$ | = |  | - | = |  |  |  | $=$ | = | = |
| IIIPROFYLAMINE | 0.164 | 0.003 | 0.112 | 0.027 | 0.002 | 52 | = | -- | + | $=$ | $=$ |  |  | $=$ | = = |  |  | - |  |  |  |  | $=$ | $=$ | = |
| fyrrolidine | -0.015 | 0.142 | 0.042 | 0.043 | -0.010 | 53 | -- | -- | ++ | -- | -- |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = |  | = |
| 3-METHYLFYFIIINE | 0.113 | 0.101 | 0.014 | 0.021 | -0.004 | 54 | - | - | = | = | = |  | $=$ | = |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = | = | $=$ |
| 4-METHYLFYRIIIINE | 0.113 | 0.101 | 0.014 | 0.021 | -0.004 | 55 | - | - | $=$ | = | $=$ |  | $=$ | = |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = | $=$ | $=$ |
| 2-METHYLPYRIIINE | 0.113 | 0.101 | 0.014 | 0.021 | -0.004 | 56 | $=$ | $=$ | $=$ | ++ | = |  | $=$ | = |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = | + | = |
| 2-ETHYLFYFIIIINE | 0.190 | 0.063 | 0.025 | 0.018 | -0.000 | 57 | $=$ | = | $=$ | ++ | + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $+$ | = |
| 3,4-IIMETHYLFYFIIINE | 0.190 | 0.063 | 0.025 | 0.018 | -0.000 | 58 | -- |  | -- | + | + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $=$ |
| 2,6-IIIMETHYLFYRIIIINE | 0.190 | 0.063 | 0.025 | 0.018 | -0.000 | 59 | $\cdots$ | $=$ | - | ++ | = |  | = | + + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  | = | $=$ |
| EUTYRONITRILE | 0.029 | 0.117 | 0.005 | -0.022 | -0.021 | 60 | = |  | $=$ | ++ | $=$ | $=$ | $=$ |  | -- -- |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | - | + | $=$ |
| TRIFLUOROME THANE | -0.291 | -0.021 | 0.014 | -0.024 | -0.004 | 61 | $=$ | = |  |  |  | $\pm$ |  | - |  |  |  | = |  |  |  |  | = |  | - |
| CHFCL2 | -0.118 | -0.022 | -0.015 | -0.011 | -0.006 | 62 |  | - | = | $=$ |  | ++ | = | = |  | = | = | $=$ |  | = | $=$ |  | $=$ | $=$ | $=$ |
| METHYLENE BROMIIIE | -0.013 | 0.040 | -0.050 | 0.007 | -0.007 | 63 | = |  | $=$ | -- | + | = | - |  |  | = |  |  |  |  | - | + | = | = | -- |
| EROMOFORM | 0.125 | 0.060 | -0.056 | 0.014 | -0.007 | 64 | ++ |  | - | ++ | = | ++ | - |  |  | + |  |  | - |  | - |  | $+$ | -- | - |
| CF3CH3 | -0.215 | -0.059 | 0.025 | -0.028 | -0.000 | 65 |  |  |  | -- |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - | - | - |
| CFSCF3 | -0.214 | -0.199 | 0.070 | -0.056 | -0.003 | 66 |  |  | $=$ | -- | ++ | -- |  | -- |  |  |  | = |  | $=$ |  |  | = | -- | -- |
| CF3CF2CL | -0.128 | -0.199 | 0.055 | -0.049 | -0.005 | 67 | $\cdots$ |  | = |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  | = |  |  | = |  | $=$ | -- | -- |
| CF3CCL3 | 0.045 | $\cdots 0.200$ | 0.026 | -0.036 | -0.008 | 68 | - |  | + | $\pm+$ |  | ++ |  | $=$ |  | = |  | = | = | ++ | = |  | $=$ | -- | -- |
| CFCL2CFCL2 | 0.132 | -0.201 | 0.011 | -0.030 | -0.009 | 69 | -- |  | + | ++ + | ++ | + + |  | = |  |  | = | = | = | + | - |  | $=$ |  | -- |
| ALLYL CHLOFIIIE | -0.053 | -0.032 | -0,006 | 0.006 | -0.005 | 70 | = |  | $+$ | -- + |  | - = | = | - |  |  |  | = |  |  | = |  | - | + | = |
| 1,3-IIICHLOROFROFANE | 0.052 | 0.004 | -0.008 | -0.005 | -0.004 | 71 | $=$ | -- | + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | = | $\pm$ | $=$ |
| CHCL $2 C H C L 2$ | 0.149 | -0.052 | -0.018 | -0.007 | -0.012 | 72 | -- |  | $\pm$ | $\pm+$ | ++ |  | -- |  |  |  |  |  | - |  | - | + | $=$ | = | - |
| UINYL CHLORIIIE | -0.134 | -0.043 | -0.024 | 0.004 | -0.005 | 73 | + |  | ++ | ++ | = | - |  |  |  |  | = |  |  |  |  |  | = | + | = |
| CHCL $=\mathrm{CHCL}$ | -0.040 | -0.024 | -0.028 | 0.005 | -0.005 | 74 | - |  | ++ | $+$ |  |  | = |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  | = | $=$ | = | = |
| CCL2 $=$ CCL2 | 0.129 | -0.101 | -0.038 | -0.003 | -0.000 | 75 | ++ |  | ++ | ++ + | ++ | + - | - |  |  |  | $=$ |  |  |  |  | = | + | = | - |

${ }^{a}$ For every compound are given (1) its BCDEF values computed by the additive-constitutive scheme of Table IV and (2) the deviation between the predicted and actual values of those of its properties which have been experimentally determined. = indicates that the difference between predicted and experimental value is less than $s ;+$ indicates a predicted value exceeding the experimental value by more than $1 s$ but less than $2 s:++$ indicates a predicted value exceeding the experimental value by more than $2 s$ (or the $95 \%$ confidence interval of a prediction); - indicates
list was divided into three classes, of decreasing similarity to the original 114 and consequently of expected decreasing accuracy in property prediction. These classes are (I) compounds which are either isomers or one- or two-carbon homologues ${ }^{4}$ of the original 114; (II) compounds not in class I which contain no more than one structural fragment or grouping of structural fragments not found among the original 114; (III) all other compounds. The first column of Table I lists the 139 compounds by class.
Even the class I compounds represent enough structural dissimilarity from the compounds of Table I in the preceding paper to make their property prediction a significant challenge for the $\mathbf{B C}(D E F)$ model. Less than half of these are isomers, representing a true interpolation of the model. On the other hand, the properties of six alkylpyridines must be inferred from pyridine itself, and all of the polyhaloalkanes with their noto-
riously irregular properties fall into class I .
At this writing there were 21 properties for which $\mathbf{B C}(\mathbf{D E F})$ equations had been derived (Table IV ${ }^{1}$ ). However, the last three of the 21 , dipole moment, melting point, and molecular weight, do not depend upon nonspecific intermolecular interactions in the liquid state, so a low accuracy in predicting these properties was expected and found.

Obtaining BC(DEF) Values from Property Data. Inasmuch as the original $114 \mathrm{BC}(\mathrm{DEF})$ values ${ }^{\prime}$ are simply the results of factorization of a somewhat arbitrarily constituted matrix, the definition of $\operatorname{BC}(D E F)$ values for other compounds is not a trivial problem. In general the only test of the "accuracy" of a $\mathbf{B C}(\mathbf{D E F})$ value will be its ability to reproduce measured physical properties. This situation is not unique in chemistry; for example, the accuracy of a wave function also can be assessed only by its ability to reproduce derived observations. A

Table I (Continued)

CLASS III COMPOUNDS

|  | E | C | D | E | F |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EPICHLOROHYDRIN | -0.033 | 0.094 | -0.001 | 0.012 | -0.030 |
| GLYCEROL | 0.251 | 0.666 | 0.040 | -0.012 | 0.055 |
| Paral dehyde | 0.135 | 0.104 | 0.193 | 0.034 | -0.073 |
| CARBON DISULFIDE | -0.299 | 0.071 | 0.128 | 0.125 | 0.031 |
| allyl isothiocyanate | -0.003 | 0.090 | 0.129 | 0.076 | 0.020 |
| XENON | -0.211 | -0.017 | -0.081 | 0.038 | 0.010 |
| GERMANIUM TETRACHLORIDE | -0.024 | 0.007 | -0.137 | 0.042 | -0.002 |
| AMMONIA | -0.363 | 0.414 | 0.197 | 0.144 | 0.040 |
| ACETIC ANHYDRIDE | 0.042 | 0.153 | 0.039 | 0.001 | -0.013 |
| OLEIC ACID | 1.177 | -0.311 | 0.160 | -0.052 | 0.062 |
| NITROGYLCERIN | 0.293 | 0.166 | 0.159 | -0.019 | 0.015 |
| HYDRAZINE | -0.214 | 0.442 | 0.117 | 0.103 | 0.021 |
| CYANOGEN | -0.042 | 0.206 | -0.029 | -0.040 | -0.053 |
| FURAN | -0.031 | 0.011 | -0.003 | 0.020 | -0.030 |
| THIOPHENE | 0.061 | -0.014 | -0.036 | 0.033 | -0.028 |
| THIAZOLE | 0.015 | 0.128 | -0.000 | 0.040 | -0.020 |
| ETHYLENE IIAMINE | -0.028 | 0.229 | 0.096 | 0.064 | 0.002 |
| NITROUS OXIDE | -0.376 | -0.072 | -0.015 | 0.019 | 0.013 |
| N-mETHYLACETAMIDE | -0.006 | 0.401 | 0.129 | 0.065 | -0.033 |
| dimethylaceitamide | 0.048 | 0.320 | 0.143 | 0.056 | -0.024 |
| ETHYLENE GLYCOL | 0.043 | 0.340 | -0.003 | -0.020 | 0.035 |


a predicted value between $1 s$ and $2 s$ lower than the experimental value; - - indicates a predicted value more than $2 s$ lower than the experimental value: where $s$ is the standard error of estimate for the corresponding property equation in Table IV of the preceding paper ${ }^{1}$ (which see for $s$ values).
second problem is that the following methods of obtaining BC(DEF) values for additional compounds implicitly assume negligible error in the $6 \times 114$ matrix's experimental values. However, some justification for this assumption is the previously described ${ }^{\prime}$ collinearity of the $6 \times 114$ matrix $\mathbf{B C}(D E F)$ eigenvectors with the vectors obtained from factorization of two other matrices, suggesting that existing $\mathbf{B C}(\mathbf{D E F})$ values will not be perturbed significantly by the addition of new data to the defining matrix.

Because the original $\mathbf{B C}(\mathbf{D E F})$ values ${ }^{1}$ were defined in terms of a compound's properties, rather than its structure, we at first believed that a compound's unknown properties would be most accurately predicted when the intermediate $\mathbf{B C}(\mathbf{D E F})$ values are defined by a set of its known properties. One approach would be a regression study of the original data (Table I ${ }^{1}$ ), which would yield linear equations which predict $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}$, or $\mathbf{F}$ values as functions of various properties from among ac-
tivity and partition coefficients, boiling point, and molar refractivity, volume, and heat of vaporization.

Table II shows some properties of those of the 126 possible sets of linear equations which involve four or five of the six properties. The $s$ value, the amount of variance in $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}$, or $\mathbf{F}$ left unexplained by an equation, is shown for all such property combinations, along with an average of $s$ over the six $B C(D E F)$ equations which is weighted to reflect the far greater importance of $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$ in predicting properties. The most useful or informative grouping of properties will have a relatively low weighted mean $s$. Comparison of the weighted mean $s$ values for the six five-property equations suggests that the single property most important for $\mathbf{B C}(\mathbf{D E F})$ estimation is molar volume. The five-property block of Table II also gives some insight into the significance of the data-set-dependent $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{F}$ eigenvectors. The correlation coefficients of the $\mathbf{E}$ equations are depressed by exclusion of refractivity or molar volume,

Table II. The Fit between the BC(DEF) Values and Property Data Found in Table 1 in the Preceding Paper, ${ }^{1}$ When Various of the Six Defining Properties Are Missing

${ }^{a}$ Weighted by $\mathbf{B}=0.64, \mathbf{C}=0.31, \mathbf{D}=0.03, \mathbf{E}=0.01, \mathbf{F}=0.005$ (eigenvalues of original factorization ${ }^{1}$ ).
Table III. Regression Equations Expressing the Original B, C, D, E, and F Values ${ }^{1}$ as Functions of a Compound's Partition Coefficient, Molar Refractivity, Boiling Point, and Molar Volume ${ }^{a}$

|  |  | $r$ | $s$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{B}=-0.3123-0.002( \pm 0.004) \mathrm{PC}+0.00552( \pm 0.00109) \mathrm{MR}+0.000968( \pm 0.000060) \mathrm{bp}+0.00138( \pm 0.00022) \mathrm{MV}$ | 0.997 | 0.014 |  |
| $\mathbf{C}=0.1688-0.094( \pm 0.006) \mathrm{PC}+0.00056( \pm 0.00151) \mathrm{MR}+0.000825( \pm 0.000084) \mathrm{bp}-0.00095( \pm 0.00031) \mathrm{MV}$ | 0.989 | 0.019 |  |
| $\mathrm{D}=-0.1370-0.042( \pm 0.002) \mathrm{PC}+0.00090( \pm 0.00045) \mathrm{MR}-0.000416( \pm 0.000025) \mathrm{bp}+0.00236( \pm 0.00009) \mathrm{MV}$ | 0.979 | 0.006 |  |
| $\mathbf{E}=-0.027-0.019( \pm 0.002) \mathrm{PC}+0.00768( \pm 0.00068) \mathrm{MR}-0.000340( \pm 0.000034) \mathrm{bp}-0.00113( \pm 0.00012) \mathrm{MV}$ | 0.925 | 0.008 |  |
| $\mathbf{F}=-0.0049-0.0002( \pm 0.005) \mathrm{PC}+0.00043( \pm 0.00124) \mathrm{MR}-0.00049( \pm 0.000069) \mathrm{bp}-0.000015( \pm 0.00011) \mathrm{MV}$ | 0.179 | 0.016 |  |

$a$ Values in parentheses are $95 \%$ confidence intervals. All equations are based on $n=114$.
suggesting that the $\mathbf{E}$ eigenvector of the $6 \times 114$ matrix serves primarily to bring any disparate values of molar volume and molar refractivity into line with one another. Since molar refractivity is defined as molar volume times a fraction which is roughly proportional to the square of the velocity of light passing through the substance, $\mathbf{E}_{6}$ might be regarded as a "measure" of the relative velocity of light, that is, the mean electronic density. By a similar argument, the $F_{6}$ parameter seems to serve only to align boiling point with the trends in all the other variables, and thus embodies the relatively struc-ture-specific aspects of boiling point.

For comparison with predictions based on "additive-constitutive" BCDEF's, a single set of equations for "propertyderived" BCDEF's was chosen from Table II. The set, labeled " 1,6 ", comprises the four properties partition coefficient, molar refractivity, boiling point, and molar volume, a combination which has been measured for a relatively large number of the compounds in Table I. The coefficients needed to estimate BC(DEF) values from these properties appear in Table III.

Obtaining BCDEF Values from Structure Alone. The Ad-ditive-Constitutive BC(DEF) Models. Certainly structure is the most generally useful basis for estimation of a molecular property. The simplest such structural basis is the summation of contributions of individual fragments; for example, molecular weight is computed by summing atomic nuclear contributions. However, when other properties are being estimated, it has usually been found that such a purely "additive" model can be readily improved by the inclusion of "constitutive" contributions. Thus in most additive-constitutive models an ester group is treated differently either from "two oxygens and a carbon" or from "a carbonyl and an ether". It is also recognized ${ }^{5}$ that the selection of descriptors is fundamentally an arbitrary, ad hoc procedure. Objectives in selecting BC(DEF) additive-constitutive descriptors were the desire to say at least something about any molecule, regardless of how novel its
fragments might be; unambiguous fragment definitions which would readily be applicable to a computer perception process ${ }^{6}$ but also convenient for human perception; and the minimum number of fragment definitions possible, to maximize the degrees of freedom in the calculation of fragment contributions. These objectives led to purely "hierarchical" fragment definitions, such that fragments at a lower hierarchy can be thought of as "corrections" to an approximation obtained higher in the hierarchy. The more usual "linear" type of ad-ditive-constitutive model can say nothing about a molecule which cannot be unambiguously decomposed into previously encountered fragments.

A hierarchical additive-constitutive model which was fitted by regression to the original 114 BCDEF values is presented in Table IV. Starting at its top, evaluation of molecular weight and enumeration of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur atoms, and of the various types of carbon-carbon, carbon-hydrogen, and carbon-halogen bonds, all present no perceptual problems. The redundancy in description which characterizes a hierarchical model becomes most evident among the oxygen and nitrogen functionalities next encountered. For example, an ester group possesses a molecular weight, two oxygen atoms, half of a C-C bond, a carbonyl moiety, and an ether moiety, as well as the ester moiety, and all of these effects must be considered in using Table IV to calculate the ester BC(DEF) parameter contributions. This point is illustrated by the left hand of the two sample "B" calculations in Table VI.

The last six features in Table IV require comment. Tertiary and quaternary carbons are defined as carbon atoms having four attachments, either three or four of which are not hydrogen or halogen atoms. The "X-C-X tracing" is a novel treatment of the well-known observation that successive replacement of hydrogens by halogen or other electronegative attachments seldom produces exactly additive effects on molecular properties. The various polarizations introduced by the

Table IV．Hierarchical Additive－Constitutive Models Found for the Original BC（DEF）Values ${ }^{1}$ ，${ }^{f}$

|  | $\mathrm{B} \times 10^{2}$ | $\mathrm{C} \times 10^{2}$ | $\mathrm{D} \times 10^{2}$ | $\mathbf{E} \times 10^{2}$ | $\mathrm{F} \times 10^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| intercept coefficients | －50．647 | －5．605 | ． 663 | 3.12 | 2.80 |
| mol wt | $0.2251( \pm 0.010)$ | 0．0294（ $\pm 0.012$ ） | $-0.0669( \pm 0.011)$ | $-0.0051( \pm 0.0083)$ | $-0.014( \pm 0.0063)$ |
| no．of O atoms | 0．82（ $\pm 1.35)$ | $-0.32( \pm 1.56)$ | $-0.31( \pm 1.41)$ | $-0.39( \pm 1.11)$ | $-0.28( \pm 0.84)$ |
| no．of N atoms | 1．17（ $\pm 1.35)$ | $-1.31( \pm 1.57)$ | ．55（土1．41） | $-0.53( \pm 1.11)$ | $-0.30( \pm 0.85)$ |
| no．of S atoms | $2.31( \pm 2.84)$ | $8.10( \pm 3.30)$ | $8.67( \pm 2.97)$ | 4．73（ $\pm 2.34)$ | 0．58（ $\pm 1.78)$ |
| no．of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds | －4．09（ $\pm 0.99)$ | $-3.91( \pm 1.15)$ | $3.69( \pm 1.03)$ | $1.67( \pm 0.81)$ | $2.11( \pm 0.62)$ |
| no．of aromatic $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds | $-0.08( \pm 0.61)$ | $-1.71( \pm 0.70)$ | $2.77( \pm 0.63)$ | $1.27( \pm 0.50)$ | $1.08( \pm 3.80)$ |
| no．of $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ bonds | 4．36（ $\pm 0.96)$ | $-0.85( \pm 2.15)$ | $2.47( \pm 1.00)$ | $1.32( \pm 0.79)$ | $0.16( \pm 0.60)$ |
| no．of $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}$ bonds | 9．26（ $\pm 1.85)$ | 8．80（ $\pm 2.15)$ | 0．34（土1．93） | 0．34（ $\pm 1.53)$ | $-1.14( \pm 1.16)$ |
| no．of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ bonds | 4．28（ $\pm 0.41)$ | $-0.15( \pm 0.48)$ | $-0.83( \pm 0.43)$ | $-1.05( \pm 0.39)$ | $-0.78( \pm 0.26)$ |
| no．of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{F}$ bonds | $1.48( \pm 0.90)$ | 6．24（ $\pm 1.05)$ | 2．20（ $\pm 0.94)$ | $-1.17( \pm 0.74)$ | $-0.66( \pm 0.56)$ |
| no．of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl}$ bonds | $6.44( \pm 0.73)$ | $5.70( \pm 0.85)$ | 1．84（ $\pm 0.76)$ | $-0.59( \pm 0.60)$ | $-0.57( \pm 0.46)$ |
| no．of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Br}$ bonds | 1．30（ $\pm 1.52)$ | $5.23( \pm 1.76)$ | $3.89( \pm 1.59)$ | $-0.37( \pm 1.25)$ | $0.15( \pm 0.95)$ |
| no．of $\mathrm{C}-1$ bonds | $-0.38( \pm 1.18)$ | 4．64（ $\pm 1.37)$ | 4．78（ $\pm 1.23)$ | $-0.84( \pm 0.97)$ | $-0.24( \pm 0.74)$ |
| no．of－OH groups | 13．52（ $\pm 1.47)$ | $30.30( \pm 1.71)$ | $2.05( \pm 1.54)$ | $-0.35( \pm 1.21)$ | 1．84（ $\pm 0.92)$ |
| no．of $-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{groups}$ | $-4.14( \pm 2.32)$ | $11.39( \pm 2.69)$ | $11.20( \pm 2.42)$ | $3.89( \pm 1.91)$ | 0．44（ $\pm 1.45)$ |
| no．of $-(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})-$ groups | 10．43（ $\pm 1.89)$ | $27.99( \pm 2.19)$ | 4．59（ $\pm 1.97)$ | 0．88（ $\pm 1.55)$ | $-3.56( \pm 1.18)$ |
| no．of $-\mathrm{CH}=$ O groups | $1.85( \pm 2.78)$ | $-2.04( \pm 3.24)$ | $-2.37(+2.91)$ | $-1.80( \pm 2.30)$ | $1.23( \pm 1.75)$ |
| no．of -COOH groups | $-1.11( \pm 2.36)$ | $-22.99( \pm 2.74)$ | $-6.02( \pm 2.47)$ | $-2.71( \pm 1.95)$ | $1.61( \pm 1.48)$ |
| no．of－ COO －groups | $-2.43( \pm 2.02)$ | $-19.86( \pm 2.35)$ | $-5.91( \pm 2.11)$ | $-2.53( \pm 1.67)$ | $2.67( \pm 1.27)$ |
| no．of－－SH groups | $11.28( \pm 3.65)$ | 4．44（ $\pm 4.24)$ | $-7.22( \pm 3.81)$ | $-5.15( \pm 3.01)$ | $-0.41( \pm 2.29)$ |
| no．of $-\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ groups | $9.84( \pm 2.17)$ | $25.76( \pm 2.52)$ | $6.05( \pm 2.27)$ | 4．02（ $\pm 1.79)$ | $0.17( \pm 1.36)$ |
| no．of－NH－groups | $-0.46( \pm 2.81)$ | $22.02( \pm 3.27)$ | $13.60( \pm 2.94)$ | $7.68( \pm 2.32)$ | $1.62( \pm 1.77)$ |
| no．of－ N －－groups | $-11.06( \pm 4.25)$ | $13.95( \pm 4.95)$ | $18.39( \pm 4.45)$ | $9.90( \pm 3.51)$ | $5.08( \pm 2.67)$ |
| no．of $=\mathrm{N}-$ groups | $3.82( \pm 3.09)$ | $16.12( \pm 3.59)$ | $7.76( \pm 3.23)$ | $2.55( \pm 2.55)$ | 1．72（ $\pm 1.94)$ |
| no．of－ CN groups | $19.11( \pm 2.10)$ | 29．38（ $\pm 2.44)$ | $-1.38( \pm 2.20)$ | －2．72（ $\pm 1.73)$ | $-4.50( \pm 1.32)$ |
| no．of $-\mathrm{CON} \mathrm{ll}_{2}$ groups | $14.22( \pm 3.30)$ | $-1.59( \pm 3.85)$ | $-11.70( \pm 3.46)$ | $-8.91( \pm 2.73)$ | 2．34（ $\pm 2.08)$ |
| no．of $-\mathrm{NO}_{2}$ groups | 8．55 $( \pm 3.43)$ | $22.73( \pm 3.99)$ | 3．82（ $\pm 3.59)$ | $-8.35( \pm 2.83)$ | $-1.18( \pm 2.15)$ |
| no．of cycles（rings） | $10.45( \pm 2.28)$ | $9.96( \pm 2.65)$ | －10．34（2．38） | $-2.85( \pm 1.88)$ | $-4.20( \pm 1.43)$ |
| no．of tertiary carbons ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $-0.74( \pm 0.95)$ | $-0.12( \pm 1.10)$ | 1.44 （土．99） | $0.30( \pm 0.78)$ | $-0.67( \pm 0.60)$ |
| no．of quaternary carbons ${ }^{b}$ | $-1.99( \pm 1.16)$ | $-0.16( \pm 1.35)$ | $2.57( \pm 1.21)$ | $0.95( \pm 0.96)$ | $-0.61( \pm 0.73)$ |
| no．of $\mathrm{X}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{X}$ tracings ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | $-0.99( \pm 0.52)$ | $-5.70( \pm 0.60)$ | $-0.11( \pm 0.54)$ | $-0.44( \pm 0.43)$ | $0.19( \pm 0.32)$ |
| no．of $\mathrm{X}_{3} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{CX}_{3}$ bonds ${ }^{d}$ | $-0.77( \pm 3.52)$ | $-17.62( \pm 4.09)$ | $-0.63( \pm 3.68)$ | $-1.42( \pm 2.90)$ | $-0.51( \pm 2.21)$ |
| no．of $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{X}$ tracings ${ }^{e}$ | $-0.47( \pm 0.50)$ | $-4.96( \pm 0.58)$ | $-0.74( \pm 0.52)$ | $-0.58( \pm 0.41)$ | $0.31( \pm 0.31)$ |
| no．of aromatic fusions | $-0.31( \pm 2.82)$ | $-6.57( \pm 3.28)$ | $1.81( \pm 2.95)$ | $-1.40( \pm 2.33)$ | $2.41( \pm 1.77)$ |
| $r^{2}$ | 0.9970 | 0.9921 | 0.9284 | 0.8321 | 0.8480 |
| $s$ | 0.0120 | 0.0139 | 0.0125 | 0.0099 | 0.0075 |
| SD of residuals（includes $\mathrm{CH}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ） | 0.0126 | 0.0117 | 0.0121 | 0.0089 | 0.0065 |

${ }^{a}$ Count one for each $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$ carbon having three nonhydrogen，nonhalogen attachments．${ }^{b}$ Count one for each $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$ carbon having four nonhydrogen， nonhalogen attachments．${ }^{c} \mathrm{X}=$ not hydrogen or carbon．Count one for each distinct path（i．e．，for CF4，X－C－X $=3+2+1=6$ ）．${ }^{d} \mathrm{X}=$ not hydrogen or carbon．Count one for each such $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond，and fractions for any bond having electronegative attachments（see text）．${ }^{e} \mathrm{X}=$ not hydrogen or carbon，unless carbon is $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{X}$ ．One for each path（i．e．，one for $\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{CHCl}$ but two for PhCl ）．
first electronegative atom seem to be opposed by the polar－ izations from subsequent groups．We propose that this type of attenuation might be proportional to the total number of at－ tenuating interactions possible．Thus there is only one atten－ uating interaction in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ，but three attenuating interac－ tions in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$（between the first and second Cl＇s，between the first and third Cl＇s，and between the second and third Cl ＇s），and six in $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$ ．Such an＂X－C－X＂type of correction for attenu－ ation yields an excellent fit to the BCDEF values and consumes far fewer degrees of freedom than the alternative approach of defining many individual fragments for evaluation．A similar rationale underlies the＂ $\mathrm{X}_{3} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{CX}_{3}$＂correction，which applies to bonds between carbons each bearing at least one atom not hydrogen or carbon．Every such bond makes an＂ $\mathrm{X}_{3} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{CX}_{3}$＂ contribution equal to $1-1 / 6$（number of carbons and hydrogens attached to the two end atoms）．The＂ $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{X}$＂correction allows a generalized distinction between aromatic and aliphatic functionalities．This＂ $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{X}$＂correction is applied once for each electronegative moiety attached to an alkene carbon and twice for each moiety attached to an aryl ring．The final feature in Table IV，the benzo fusion，is self－explanatory．

The excellent overall fit of the additive－constitutive model to the original BCDEF parameters is shown by the $r^{2}$ and $s$ values at the bottom of Table IV．The 112 observations require
only 35 fragment definitions，a most satisfactory result con－ sidering the structural diversity of the compounds．（Methane and water，which have both anomalous $\mathbf{B}$ or $\mathbf{C}$ values and unique fragments，were excluded from the model．）The indi－ vidual fragment assignments for the compounds in Tables I of both this and the preceding paper appear in the supple－ mentary material．

For hand calculations a linear model is more convenient than the hierarchical model．Consequently a linear additive－con－ stitutive model for evaluating BCDEF parameters，derived from the equations of Table IV，is shown in Table V．However， note that the complex corrections，that is，the last seven fea－ tures in Table IV，will often still be necessary when using the linear model．

The group contributions of Table V also facilitate recap－ itulation of the mechanistic rationale for the BC（DEF）pa－ rameters．${ }^{1}$ The surprises are found among the $\mathbf{B}$ values．One is the relatively high effective＂bulk＂，or B contribution，of polar groups．A hydroxyl appears in Table $V$ to be much ＂bigger＂than an amino or methyl group，and a primary amide to be little＂smaller＂than a phenyl group．The relatively low or even negative bulk ascribed by $\mathbf{B}$ to atoms bearing few hy－ drogens can hardly be literally true．However，the C and D group contributions conform with their＂cohesiveness＂and

Table V. BC(DEF) Values of Individual Fragments: a Linear Additive-Constitutive Model Derived from Table IV

|  | B | C | D | E | F |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -H | 0.066 | 0.018 | -0.027 | -0.019 | -0.019 |
| $-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 0.142 | -0.020 | -0.016 | -0.023 | -0.015 |
| $-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-$ | 0.076 | -0.038 | 0.011 | -0.004 | 0.003 |
| $>\mathrm{CH}-{ }^{\text {c }}$ | 0.003 | -0.058 | 0.053 | 0.018 | 0.015 |
| $>\mathrm{C}<{ }^{\circ}$ | -0.075 | -0.076 | 0.091 | 0.043 | 0.034 |
| $-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{CH}-$ | 0.147 | -0.043 | 0.028 | 0.010 | 0.003 |
| $-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ | 0.212 | -0.025 | 0.000 | -0.009 | -0.015 |
| $>\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ | 0.147 | -0.043 | 0.028 | 0.010 | 0.003 |
| $-\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CH}$ | 0.171 | 0.074 | 0.027 | 0.002 | -0.012 |
| $-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ | 0.467 | -0.007 | 0.012 | 0.007 | -0.017 |
| $=\mathrm{CH}-$ <br> (aromatic) | 0.088 | 0.002 | -0.007 | 0.001 | $-0.003$ |
| -naphthyl | 0.766 | 0.018 | -0.026 | 0.024 | -0.028 |
| -cyclohexyl | 0.489 | -0.148 | 0.004 | -0.029 | -0.009 |
| $-\mathrm{F}^{\text {a,b }}$ | 0.078 | 0.088 | 0.009 | -0.019 | -0.020 |
| $-\mathrm{Cl}^{a, b}$ | 0.165 | 0.087 | -0.024 | -0.012 | -0.021 |
| $-\mathrm{Br}^{\text {a,b }}$ | 0.213 | 0.095 | -0.033 | -0.008 | -0.020 |
| $-1^{\text {a,b }}$ | 0.302 | 0.103 | -0.056 | -0.010 | -0.031 |
| $-\mathrm{CF}_{3}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 0.150 | 0.017 | 0.035 | -0.037 | -0.013 |
| $-\mathrm{CCl}_{3}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 0.410 | 0.015 | -0.009 | -0.017 | -0.017 |
| $-\mathrm{OH}^{\text {a }}$ | 0.202 | 0.324 | -0.012 | -0.015 | 0.003 |
| -O-a | 0.044 | 0.155 | 0.061 | 0.019 | -0.022 |
| $-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}-{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.135 | 0.246 | 0.061 | 0.023 | -0.021 |
| $-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{O}^{\text {a }}$ | 0.219 | 0.244 | 0.010 | -0.014 | -0.027 |
| $-\mathrm{COO}-{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.167 | 0.170 | 0.062 | 0.015 | -0.027 |
| $-\mathrm{COOH}^{\text {a }}$ | 0.323 | 0.342 | -0.011 | -0.017 | 0.008 |
| $-\mathrm{NH}_{2}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.167 | 0.269 | 0.037 | 0.027 | -0.014 |
| $-\mathrm{NH}-{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.082 | 0.251 | 0.095 | 0.056 | -0.010 |
| $-\mathrm{N}-{ }^{\text {a }}$ | -0.006 | 0.189 | 0.125 | 0.069 | 0.014 |
| $-\mathrm{CN}^{\text {a }}$ | 0.241 | 0.269 | -0.007 | -0.023 | -0.041 |
| $-\mathrm{N}={ }^{a}$ <br> (pyridine) | 0.102 | 0.183 | 0.031 | -0.011 | -0.020 |
| $-\mathrm{NO}_{2}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.238 | 0.241 | -0.012 | -0.027 | -0.037 |
| $-\mathrm{CONH}_{2}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.444 | 0.499 | -0.019 | -0.039 | -0.012 |
| $-\mathrm{S}-{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.136 | 0.130 | 0.028 | 0.032 | -0.020 |
| $-\mathrm{SH}^{a}$ | 0.231 | 0.155 | -0.026 | -0.011 | -0.013 |
| molecule | -0.5065 | -0.056 | 0.007 | 0.031 | 0.028 |

${ }^{a}$ Value when attached to aliphatic system. Note the correction for " $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{X}$ " in Table IV, to be applied once for this group when attached to an alkenyl carbon and twice when this group is attached to aromatic carbon. ${ }^{b}$ Note correction for "X-C-X" in Table IV, which must be applied when more than one halogen or other nonhydrogen, noncarbon atom is attached to the same carbon atom. The - $\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ and $-\mathrm{CCl}_{3}$ values already reflect the " $\mathrm{X}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{X}$ " correction. ${ }^{c}$ Includes the "tertiary" or "quaternary" correction of Table IV.
"dispersion" rationalizations.
Evaluation of a Collection of Predictions. As mentioned above, evaluation of a predictive scheme has not often been attempted in the chemical literature. Therefore a brief general discussion of the issues involved will precede the presentation of our results.
"Prediction" might be defined as an attempt to reduce the uncertainty surrounding the value of an unknown property. In the worst instance, with no predictive scheme available, the most reasonable guess for an unknown property value might be the mean of a representative set of known values of the property. The "probable error" involved in such a guess would be the standard deviation of the set of known values. Therefore a predictive scheme should at the least yield values whose deviations from a property mean are greater, in general, than their deviations from the corresponding actual or experimentally determined values. A perfect predictive scheme would of course yield values that are indistinguishable from the experimental value. These two extreme cases establish a scale of "predictive accuracy", on which the perfect predictive result is rated as 1.0 and the result which is no better a predictor than the property mean is rated as 0.0 . Intermediate prediction

Table VI. Sample Calculation of a B Value Using the Hierarchical Scheme of Table IV or the Linear Scheme of Table V

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| hierarchical scheme | linear scheme |  |  |
| intercept | -0.506 | intercept | -0.506 |
| + mol wt ( $=267.25$ ) | 0.602 | $+2-\mathrm{CH}_{3}{ }^{\text {s }}$ | 0.284 |
| +1 O atom and 1 N atom | 0.020 | $+1>\mathrm{CH}-$ | 0.003 |
| $+5 \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds | -0.205 | $+1 \mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{7}$ | 0.766 |
| +9 aromatic C...C; bonds | -0.007 | $-\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{H}$ | -0.066 |
| + $12 \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ bonds | 0.514 | $-1=\mathrm{CH}-$ | -0.088 |
| $+3 \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{F}$ bonds | 0.044 | $+\mathrm{I}=\mathrm{N}-$ | 0.102 |
| $+1-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}-$ group | 0.104 | $+1-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}-$ | 0.135 |
| $+1=\mathrm{N}-$ group | 0.038 | $+\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ | 0.150 |
| + 2 cycles (rings) | 0.209 |  |  |
| +1 tertiary carbon | -0.007 |  |  |
| + $3 \mathrm{X}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{X}$ tracings | -0.030 |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & +0.833 \mathrm{X}_{3} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{CX}_{3} \\ & \text { bond (between } \\ & \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O} \text { and } \mathrm{CF}_{3} \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ | -0.007 | $\begin{gathered} +0.833 \mathrm{X}_{3} \mathrm{C}- \\ \mathrm{CX}_{3} \text { bond } \end{gathered}$ | -0.007 |
| $+2 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{X}$ tracings ( $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{X}$ is the aromatic to $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ bond) | -0.009 | $+\underset{\text { tracings }}{2 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{X}}$ | -0.009 |
| +1 aromatic fusion | -0.003 |  |  |
| $\mathrm{B}=$ | 0.757 | $B=$ | 0.764 |

results can be placed onto this scale in a natural way, by using the expression

$$
\text { "prediction } r^{2} \text { " or "accuracy of prediction" }
$$

$$
=1-\frac{1}{n s^{2}} \sum_{n}(\text { predicted value }- \text { exptl value })^{2}
$$

where $n$ is the number of predictions and $s$ is the standard deviation of a representative and comparable, or "typical", set of property values. It is evident that this expression yields a maximum value of 1.0 when all predicted and experimental values are equal and falls below 0.0 whenever the average root mean square of (predicted - experimental) ${ }^{2}$ becomes greater than $s^{2}$. This scale for prediction accuracy is almost identical in definition and interpretation with the familiar $r^{2}$ criterion for the fit between a regression equation and the data from which the equation is derived. However, it must be appreciated that a high "prediction $r^{2}$ " is more difficult to achieve than a high "regression $r^{2}$ " because in the prediction case there are no adjustable coefficients.

A judgmental problem arising with this criterion for prediction accuracy is the choice of the "typical" compound set for computation of $s^{2}$. The higher the $s^{2}$ used for comparison (greater spread in values), the higher will be the "prediction $r^{2}$ " of any particular set of predictions. In our case, any $s^{2}$ estimate based on a set of actual values is probably an underestimate of $s^{2}$ for the theoretical objective, predicting values of a property for all possible compounds. We therefore compute "prediction $r^{2}$ " based either on the $s^{2}$ calculated from the experimental values being predicted (Table I of this paper) or on the $s^{2}$ from values of that property represented among the original 114 compounds, whichever value is higher.

The Prediction Studies. Results and Discussion. "Predictions" were carried out for every known value of the 21 properties of the 139 compounds in Table I, applying the "property equations" (Table IV') both to a set of BC(DEF) values derived from structure and, where possible, to a set obtained from the four properties indicated above. An illustration of how a
"prediction" is obtained using a property equation and a set of BCDEF values was given previously (Table III').

The results of these 1142 predictions are tabulated in three different ways. First, Table I gives the BCDEF values for the 139 compounds, based on the additive-constitutive model of Table IV, and indicates the closeness of each structure-based BCDEF prediction to the experimental value. (The actual experimental values and three predictions apiece (BC, BCD, and BCDEF) appear in the supplementary material.) Second, Table VII assesses the accumulated prediction results by property type and by compound class, and also compares the predictions based on structure-derived BC(DEF) values with those based on property-derived BC(DEF) values. Finally, Table VIII summarizes the assessments of Table VII, giving averaged "prediction $r^{2}$ " and a count of the property $r^{2}$ values within Table VII that exceed various cutoffs. Both Table VII and Table VIII allow comparisons of the two-parameter BC predictions with the five-parameter BCDEF predictions. (Predictions using the three-parameter BCD model seem in all respects to be intermediate between the two- and five-parameter model and so these results are relegated to the supplementary material.)

Of these, Table VII is the most important. The accuracies of prediction are given by compound class for each of the 21 properties listed. For example, the first row of Table VII indicates that among the class I compounds of Table I there are 47 known activity coefficient values. Their standard deviation is taken as 2.00 . Ordinarily this value is the standard deviation of the known values themselves, but, as shown by the footnote, in this instance the standard deviation of the original 114 ac tivity coefficients has the larger value.

The next four items summarize the accuracy of predicting these activity coefficients using structure-derived BC(DEF) values. The BC equation yielded predictions whose root mean square deviation from the experimental values was 0.38 , a "prediction $r^{2 "}$ of 0.964 according to the previously given formula. The BCDEF equation gave better predictions, a root mean square deviation of 0.30 yielding a prediction $r^{2}$ of 0.978 . The last five items compare activity coefficient predictions using BC(DEF) values derived by applying Table III to four predicting properties (partition coefficient, boiling point, molar volume, and refractivity) with those from the additive-constitutive model. The first of these items indicates that the comparison includes only the 15 class I compounds which have known values of both activity coefficient and the four predicting properties. The next two items compare the root mean square deviations, 0.70 in prediction using "four-property"derived BC parameters with 0.43 using "additive-constitutive" BC parameters. The additive constitutive model is significantly more accurate. Finally, the last two items show that addi-tive-constitutive predictions are superior to the four property predictions also when the five-parameter BCDEF model is used.

These 1142 prediction experiments can be summarized as follows.
(1) The accuracy in predicting the 1142 property values from structure alone, averaged over all properties of all compounds, is about $78 \%$ (lower right hand corner of part A of Table VIII). This corresponds to a "prediction $r$ " of $\sqrt{0.78}$ or 0.88 .
(2) As would be expected, the accuracy of prediction improves for lower numbered compound classes (those compounds which are most similar to those from which the BC(DEF) model was derived) and for lower numbered properties (those properties whose factorization most cleanly produced the BC(DEF) vectors). The average accuracy of prediction for the "reliable subset", the 749 values of properties 1-10 for compounds in classes I and II, using the five-parameter model, is about $94 \%$, a "prediction $r$ " of 0.97 .


Figure 1. Plots of predicted vs. experimental values of (A) partition coefficients and (B) boiling points of all class I and class 11 compounds.
(3) On the other hand, only 10 of the 18 properties of class I compounds are predicted with an average accuracy of $>90 \%$, and only 4 with an average accuracy $>95 \%$. The overall average accuracy is skewed upwards because those properties whose known values are most numerous proved to be easiest to predict.
(4) The BCDEF and BC models perform almost identically in predicting all properties for all compounds. However, when interest is limited to the "reliable subset", the five-parameter BCDEF model reduces the error of prediction by about onethird, a highly significant amount statistically.
(5) On the other hand, the two-parameter BC model is much the more "robust" when the properties of class III compounds, those having the least resemblance to those on which the model is based, are being predicted. ("Robust" connotes a model which can be extrapolated without giving increasingly divergent predictions. The more robust a model, the more likely it is to represent, and not merely reflect, physical reality.)
(6) Perhaps surprisingly, use of the four-property model instead of the additive-constitutive model to calculate BC(DEF) values did not usually improve the accuracy of predicting other compound properties, according to the right-hand side of Table VII. This comparison has to be limited to those compounds whose partition coefficient, boiling point, and molar refraction and volume are known.

To allow visualization of the average accuracy of predictions, two representative sets of data having "prediction $r^{2}$ " of 0.94 ,

Table VII. Averaged Accuracies of "Predicting" Known Values of 21 Properties of 139 Compounds (Table 1) Having Various Degrees of Structural Similarity to the Original Structures ${ }^{1, j}$

|  |  |  | additive-constitutive $\mathbf{B C D E F}^{\text {i }}$ |  |  |  | property $\mathrm{BCDEF}^{\text {i }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| class | $n$ | $s$ | $\underset{\mathrm{rms}}{\overline{\mathrm{BC}}-h}$ | $\underset{\text { " } r^{2} \text { " }}{\mathrm{BC}-}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { BCDEF }^{h} \\ \text { rms } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \overline{\text { BCDEF }} \\ & " r^{2} " \end{aligned}$ | 4-prop | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{BC}^{h}(4 \mathrm{p}) \\ \mathrm{rms} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{BC}^{h}(\mathrm{ac}) \\ \mathrm{rms} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BCDEF }^{h} \\ & (4 \mathrm{p}) \mathrm{rms} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BCDEF }^{h} \\ & \text { (ac) } \mathrm{rms} \end{aligned}$ |
| 1. Activity Coefficient |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 47 | $2.00^{a}$ | 0.38 | $0.964{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 0.30 | $0.978{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 15 | 0.70 | $0.43{ }^{\text {e }}$ | 0.65 | $0.23{ }^{\text {e }}$ |
| 11 | 11 | $2.00^{\text {a }}$ | 0.81 | 0.835 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 0.74 | $0.863^{\text {d }}$ | 5 | 0.63 | 0.69 | 0.50 | 0.55 |
| $111{ }^{\circ}$ | 7 | 2.62 | 2.55 | 0.053 | 2.85 | $<0.000$ | 3 | 1.30 | 1.74 | 1.24 | 1.83 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.787}{ }^{d}$ |  | $\overline{0.760}{ }^{d}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Partition Coefficient |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 30 | $1.22^{\text {a }}$ | 0.39 | $0.899^{\text {d }}$ | 0.31 | $0.935^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 22 | 1.46 | 0.48 | $0.891^{\text {d }}$ | 0.28 | $0.962^{\text {d }}$ | used to calculate BCDEF |  |  |  |  |
| III | 8 | 1.33 | 0.45 | $0.885^{d}$ | 0.75 | 0.682 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $0^{0.895}{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  | $\overline{0.912 ~}^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Molar Refractivity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 72 | $10.32^{\text {a }}$ | 1.958 | $0.964^{d}$ | 0.85 | $0.994^{\text {d }}$ | used to calculate BCDEF |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 38 | 14.44 | 2.82 | $0.962^{d}$ | 1.05 | $0.994^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 111 | 19 | 17.34 | 6.51 | $0.859^{d}$ | 3.55 | $0.958^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.941 ~}^{\text {d }}$ |  | $\overline{0.986}^{\text {b.d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Boiling Point |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 75 | $104.4{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 21.08 g | $0.958^{\text {d }}$ | 17.12 | $0.972^{\text {d }}$ | used to calculate BCDEF |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 43 | $104.4{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 39.94 | $0.854^{\text {d }}$ | 38.70 | $0.863^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 111 | 20 | 102.0 | 62.80 | $0.769^{d}$ | 99.98 | 0.039 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.880}{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  | $\overline{0.808}^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Molar Volume |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 73 | $30.1{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $11.0^{8}$ | $0.867^{\text {d }}$ | 3.51 | $0.986^{\text {d }}$ | used to calculate BCDEF |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 39 | 50.5 | 13.0 | $0.933^{d}$ | 7.15 | $0.989^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 111 | 20 | 61.8 | 19.9 | $0.897^{d}$ | 17.40 | $0.922^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.904}{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  | $0_{0.964}{ }^{\text {b d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Heat of Vaporization |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 54 | $3.07{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.81 | $0.931^{\text {d }}$ | 0.77 | $0.937^{\text {d }}$ | 12 | 1.08 | 0.83 | 1.13 | 0.97 |
| 11 | 32 | 3.08 | 1.41 | $0.790^{\text {d }}$ | 1.38 | $0.799^{\text {d }}$ | 12 | 0.92 | 1.28 | 0.78 | 1.27 |
| 111 | 12 | 4.50 | 1.85 | $0.832^{\text {d }}$ | 2.46 | $0.701{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 2 | 0.58 | 0.18 | 0.62 | 0.11 |
|  |  |  |  | $0.867^{d}$ |  | $\overline{0.843}{ }^{d}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Magnetic Susceptibility |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 49 | $20.1{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 6.418 | $0.899^{\text {d }}$ | 6.45 g | $0.897^{\text {d }}$ | 19 | 5.42 | 6.23 | 5.45 | 6.29 |
| 11 | 28 | 36.9 | 5.59 | $0.976^{\text {d }}$ | $5.70{ }^{\text {g }}$ | $0.976^{\text {d }}$ | 14 | 6.21 | 5.94 | 6.36 | 6.05 |
| III | 11 | 52.2 | 12.3 | $0.945^{\text {d }}$ | 12.2 | $0.945^{\text {d }}$ | 4 | 2.59 | 5.27 | 2.57 | 5.71 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.929}{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  | $0.92{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Critical Temperature |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 51 | $134.1{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 42.98 | $0.897{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 35.45 | $0.929^{\text {d }}$ | 18 | 31.8 | 44.5 | $18.4{ }^{\prime}$ | 45.9 |
| II | 27 | 122.4 | 71.7 | $0.714^{\text {d }}$ | 48.45 | $0.869^{\text {d }}$ | 13 | 82.1 | 97.2 | 19.6 | 57.1 |
| 111 | 11 | 176.0 | 85.2 | $0.766^{\text {d }}$ | 168.0 | 0.089 | 2 | 40.6 | 15.2 | $11.5 f$ | 69.5 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.824}{ }^{d}$ |  | $0.806{ }^{d}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. $(\text { van der Waals } A)^{1 / 2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 22 | 0.99 | 0.238 | $0.947^{\text {d }}$ | 0.208 | $0.959^{\text {d }}$ | 7 | 0.11 | 0.25 | 0.12 | 0.21 |
| 11 | 7 | $0.96{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.65 | 0.542 | 0.65 | 0.542 | 5 | 0.66 | 0.76 | $0.26{ }^{f}$ | 0.72 |
| 111 | 7 | 1.20 | 0.79 | 0.567 | 0.92 | 0.412 | 1 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 0.10 | 0.13 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.771}{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  | $0.772{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. van der Waals $B$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 22 | 0.04 | 0.02 | $0.832{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 0.02 | $0.887^{\text {d }}$ | 7 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| 11 | 7 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.632 | 0.03 | 0.684 | 5 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.02 |
| 111 | 7 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.714 | 0.02 | 0.717 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.794}{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  | $\overline{0.839}{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11. Log (Dielectric Constant) 0.2150 .38 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 13 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.027 | 0.24 | 0.498 | 5 | 0.34 | 0.35 | 0.18 | 0.17 |
| 111 | 11 | 0.52 | 0.39 | 0.437 | 0.59 | <0.000 | 3 | 0.33 | 0.40 | 0.35 | 0.33 |
|  |  |  |  | 0.304 |  | 0.070 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12. Solubility Parameter |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 18 | $1.84{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.79 g | $0.704^{\text {d }}$ | 0.738 | $0.843^{\text {d }}$ | 5 | 0.53 | 1.12 | 0.98 | 1.15 |
| 11 | 11 | $1.84{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1.48 g | 0.353 | 1.78 | 0.064 | 4 | 1.13 | 1.55 | 0.69 | 1.40 |
| 111 | 5 | 3.18 | 2.30 | 0.477 | 4.90 | $<0.000$ | 1 | 0.00 | 0.43 | 0.30 | 0.38 |
|  |  |  |  | $\underline{0.557}{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  | $<0.000$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. Critical Pressure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 41 | $12.7{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 8.25 g | $0.576{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 6.87 g | $0.706^{\text {d }}$ | 10 | 7.27 | 7.60 | 7.34 | 11.12 |
| 11 | 19 | 15.9 | $9.48{ }^{\text {g }}$ | $0.643^{\text {d }}$ | 10.8 g | $0.533^{\text {d }}$ | 7 | 10.31 | 11.4 | 10.4 | 10.25 |
| 111 | 6 | 25.7 | 22.7 | 0.222 | 47.30 | <0.000 | 2 | 7.56 | 8.3 | 0.64 | 2.15 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.563}{ }^{d}$ |  | <0.000 |  |  |  |  |  |

Table V11 (Continued)

|  |  |  | additive-constitutive $\mathrm{BCDEF}^{i}$ |  |  |  | property BCDEF ${ }^{i}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| class | $n$ | $s$ | $\begin{gathered} \overline{\mathrm{BC}-h} \\ \mathrm{rms} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \overline{\mathrm{BC}}-\mathrm{r}-r^{2} " \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BCDEF }^{h} \\ & \text { rms } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BCDEF } \\ & " r{ }^{2} " \end{aligned}$ | $\overline{\text { 4-prop }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{BC}^{h}(4 \mathrm{p}) \\ \mathrm{rms} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{BC}^{h}(\mathrm{ac})$ <br> rms | BCDEF ${ }^{h}$ <br> (4p) rms | BCDEF ${ }^{\text {² }}$ <br> (ac) rms |
| 14. Surface Tension |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 14 | 9.58 | 5.99 | $0.608^{d}$ | 2.42 g | $0.935^{d}$ | 3 | 1.72 | 1.83 | 2.31 | 2.22 |
| 11 | 12 | 8.66 | 8.31 | 0.100 | 6.98 | 0.368 | 7 | 8.98 | 9.80 | 7.12 | 10.25 |
| III | 8 | 22.2 | 30.8 | <0.000 | 32.5 | <0.000 | 1 | 201 | 234 | 149 | 348 |
|  |  |  |  | 0.099 |  | 0.283 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15. Thermal Conductivity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 15 | $0.73{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $0.52^{g}$ | 0.493 | 0.70 | 0.081 | 4 | 0.27 | 0.51 | 0.29 | 0.59 |
| 1 I | 8 | $0.73{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.86 | $<0.000$ | 0.81 | $<0.000$ | 2 | 0.73 | 1.06 | 0.65 | 0.97 |
| 111 | 5 | 2.26 | 1.66 | 0.461 | 0.95 | 0.823 | 1 | 0.81 | 0.45 | 0.34 | 1.15 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.372}$ |  | $\overline{0.548}{ }^{d}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 16. Log (Viscosity) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I | 17 | 0.55 | 0.29 g | $0.733^{d}$ | 0.23 | $0.824^{d}$ | 4 | 0.49 | 0.32 | 0.52 | 0.29 |
| 11 | 15 | 0.47 | 0.32 | 0.564 | 0.51 | <0.000 | 7 | 0.27 | 0.25 | 0.29 | 0.43 |
| III | 7 | 1.36 | 0.73 | $0.712^{d}$ | 1.16 | 0.272 | 1 | 0.34 | 0.21 | 0.70 | 0.26 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.664}^{\text {d }}$ |  | 0.335 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17. Isothermal Compressibility |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I | 6 | 3.82 | $2.68{ }^{\text {g }}$ | 0.508 | 1.39 g | $0.867^{d}$ | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| II | 6 | 4.25 | 4.11 | 0.067 | 5.33 | $<0.000$ | 2 | 3.16 | 3.81 | 6.67 | 8.33 |
| 111 | 3 | $3.36{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 3.90 | $<\underline{0.000}$ | 10.60 | <0.000 | 1 | 5.40 | 3.02 | 2.50 | 2.54 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.173}$ |  | $<0.000$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18. $E_{\mathrm{T}}$ (Solvent Effect on Electronic Transition) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | $8.69{ }^{\circ}$ | $4.88{ }^{\text {g }}$ | 0.686 | 2.12 g | $0.941^{d}$ | 1 | 10.56 | 19.3 | 0.03 | 8.57 |
| 11 | 4 | $8.69{ }^{a}$ | 3.85 g | 0.805 | 5.28 | 0.630 | 4 | 3.75 | 3.85 | 3.89 | 5.28 |
| 111 | 2 | 16.8 | 7.3 | 0.812 | 11.20 | 0.555 | 1 | 34.5 | 68 | 5.18 | 10.6 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.776}^{\text {d }}$ |  | $\overline{0.920 ~}^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 19. Dipole Moment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 38 | $1.09{ }^{\circ}$ | $0.68{ }^{\text {g }}$ | $0.529^{d}$ | 0.57 g | $0.724^{d}$ | 18 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.56 | 0.39 |
| 11 | 19 | 1.08 | $0.92{ }^{\text {g }}$ | 0.266 | 0.84 | 0.389 | 10 | 0.73 | 0.83 | 0.59 | 0.60 |
| 111 | 14 | 1.30 | 1.06 | 0.280 | 1.33 | $<0.000$ | 5 | 0.66 | 0.65 | 0.64 | 0.91 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.420}$ |  | $\overline{0.445}^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20. Melting Point |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 70 | $73.6{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 41.63 g | $0.681^{d}$ | $41.2^{\mathrm{g}}$ | $0.686^{d}$ | 26 | 33.8 | 34.2 | 34.4 | 37.9 |
| 11 | 40 | 78.3 | 52.59 g | $0.549^{d}$ | 55.9 | $0.491^{d}$ | 17 | 47.1 | 48.1 | 40.5 | 40.0 |
| III | 20 | $73.6{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 61.8 | 0.295 | 54.2 | 0.458 | 5 | 28.2 | 29.1 | 17.9 | 30.0 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.581}^{\text {d }}$ |  | $\overline{0.591}^{d}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21. Molecular Weight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 75 | $40.3{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 33.37 | $0.315^{d}$ | 31.6 | $0.386^{d}$ | 28 | 33.8 | 34.2 | 17.2 | 17.2 |
| 1 I | 43 | 44.1 | 17.678 | $0.839^{d}$ | $19.8{ }^{\text {g }}$ | $0.799^{d}$ | 19 | 8.96 | 8.91 | 14.2 | 16.66 |
| I I I | 21 | 66.2 | 43.56 | $0.567^{d}$ | 57.1 | 0.256 | 6 | 5.20 | 13.4 | 11.6 | 29.8 |
|  |  |  |  | $\overline{0.516}{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  | $\frac{0.494}{}^{d}$ |  |  |  |  |  |


#### Abstract

${ }^{a}$ The standard deviation of all the original values for this property, ${ }^{1}$ rather than the (smaller) standard deviation of the $n$ experimental values being predicted. ${ }^{b}$ Significantly more accurate in prediction than the corresponding BC equation ( $P<0.05$ ). ${ }^{c}$ These predictions would be much better if the intramolecular interaction between vicinal - OH groups and $-\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ groups was included (for ethylene glycol, glycerol, and ethylenediamine). ${ }^{d}$ Significantly superior to "predicting" simply that all compounds have the mean property value (a "predictive $r^{2}$," of 0$)(P<0.05)$. ${ }^{e}$ Significantly superior to the predictions using BC(DEF) values derived from the additive-constitutive model of Table IV ( $P<0.05$ ). ${ }^{f}$ Significantly superior to the predictions using BC(DEF) values derived from the property-based equations of Table lll ( $P<0.05$ ). $g$ Not significantly inferior to the original fit, between the property equation (Table VI, preceding paper) and the data from which the property equation was derived ( $P<0.05$ ). ${ }^{h}$ The units of measurement are indicated in Table IV of the previous paper. ${ }^{i}$ Explanation of table headings: $n$ is the number of predictions attempted, i.e., the number of compounds in Table 1 for which this property is known. $s$ is a "typical" standard deviation of this property for this class of compounds. Except where noted, it is the standard deviation of the $n$ experimental values. See discussion in text. rms is $\sum_{n}$ (predicted - actual) ${ }^{2} / n$. " $r$ " is the fraction of the variance in experimental values accounted for by the predictions, as defined in the text. ${ }^{j}$ The intermediate BCDEF values are calculated either from an additive-constitutive model (Table IV) or from four physical properties (Table 111), as indicated by column headings.


the boiling points and partition coefficients of class I and class II compounds, have been plotted in Figure 1. The outliers on these plots represent either shortcomings of the BCDEF scheme or, possibly, experimental error.

In deciding whether the scheme is accurate enough to be used for prediction of a particular property, attention should be focused on the rms columns for that property and compound class in Table VII. About two-thirds of the time, a predicted value will deviate from the actual values by less than this rms value. The accuracies of each individual prediction are pre-
sented symbolically in the right-hand half of Table I. Absence of any symbol in the appropriate space indicates an unknown experimental value. An " $=$ " implies that the experimental value and value predicted from the additive-constitutive BCDEF model differ by less than the standard deviation or average fit between the BCDEF property equation and its derivation data (Table IV'). A "+" or " - " entry implies that the calculated value is greater or less, respectively, than the experimental value by more than 1.0 , but less than 2.0 , standard deviations, while a " ++ " or " -- " value denotes a cal-

Table VIII. Summarization of the Average Prediction Accuracies for the 18 Liquid State Properties Presented in Table VII

| compd | properties 1-6 |  |  | A. Mean "Prediction $r^{2}$ " Values ${ }^{a}$ <br> A 7 -10 properties 11-18 |  |  |  |  |  | properties 1-10 |  |  | all 18 properties |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| class | $n$ | BC- $\mathrm{r}^{2}$ | BCDEF- ${ }^{2}$ | $n$ | BC- $r^{2}$ | BCDEF- $r^{2}$ | $n$ | BC-r ${ }^{2}$ | BCDEF-r ${ }^{2}$ | $n$ | BC-r ${ }^{2}$ | BCDEF-r ${ }^{2}$ | $n$ | BC-r ${ }^{2}$ | BCDEF- $r^{2}$ |
| 1 | 351 | 0.931 | 0.972 | 144 | 0.895 | 0.909 | 136 | 0.544 | 0.617 | 495 | 0.921 | 0.954 | 631 | 0.840 | 0.881 |
| 11 | 185 | 0.885 | 0.915 | 69 | 0.795 | 0.860 | 88 | 0.338 | 0.330 | 254 | 0.861 | 0.900 | 342 | 0.726 | 0.740 |
| 111 | 86 | 0.780 | 0.596 | 36 | 0.772 | 0.535 | 47 | 0.371 | 0.152 | 122 | 0.778 | 0.578 | 169 | 0.664 | 0.460 |
| all compounds | 622 | $\overline{0.896}$ | $\overline{0.903}$ | 249 | $\overline{0.850}$ | $\overline{0.841}$ | 271 | 0.447 | $\overline{0.443}$ | 871 | $\overline{0.883}$ | 0.886 | $\overline{1142}$ | 0.780 | 0.776 |

B. Number of Properties (1-18 in Table VII) Whose Mean "Prediction $r^{2}$ " Exceeds Various Given Values $r^{2}>0.00$,

| compd <br> class | $r^{2}>0.00$ |  | significant |  | $r^{2}>0.50$ |  | $r^{2}>0.75$ |  | $r^{2}>0.90$ |  | $r^{2}>0.95$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\overline{\text { BC }}$ | BCDEF | $\overline{\text { BC }}$ | BCDEF | $\overline{\text { BC }}$ | BCDEF | $\overline{\text { BC }}$ | BCDEF | $\overline{\text { BC }}$ | BCDEF | $\overline{\text { BC }}$ | BCDEF |
| 1 | 18 | 18 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 10 | 15 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 4 |
| 11 | 17 | 15 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 11 | <8 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| 111 | 16 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| all compounds | 18 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 2 |

${ }^{a}$ As discussed in the text, "prediction $r^{2} "=1 / n s^{2} \sum_{n}$ (predicted value - experimental value) ${ }^{2}$ where $s$ is the standard deviation of a representative set of property values. In this case, where $r^{2}$ is being averaged over several properties, "prediction $r^{2}$ " $=\sum n_{k}\left(r^{2}\right) k / \sum k n_{k}$, where $\left(r^{2}\right)$ and $n_{k}$ are the values given in Table VII for the prediction accuracy and the number of predictions, respectively, of the $k$ th property for the indicated class of compound.

Table IX. Comparison of Predictions Using Additive-Constitutive Schemes from the Literature ${ }^{a}$ for Individual Properties with the Predictions Using the BC(DEF) Values

| property/compound class | no. of predictions | rms of prediction ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { using } \\ & \text { lit. } \\ & \text { scheme } \end{aligned}$ | using BCDEF, same compds | $\begin{aligned} & \text { rms }^{b} \\ & \text { ratio }^{2} \end{aligned}$ |
| 1. Activity Coefficient ( $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ) |  |  |  |  |
| class 1 | 47 | 0.55 | 0.30 | 3.20** |
| class 11 | 11 | 1.39 | 0.74 | 3.54** |
| class 111 | 6 | 3.30 | 2.85 | 1.34 |
|  | $\overline{64}$ | 1.57 | 0.92 | $\overline{2.89} * *$ |
| 2. Partition Coefficient |  |  |  |  |
| class 1 | 30 | 0.37 | 0.31 | 1.45 |
| class 11 | 22 | 0.64 | 0.28 | 5.14** |
| class 111 | 5 | 0.95 | 0.75 | 1.61 |
|  | 57 | 0.55 | $\overline{0.36}$ | 2.35** |
| 3. Molar Refractivity |  |  |  |  |
| class I | 72 | 0.83 | 0.85 | 0.94 |
| class 11 | 38 | 0.97 | 1.05 | 0.85 |
| class 111 | 17 | 2.58 | 3.24 | 0.63 |
|  | $\overline{127}$ | 1.25 | 1.46 | 0.73* |
| 4. Boiling Point |  |  |  |  |
| class 1 | 47 | 17.25 | 13.62 | 1.60* |
| class 11 | 25 | 17.71 | 23.46 | 0.57 |
| class 111 | 12 | $\frac{75.37}{32.73}$ | 92.52 | $\underline{0.66}$ |
|  | $\overline{84}$ | $\overline{32.73}$ | 38.61 | 0.72 |
| 7. Magnetic Susceptibility |  |  |  |  |
| class 1 | 49 | 5.83 | 6.45 | 0.82 |
| class 11 | 27 | 4.39 | 5.80 | 0.57 |
| class 111 | 8 | 6.00 | 12.00 | 0.25 |
|  | $\overline{84}$ | $\overline{5.43}$ | 6.99 | 0.60* |

${ }^{a}$ See ref 2 for the literature individual property additive-constitutive schemes. ${ }^{b}$ Compares the individual property scheme accuracy of prediction with the BCDEF model accuracy of prediction. A ratio greater than 1.0 implies relative superiority of the BCDEF model and less than 1.0 implies relative inferiority of the BCDEF model. ${ }^{c}$ Units are given in Table IV of the preceding paper. ** This difference in predictive accuracy between the two models has a less than $1 \%$ probability of being a chance occurrence, according to an F-test of this variance ratio. * This difference in predictive accuracy has a less than $5 \%$ probability of being a chance occurrence.
culated value which is more than 2.0 standard deviations higher or lower than the experimental value. Statistical theory teaches that a "well-behaved" model of normally distributed data should fit about two-thirds of its data points within one standard deviation and $95 \%$ of its data points within two standard deviations. Predictions of properties 7-21 for class I compounds
fulfill this expectation very well, $64 \%$ of predictions in Table I being within one standard deviation and $90 \%$ being within two standard deviations. In other words, the predictions for compounds resembling those on which the model is based are as good as the original fit by the model. That the predictions of properties 1-6 are not as "well behaved" is understandable,
because in these instances the original standard deviations are made artifactually small by the manner of definition of the original BCDEF values.

As a final assessment of the BC(DEF)-based predictions, existing additive-constitutive schemes were used to "predict" the values of activity coefficient, partition coefficient, molar refractivity, boiling point, and magnetic susceptibility for all applicable compounds in Table I. Their average errors of prediction are compared in Table IX with the BCDEF struc-ture-based predictions for the same compounds. These comparisons must be assessed cautiously, because (1) all of the literature additive-constitutive schemes were forced into a fragment pattern much like that of Table IV, in particular by requiring a general " $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{X}$ " correction instead of separate aromatic and aliphatic parameters for every function; (2) some of the compounds in Table I were probably used to define fragment values in previously existing schemes, and thus "prediction" of those properties is not a prediction at all. However, the rms ratios in Table IX do suggest that the general additive-constitutive BCDEF model, if anything, tends to be more accurate than these individual property additive-constitutive models. Furthermore, the existing models often cannot be applied to as wide a variety of structures. Thus it seems appropriate to seek a BC(DEF) model rather than a new ad-ditive-constitutive model when one hopes to predict a physical property which depends upon nonspecific intermolecular interactions.

## Conclusions

Prediction of any property which depends mostly upon nonspecific and noncovalent intermolecular interactions, from structure alone, appears from the foregoing to be technically feasible within established error limits. On an absolute basis, the ability to forecast $94 \%$ of the variance in many properties of the most commonly encountered compounds would seem
to have areas of practical applicability. On a relative basis, the $\mathbf{B C}(\mathbf{D E F})$ model is as accurate as previously existing prediction schemes, and might be considered preferable to these on the grounds of demonstrated compatibility with the widest variety of experimental observations.

Further studies now underway are intended to extend the range of $\mathrm{BC}(\mathbf{D E F})$ predictions, both to compound types not yet considered, such as multiply functionalized substances usually existing as solids, and to other properties, such as boiling points or partition coefficients under different conditions, or those aspects of biological behavior which are not structurally specific.

Supplementary Material Available: Experimental and calculated values for the indicated properties of the compounds in Table I of this paper and the structural fragments and resulting calculated BCDEF values for all compounds in Tables 1 of this and the preceding paper ( 40 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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# Kinetics and Mechanism of Hydrolysis of a Silicate Triester, Tris(2-methoxyethoxy)phenylsilane 

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#### Abstract

The kinetics of hydrolysis in dilute aqueous solution of tris(2-methoxyethoxy) phenylsilane to phenylsilanetriol have been studied. The hydrolysis exhibits specific acid and general base catalysis, the latter with a Br $\phi$ nsted $\beta$ value of 0.7 . The specific acid catalysis mechanism is probably A-2 $\left(k_{\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+} / \mathrm{D}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}}=1.24, \Delta S^{\mp}=-39 \mathrm{cal} \mathrm{deg}^{-1} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right)$. At high $\mathrm{pH}(>10)$ the rate of appearance of the triol is limited by the rate of hydrolysis of one of the intermediates in the hydrolysis sequence, bis(2methoxyethoxy)phenylsilanol, which, under these conditions, forms an inert anion. At lower pH the hydrolysis of bis(2methoxyethoxy) phenylsilanol is several times faster than that of tris(2-methoxyethoxy)phenylsilane while that of the second intermediate, 2 -methoxyethoxyphenylsilanediol, is probably faster than the above two hydrolyses at all pHs . It is argued that the form of general base catalysis observed suggests that the base-catalyzed reactions involve either an $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{N} 2}{ }^{* *}$ - Si or $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{N} 2}{ }^{*}-\mathrm{Si}$ mechanism with formation of a pentacoordinate intermediate. Generalization of the argument used here is explored.


Many processes of importance to both geology ${ }^{1}$ and, as is being increasingly appreciated, biology ${ }^{2}$ involve the reactions in aqueous solution of simple silicates, i.e., of the $\mathrm{Si}(\mathrm{OX})_{n}$ functional group, where $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}$, or Si and $n>1$. Although many qualitative and semiquantitative studies have been made of the hydrolyses of such compounds, ${ }^{3}$ practically no systematic kinetic/mechanistic or thermodynamic studies have been
made. Quantitative interpretation of much of the early work is complicated by the presence of polymerization phenomena and by the use of a variety of mixed aqueous-organic solvent systems.

We present here what appears to be the first example of a kinetic study of the hydrolysis in a homogeneous, purely aqueous medium of a silicate triester, tris(2-methoxyethoxy)-

