

Dilute Solutions [pln30]

Criterion: $\phi \ll 1$.

Expansion of osmotic pressure in powers of volume fraction:

$$\pi(T, \phi) = \frac{k_B T}{v_p} \phi + A_2 \phi^2 + A_3 \phi^3 + \dots \quad (1)$$

- ▷ A_2, A_3 : virial coefficients.
- ▷ Leading *van't Hoff* term, $n k_B T$, with number density, $n \doteq N_p/V = \phi/v_p$, is independent of molecular interactions.
- ▷ $A_2 > 0$ is realized for repulsive solute interaction; $A_2 < 0$ is possible if solute interaction is attractive.

Consistent expansion of free energy function $f(T, \phi)$ (from [pln26]):

$$f(T, \phi) = f(T, 0) + k_0 \phi + \frac{k_B T}{v_p} \phi \ln \phi + A_2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{2} A_3 \phi^3 + \dots \quad (2)$$

with T -dependent k_0, A_2, A_3 .

To prove consistency use $\pi(\phi) = f(0) + \phi f'(\phi) - f(\phi)$ from [pln28] and convert the rhs into $f(0) + \phi^2 [f(\phi)/\phi]'$.

Chemical potentials inferred from (2):

- solvent

$$\mu_s(T, \phi) = \mu_s^{(0)}(T) + v_s p - \frac{v_s}{v_p} k_B T \phi - v_s [A_2 \phi^2 + A_3 \phi^3 + \dots],$$

- solute

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_p(T, \phi) = & \mu_p^{(0)}(T) + v_p p + k_B T \ln \phi \\ & + v_p \left[\left(2A_2 - \frac{k_B T}{v_p} \right) \phi + \left(\frac{3}{2} A_3 - A_2 \right) \phi^2 + \dots \right]. \end{aligned}$$