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# **pyEQL Documentation**

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## Installation

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### 1.1 Dependencies

pyEQL requires Python 3.0 or greater. We highly recommend the Anaconda distribution of Python, which bundles many other scientific computing packages and is easier to install (especially on Windows). You can download it at <https://www.continuum.io/downloads>.

pyEQL also requires the following packages:

- `pint`
- `scipy`

If you use `pip` to install pyEQL (recommended), they should be installed automatically.

### 1.2 Automatically install via `pip` and PyPI

Once Python is installed, The `Python Package Index` repository will allow installation to be done easily from the command line as follows:

```
pip install pyEQL
```

This should automatically pull in the required dependencies as well.

**Note:** You may have to run `pip3` rather than `pip` if you intend to use your system's default Python installation rather than Anaconda. For example, on many Linux and Mac systems Python 2.x and Python 3.x are installed side-by-side. You can tell if this is the case on your system by going to a command line and typing `python` like so:

```
$ python
Python 2.7.12 (default, Jul 1 2016, 15:12:24)
[GCC 5.4.0 20160609] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>>
```

This means Python 2.x is installed. If you run `pip install` it will point to the Python 2.7 installation, but pyEQL only works on Python 3. So, try this:

```
$ python3
Python 3.5.1+ (default, Mar 30 2016, 22:46:26)
[GCC 5.3.1 20160330] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>>
```

To get to Python 3.x, you have to type ‘python3’. In this case, you would run ‘pip3 install’

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## 1.3 Manually install via Git

Simply navigate to a directory of your choice on your computer and clone the repository by executing the following terminal command:

```
git clone https://github.com/rkingsbury/pyEQL
```

Then install by executing:

```
pip install -e pyEQL
```

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**Note:** You may have to run ‘pip3’ rather than ‘pip’. See the note in the Automatic installation section.

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pyEQL creates a new type (*Solution* class) to represent a chemical solution. It also comes pre-loaded with a database of diffusion coefficients, activity correction parameters, and other data on a variety of common electrolytes. Virtually all of the user-facing functions in pyEQL are accessed through the *Solution* class.

## 2.1 Creating a Solution Object

Create a *Solution* object by invoking the *Solution* class:

```
>>> import pyEQL
>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution()
>>> s1
<pyEQL.pyEQL.Solution at 0x7f9d188309b0>
```

If no arguments are specified, pyEQL creates a 1-L solution of water at pH 7 and 25 degC.

More usefully, you can specify solutes and bulk properties:

```
>>> s2 = pyEQL.Solution(['Na+', '0.5 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.5 mol/kg'], pH=8, temperature = 20 degC, vo
```

## 2.2 Retrieving Solution Properties

### 2.2.1 Bulk Solution Properties

pyEQL provides a variety of methods to calculate or look up bulk properties like temperature, ionic strength, conductivity, and density.

```
>>> s2.get_volume()
8.071524653929277 liter
>>> s2.get_density()
1.0182802742389558 kilogram/liter
>>> s2.get_conductivity()
4.083570230022633 siemens/meter
>>> s2.get_ionic_strength()
0.500000505903012 mole/kilogram
```

## 2.2.2 Individual Solute Properties

You can also retrieve properties for individual solutes (or the solvent, water)

```
>>> s2.get_amount('Na+', 'mol/L')
0.4946847550064916 mole/liter
>>> s2.get_activity_coefficient('Na+')
0.6838526233869155
>>> s2.get_activity('Na+')
0.3419263116934578
>>> s2.get_property('Na+', 'diffusion_coefficient')
1.1206048116287536e-05 centimeter2/second
```

## 2.3 Units-Aware Calculations using pint

pyEQL uses [pint](#) to perform units-aware calculations. The pint library creates Quantity objects that contain both a magnitude and a unit.

```
>>> from pyEQL import unit
>>> test_qty = pyEQL.unit('1 kg/m**3')
1.0 kilogram/meter3
```

Many pyEQL methods require physical quantities to be input as strings, then these methods return pint Quantity objects. A string quantity must contain both a magnitude and a unit (e.g. '0.5 mol/L'). In general, pint recognizes common abbreviations and SI prefixes. Compound units must follow Python math syntax (e.g. cm\*\*2 not cm2).

Pint Quantity objects have several useful attributes. They can be converted to strings:

```
>>> str(test_qty)
'1.0 kg/m**3'
```

the magnitude, units, or dimensionality can be retrieved via attributes:

```
>>> test_qty.magnitude
1.0
>>> test_qty.units
<UnitsContainer({'kilogram': 1.0, 'meter': -3.0})>
>>> test_qty.dimensionality
<UnitsContainer({'[length]': -3.0, '[mass]': 1.0})>
```

See the [pint documentation](#) for more details on creating and manipulating Quantity objects.

## 2.4 Using pyEQL in your projects

To access pyEQL's main features in your project all that is needed is an import statement:

```
>>> import pyEQL
```

In order to directly create Quantity objects, you need to explicitly import the *unit* module:

```
>>> from pyEQL import unit
>>> test_qty = pyEQL.unit('1 kg/m**3')
1.0 kilogram/meter3
```

**Warning:** if you use pyEQL in conjunction with another module that also uses pint for units-aware calculations, you must convert all Quantity objects to strings before passing them to the other module, as pint cannot perform mathematical operations on units that belong to different “registries.” See the [pint documentation](#) for more details.



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## Contributing to pyEQL

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### 3.1 Reporting Issues

You can report any bugs, packaging issues, feature requests, comments, or questions using the [issue tracker](#) on [github](#).

### 3.2 Contributing Code

To contribute bug fixes, documentation enhancements, or new code, please fork pyEQL and send us a pull request. It's not as hard as it sounds!

It is **strongly** recommended that you read the following short articles before starting your work, especially if you are new to the open source community.

- [Open Source Contribution Etiquette](#)
- [Don't "Push" Your Pull Requests](#)
- [A Successful Git Branching Model](#)

#### 3.2.1 Hacking pyEQL in Six Easy Steps:

1. Fork the pyEQL repository on Github
2. Clone your repository to a directory of your choice:

```
git clone https://github.com/<username>/pyEQL
```

3. Create a branch for your work. We loosely follow the branching guidelines outlined at <http://nvie.com/posts/a-successful-git-branching-model>.

If you are adding **documentation** or **bug fixes**, start with the **master** branch and prefix your branch with “fix-” or “doc-” as appropriate:

```
git checkout -b fix-myfix master  
  
git checkout -b doc-mydoc master
```

If you are adding a **new feature**, start with the **develop** branch and prefix your branch with “feature-”:

```
git checkout -b feature-myfeature develop
```

4. Hack away until you're satisfied.

5. Push your work back to Github:

```
git push origin feature-myfeature
```

6. Create a pull request with your changes. See [this tutorial](#) for instructions.

### 3.3 Generating Test Cases

pyEQL has many capabilities that have not been tested thoroughly. You can help the project simply by using pyEQL and comparing the output to experimental data and/or more established models. Report back your results on the [issue tracker](#).

Even better, write up an automated test case (see the tests/ directory for examples).

### 3.4 Making a Donation

If you'd like to leave a 'tip' for the project maintainer to support the time and effort required to develop pyEQL, simply send it via Paypal to [RyanSKingsbury@alumni.unc.edu](mailto:RyanSKingsbury@alumni.unc.edu)

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## Chemical Formulas

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### 4.1 Representing Chemical Substances in pyEQL

pyEQL interprets the chemical formula of a substance to calculate its molecular weight and formal charge. The formula is also used as a key to search the database for parameters (e.g. diffusion coefficient) that are used in subsequent calculations.

#### 4.1.1 How to Enter Valid Chemical Formulas

Generally speaking, type the chemical formula of your solute the “normal” way and pyEQL should be able to interpret it. Here are some examples:

- Sodium Chloride - NaCl
- Sodium Sulfate - Na(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>
- Methanol - CH<sub>4</sub>OH or CH<sub>5</sub>O
- Magnesium Ion - Mg<sup>+2</sup>
- Chloride Ion - Cl<sup>-</sup>

Formula Rules:

1. Are composed of valid atomic symbols that start with capital letters
2. Contain no non-alphanumeric characters other than ‘(’, ‘)’, ‘+’, or ‘-’
3. If a ‘+’ or ‘-’ is present, the formula must contain ONLY ‘+’ or ‘-’ (e.g. ‘Na+-’ is invalid) and the formula must end with either a series of charges (e.g. ‘Fe+++’) or a numeric charge (e.g. ‘Fe+3’)
4. Formula must contain matching numbers of ‘(’ and ‘)’
5. Open parentheses must precede closed parentheses

#### 4.1.2 Alternate Formulas and Isomers

Many complex molecules can be written in multiple ways. pyEQL cares only about the number and identity of the elements and the formal charge on the molecule, so you can use any form you choose. The `hill_order()` method takes a formula and reduces it to its simplest form, like so:

```
>>> pyEQL.chemical_formula.hill_order('CH2(CH3)4COOH')
'C6H15O2'
```

When searching the parameters database, pyEQL uses this method to reduce both user-entered formulas AND keys in the database. So even if you created a solution containing 'ClNa', pyEQL would still match it with parameters for 'NaCl'.

Currently pyEQL **does not distinguish between isomers**.

## 4.2 API Documentation (chemical\_formula.py)

This module contains classes, functions, and methods to facilitate the input, output, and parsing of chemical formulas for pyEQL.

The correct case must be used when specifying elements.

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pyEQL.chemical\_formula.**contains** (*formula*, *element*)

Check whether a formula contains a given element.

**Parameters** *formula*: str

String representing a molecular formula. e.g. 'H2O' or 'FeOH+' Valid molecular formulas must meet the following criteria:

1. Are composed of valid atomic symbols that start with capital letters
2. Contain no non-alphanumeric characters other than '(', ')', '+', or '-'
3. If a '+' or '-' is present, the formula must contain ONLY '+' or '-' (e.g. 'Na+-' is invalid) and the formula must end with either a series of charges (e.g. 'Fe+++') or a numeric charge (e.g. 'Fe+3')
4. Formula must contain matching numbers of '(' and ')'
5. Open parentheses must precede closed parentheses

**element**: str

String representing the element to check for. Must be a valid element name.

**Returns** bool

True if the formula contains the element. False otherwise.

### Examples

```
>>> contains('Fe2(SO4)3', 'Fe')
True
>>> contains('NaCOOH', 'S')
False
```

pyEQL.chemical\_formula.**get\_element\_mole\_ratio** (*formula*, *element*)

compute the moles of a specific element per mole of formula

**Parameters** *formula*: str

String representing a molecular formula. e.g. 'H2O' or 'FeOH+' Valid molecular formulas must meet the following criteria:

1. Are composed of valid atomic symbols that start with capital letters



2. Contain no non-alphanumeric characters other than '(', ')', '+', or '-'
3. If a '+' or '-' is present, the formula must contain ONLY '+' or '-' (e.g. 'Na+-' is invalid) and the formula must end with either a series of charges (e.g. 'Fe+++') or a numeric charge (e.g. 'Fe+3')
4. Formula must contain matching numbers of '(' and ')'
5. Open parentheses must precede closed parentheses

**element: str**

String representing the element to check for. Must be a valid element name.

**Returns** number

The number of moles of element per mole of formula, mol/mol.

```
>>> get_element_mole_ratio('NaCl', 'Na')
```

```
1
```

```
>>> get_element_mole_ratio('H2O', 'H')
```

```
2
```

```
>>> get_element_mole_ratio('H2O', 'Br')
```

```
0
```

```
>>> get_element_mole_ratio('CH3CH2CH3', 'C')
```

```
3
```

**See also:**

*contains, consolidate\_formula, get\_element\_weight, get\_element\_weight\_fraction*

pyEQL.chemical\_formula.**get\_element\_names** (*formula*)

Return the names of the elements in a chemical formula

**Parameters formula: str**

String representing a chemical formula

**Examples**

```
>>> get_element_names('FeSO4')
['Iron', 'Sulfur', 'Oxygen']
```

pyEQL.chemical\_formula.**get\_element\_numbers** (*formula*)

Return the atomic numbers of the elements in a chemical formula

**Parameters formula: str**

String representing a chemical formula

## Examples

```
>>> get_element_numbers('FeSO4')
[26, 16, 8]
```

`pyEQL.chemical_formula.get_element_weight` (*formula*, *element*)  
compute the weight of a specific element in a formula

**Parameters** *formula*: str

String representing a molecular formula. e.g. 'H2O' or 'FeOH+' Valid molecular formulas must meet the following criteria:

1. Are composed of valid atomic symbols that start with capital letters
2. Contain no non-alphanumeric characters other than '(', ')', '+', or '-'
3. If a '+' or '-' is present, the formula must contain ONLY '+' or '-' (e.g. 'Na+-' is invalid) and the formula must end with either a series of charges (e.g. 'Fe+++') or a numeric charge (e.g. 'Fe+3')
4. Formula must contain matching numbers of '(' and ')'
5. Open parentheses must precede closed parentheses

**element**: str

String representing the element to check for. Must be a valid element name.

**Returns** number

The weight of the specified element within the formula, g/mol.

```
>>> get_element_weight('NaCl', 'Na')
```

22.98977

```
>>> get_element_weight('H2O', 'H')
```

2.01588

```
>>> get_element_weight('H2O', 'Br')
```

0.0

```
>>> get_element_weight('CH3CH2CH3', 'C')
```

36.0321

**See also:**

`contains`, `_consolidate_formula`, `elements`, `get_element_mole_ratio`

`pyEQL.chemical_formula.get_element_weight_fraction` (*formula*, *element*)  
compute the weight fraction of a specific element in a formula

**Parameters** *formula*: str

String representing a molecular formula. e.g. 'H2O' or 'FeOH+' Valid molecular formulas must meet the following criteria:

1. Are composed of valid atomic symbols that start with capital letters

2. Contain no non-alphanumeric characters other than '(', ')', '+', or '-'
3. If a '+' or '-' is present, the formula must contain ONLY '+' or '-' (e.g. 'Na+-' is invalid) and the formula must end with either a series of charges (e.g. 'Fe+++') or a numeric charge (e.g. 'Fe+3')
4. Formula must contain matching numbers of '(' and ')'
5. Open parentheses must precede closed parentheses

**element: str**

String representing the element to check for. Must be a valid element name.

**Returns** number

The weight fraction of the specified element within the formula.

```
>>> get_element_weight_fraction('NaCl', 'Na')
```

```
0.39337...
```

```
>>> get_element_weight_fraction('H2O', 'H')
```

```
0.111898...
```

```
>>> get_element_weight_fraction('H2O', 'Br')
```

```
0.0
```

```
>>> get_element_weight_fraction('CH3CH2CH3', 'C')
```

```
0.8171355...
```

**See also:**

`get_element_weight`, `contains`, `_consolidate_formula`, `elements`

`pyEQL.chemical_formula.get_elements` (*formula*)

Return a list of strings representing the elements in a molecular formula, with no duplicates.

**See also:**

`_check_formula`

**Examples**

```
>>> get_elements('FeSO4')
['Fe', 'S', 'O']
>>> get_elements('CH3(CH2)4(CO)3')
['C', 'H', 'O']
```

`pyEQL.chemical_formula.get_formal_charge` (*formula*)

Return the formal charge on a molecule based on its formula

**See also:**

`_check_formula`

### Examples

```
>>> get_formal_charge('Na+')
1
>>> get_formal_charge('PO4-3')
-3
>>> get_formal_charge('Fe+++')
3
```

`pyEQL.chemical_formula.get_molecular_weight` (*formula*)  
compute the molecular weight of a formula

```
>>> get_molecular_weight('Na+')
22.98977
>>> get_molecular_weight('H2O')
18.01528
>>> get_molecular_weight('CH3CH2CH3')
44.09562
```

### See also:

`_consolidate_formula`, `elements`

`pyEQL.chemical_formula.hill_order` (*formula*)

Return a string representing the simplest form of 'formula' in the Hill order (Carbon, Hydrogen, then other elements in alphabetical order). If no Carbon is present, then all elements are listed in alphabetical order.

NOTE: this function does NOT (yet) honor exceptions to the Hill Order for acids, hydroxides, oxides, and ionic compounds. It follows the rule above no matter what.

### Examples

```
>>> hill_order('CH2 (CH3) 4COOH')
'C6H15O2'
```

```
>>> hill_order('NaCl')
'ClNa'
```

```
>>> hill_order('NaHCO2') == hill_order('HCOONa')
True
```

```
>>> hill_order('Fe+2') == hill_order('Fe+3')
False
```

`pyEQL.chemical_formula.is_valid_element` (*formula*)  
Check whether a string is a valid atomic symbol

#### Parameters :formula: str

String representing an atomic symbol. First letter must be uppercase, second letter must be lowercase.

#### Returns bool

True if the string is a valid atomic symbol. False otherwise.

## Examples

```
>>> is_valid_element('Cu')
True
>>> is_valid_element('Na+')
False
```

`pyEQL.chemical_formula.is_valid_formula(formula)`

Check that a molecular formula is formatted correctly

### Parameters formula: str

String representing a molecular formula. e.g. 'H2O' or 'FeOH+' Valid molecular formulas must meet the following criteria:

1. Are composed of valid atomic symbols that start with capital letters
2. Contain no non-alphanumeric characters other than '(', ')', '+', or '-'
3. If a '+' or '-' is present, the formula must contain ONLY '+' or '-' (e.g. 'Na+-' is invalid) and the formula must end with either a series of charges (e.g. 'Fe+++') or a numeric charge (e.g. 'Fe+3')
4. Formula must contain matching numbers of '(' and ')'
5. Open parentheses must precede closed parentheses

### Returns bool

True if the formula is valid. False otherwise.

## Examples

```
>>> is_valid_formula('Fe2(SO4)3')
True
>>> is_valid_formula('2Na+')
False
>>> is_valid_formula('HCO3-')
True
>>> is_valid_formula('Na+-')
False
>>> is_valid_formula('C10h12')
False
```

`pyEQL.chemical_formula.print_latex(formula)`

Print a LaTeX - formatted version of the formula

## Examples

```
>>> print_latex('Fe2SO4')
Fe_2SO_4
>>> print_latex('CH3CH2CH3')
CH_3CH_2CH_3
>>> print_latex('Fe2(OH)2+2')
Fe_2(OH)_2^+^2
```



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## Database System

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pyEQL creates a database to collect various parameters needed to perform its calculations. pyEQL's default database includes a collection of the following parameters for some common electrolytes:

- Diffusion coefficients for 104 ions
- Pitzer model activity correction coefficients for 157 salts
- Pitzer model partial molar volume coefficients for 120 salts
- Jones-Dole “B” coefficients for 83 ions
- Hydrated and ionic radii for 23 ions
- Dielectric constant model parameters for 18 ions
- Partial molar volumes for 10 ions

### 5.1 Basics

The Paramsdb class creates a container for parameters. Each parameter is an object which contains not only the value, but also information about the units, the reference, and the conditions of measurement. paramsdb() also defines several methods that are helpful for retrieving parameters.

pyEQL automatically initializes an instance of Paramsdb under the name ‘db’. You can access database methods like this:

```
>>> import pyEQL
>>> pyEQL.db
<pyEQL.database.Paramsdb at 0x7fead183f240>
>>> pyEQL.db.has_species('H+')
True
```

Anytime a new solute is added to a solution, the search\_parameters() method is called. This method searches every database file within the search path (by default, only pyEQL's built-in databases) for any parameters associated with that solute, and adds them to the database.

## 5.2 Adding your own Database Files

### 5.2.1 Custom Search Paths

The database system is meant to be easily extensible. To include your own parameters, first you need to add a directory of your choosing to the search path.

```
>>> pyEQL.db.add_path('/home/user')
```

You can always check to see which paths pyEQL is searching by using `list_path()`:

```
>>> pyEQL.db.list_path()  
<default installation directory>/database  
/home/user
```

Then, place your custom database file inside that directory. **NOTE: custom database files are searched IN ADDITION TO the default databases.** You don't need to re-create the information from the built-in files. Custom databases only need to contain extra parameters that are not included already.

### 5.2.2 File Format

Databases are formatted as TAB-SEPARATED text files and carry the .tsv extension. The intent of this format is to make database files easy to edit with common spreadsheet software.

**Warning:** If you open an existing or template database file for editing, some spreadsheet software will try to replace the tabs with commas when you save it again. pyEQL does NOT read comma-separated files.

Since pyEQL compiles the database from multiple files, the intent is for each file to contain values for one type of parameter (such as a diffusion coefficient) from one source. The file can then list values of that parameter for a number of different solutes.

The upper section of each file contains information about the source of the data, the units, the name of the parameter, and the conditions of measurement. The top of each database file must, at a minimum, contain rows for 'Name' and 'Units'. Preferably, other information such as conditions, notes and a reference are also supplied. See *template.tsv* in the database subdirectory for an example.

The remainder of the file contains solute formulas in the first column (see [Chemical Formulas](#)) and corresponding values of the parameter in the following columns. Sets of parameters (such as activity correction coefficients) can be specified by using more than one column.

**Warning:** Currently there is no way to handle duplicated parameters. So if you supply a parameter with the same name as a built-in one, unexpected behavior may result.

### 5.2.3 Special Names

The name of a parameter is used as a kind of index within pyEQL. Certain methods expect certain parameter names. The following are the currently-used internal names:

- 'diffusion\_coefficient' - diffusion coefficient
- 'pitzer\_parameters\_activity' - coefficients for the Pitzer model for activity correction
- 'pitzer\_parameters\_volume' - coefficients for the Pitzer model for partial molar volume
- 'erying\_viscosity\_coefficients' - coefficients for an Eyring-type viscosity correction model



- 'partial\_molar\_volume' - the partial molar volume (used if Pitzer parameters are not available)
- 'hydrated\_radius' - hydrated radius
- 'ionic\_radius' - ionic radius
- 'jones\_dole\_B' - Jones-Dole "B" coefficient

If you wish to supply these parameters for a custom solute not included in the built-in database, make sure to format the name exactly the same way.

You can also specify a custom parameter name, and retrieve it using the `get_parameter()` method. If the solute is 'Na+'

```
>>> pyEQL.db.get_parameter('Na+', 'my_parameter_name')
```

## 5.3 Viewing the Database

You can view the entire contents of the database using the `print_database()` method. Since pyEQL searches for parameters as they are added, the database will only contain parameters for solutes that have actually been used during the execution of your script. The output is organized by solute.

```
>>> pyEQL.db.print_database()

>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution(['Na+', '0.5 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.5 mol/kg'])
>>> pyEQL.db.print_database()
Parameters for species Cl-:
-----
Parameter diffusion_coefficient
Diffusion Coefficient
-----
Value: 2.032e-05 cm2/s
Conditions (T,P,Ionic Strength): 25 celsius, 1 atm, 0
Notes: For most ions, increases 2-3% per degree above 25C
Reference: CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 92nd Ed., pp. 5-77 to 5-79

Parameter partial_molar_volume
Partial molar volume
-----
Value: 21.6 cm3/mol
Conditions (T,P,Ionic Strength): 25 celsius, 1 atm, 0
Notes: correction factor 5e-4 cm3/g-K
Reference: Durchschlag, H., Zipper, P., 1994. "Calculation of the Partial Molal Volume of Organic Compounds"
...

```

## 5.4 API Documentation (database.py)

This module contains classes, functions, and methods for reading input files and assembling database entries for use by pyEQL.

By default, pyEQL searches all files in the /database subdirectory for parameters.

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**class** `pyEQL.database.Paramsdb`

create a global dictionary to contain a dynamically-generated list of Parameters for solute species. The dictionary

keys are the individual chemical species formulas. The dictionary's values are a python set object containing all parameters that apply to the species.

### Methods

<code>add_parameter(formula, parameter)</code>	Add a parameter to the database
<code>add_path(path)</code>	Add a user-defined directory to the database search path
<code>get_parameter(formula, name)</code>	Retrieve a parameter from the database
<code>has_parameter(formula, name)</code>	Boolean test to determine whether a parameter exists in the database for a given species
<code>has_species(formula)</code>	Boolean test to determine whether a species is present in the database
<code>list_path()</code>	List all search paths for database files
<code>print_database([solute])</code>	Function to generate a human-friendly summary of all the database parameters
<code>search_parameters(formula)</code>	Each time a new solute species is created in a solution, this function:

**add\_parameter** (*formula, parameter*)

Add a parameter to the database

**add\_path** (*path*)

Add a user-defined directory to the database search path

**get\_parameter** (*formula, name*)

Retrieve a parameter from the database

**has\_parameter** (*formula, name*)

Boolean test to determine whether a parameter exists in the database for a given species

**has\_species** (*formula*)

Boolean test to determine whether a species is present in the database

**list\_path** ()

List all search paths for database files

**print\_database** (*solute=None*)

Function to generate a human-friendly summary of all the database parameters that are actually used in the simulation

**Parameters** *solute* : str, optional

The chemical formula for a species. If this argument of supplied, the output will contain only the database entries for this species. Otherwise, all database entries will be printed.

**search\_parameters** (*formula*)

Each time a new solute species is created in a solution, this function:

- 1) searches to see whether a list of parameters for the species has already been compiled from the database
- 2) searches all files in the specified database directory(ies) for the species
- 3) creates a Parameter object for each value found
- 4) compiles these objects into a set
- 5) adds the set to a dictionary indexed by species name (formula)
- 6) points the new solute object to the dictionary

**formula** [str] String representing the chemical formula of the species.

## 5.5 API Documentation (parameter.py)

This module implements the Parameter() class, which is used to store values, units, uncertainties, and reference data for various quantities used throughout pyEQL.

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**class** `pyEQL.parameter.Parameter` (*name, magnitude, units='', \*\*kwargs*)

Class for storing and retrieving measured parameter values together with their units, context, and reference information.

Some pyEQL functions search for specific parameter names, such as: `diffusion_coefficient`

## Methods

<code>get_dimensions()</code>	Return the dimensions of the parameter.
<code>get_magnitude([temperature, pressure, ...])</code>	Return the magnitude of a parameter at the specified conditions.
<code>get_name()</code>	Return the name of the parameter.
<code>get_units()</code>	Return the units of a parameter
<code>get_value([temperature, pressure, ...])</code>	Return the value of a parameter at the specified conditions.

**get\_dimensions()**

Return the dimensions of the parameter.

**get\_magnitude** (*temperature=None, pressure=None, ionic\_strength=None*)

Return the magnitude of a parameter at the specified conditions.

**Parameters** *temperature* : str, optional

The temperature at which ‘magnitude’ was measured in degrees Celsius. Specify the temperature as a string containing the magnitude and a unit, e.g. ‘25 degC’, ‘32 degF’, ‘298 kelvin’, and ‘500 degR’

**pressure** : str, optional

The pressure at which ‘magnitude’ was measured in Pascals Specify the pressure as a string containing the magnitude and a unit. e.g. ‘101 kPa’. Typical valid units are ‘Pa’, ‘atm’, or ‘torr’.

**ionic\_strength** : str, optional

The ionic strength of the solution in which ‘magnitude’ was measured. Specify the ionic strength as a string containing the magnitude and a unit. e.g. ‘2 mol/kg’

**Returns** Number

The magnitude of the parameter at the specified conditions.

**get\_name()**

Return the name of the parameter.

**Parameters** None

**Returns** str

The name of the parameter

**get\_units()**

Return the units of a parameter

**get\_value** (*temperature=None, pressure=None, ionic\_strength=None*)

Return the value of a parameter at the specified conditions.

**Parameters** *temperature* : str, optional

The temperature at which ‘magnitude’ was measured in degrees Celsius. Specify the temperature as a string containing the magnitude and a unit, e.g. ‘25 degC’, ‘32 degF’, ‘298 kelvin’, and ‘500 degR’

**pressure** : str, optional

The pressure at which ‘magnitude’ was measured in Pascals Specify the pressure as a string containing the magnitude and a unit. e.g. ‘101 kPa’. Typical valid units are ‘Pa’, ‘atm’, or ‘torr’.

**ionic\_strength** : str, optional

The ionic strength of the solution in which ‘magnitude’ was measured. Specify the ionic strength as a string containing the magnitude and a unit. e.g. ‘2 mol/kg’

**Returns** Quantity

The value of the parameter at the specified conditions.

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## The Solution Class

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pyEQL Solution Class

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**class** `pyEQL.solution.Solution` (*solutes=[]*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Class representing the properties of a solution. Instances of this class contain information about the solutes, solvent, and bulk properties.

**Parameters** **solutes** : list of lists, optional

See `add_solute()` documentation for formatting of this list. Defaults to empty (pure solvent) if omitted

**volume** : str, optional

Volume of the solvent, including the unit. Defaults to '1 L' if omitted. Note that the total solution volume will be computed using partial molar volumes of the respective solutes as they are added to the solution.

**temperature** : str, optional

The solution temperature, including the unit. Defaults to '25 degC' if omitted.

**pressure** : Quantity, optional

The ambient pressure of the solution, including the unit. Defaults to '1 atm' if omitted.

**pH** : number, optional

Negative log of H<sup>+</sup> activity. If omitted, the solution will be initialized to pH 7 (neutral) with appropriate quantities of H<sup>+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> ions

**Returns** Solution

A Solution object.

**See also:**

`add_solute`

**Examples**

```
>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution(['Na+', '1 mol/L'], ['Cl-', '1 mol/L'], temperature='20 degC', volume='500
>>> print(s1)
Components:
['H2O', 'Cl-', 'H+', 'OH-', 'Na+']
Volume: 0.5 l
Density: 1.0383030844030992 kg/l
```

## Methods

<code>add_amount(solute, amount)</code>	Add the amount of ‘solute’ to the parent solution.
<code>add_solute(formula, amount[, parameters])</code>	Primary method for adding substances to a pyEQL solution
<code>add_solvent(formula, amount)</code>	Same as <code>add_solute</code> but omits the need to pass solvent mass to pint
<code>copy()</code>	Return a copy of the solution
<code>get_activity(solute)</code>	Return the thermodynamic activity of the solute in solution on the molal scale.
<code>get_activity_coefficient(solute)</code>	Return the activity coefficient of a solute in solution.
<code>get_alkalinity()</code>	Return the alkalinity or acid neutralizing capacity of a solution
<code>get_amount(solute, units)</code>	Return the amount of ‘solute’ in the parent solution
<code>get_bjerrum_length()</code>	Return the Bjerrum length of a solution
<code>get_charge_balance()</code>	Return the charge balance of the solution.
<code>get_chemical_potential_energy([...])</code>	Return the total chemical potential energy of a solution (not including
<code>get_conductivity()</code>	Compute the electrical conductivity of the solution.
<code>get_debye_length()</code>	Return the Debye length of a solution
<code>get_density()</code>	Return the density of the solution.
<code>get_dielectric_constant()</code>	Returns the dielectric constant of the solution.
<code>get_hardness()</code>	Return the hardness of a solution.
<code>get_ionic_strength()</code>	Return the ionic strength of the solution.
<code>get_lattice_distance(solute)</code>	Calculate the average distance between molecules
<code>get_mass()</code>	Return the total mass of the solution.
<code>get_mobility(solute)</code>	Calculate the ionic mobility of the solute
<code>get_molar_conductivity(solute)</code>	Calculate the molar (equivalent) conductivity for a solute
<code>get_mole_fraction(solute)</code>	Return the mole fraction of ‘solute’ in the solution
<code>get_moles_solvent()</code>	Return the moles of solvent present in the solution
<code>get_osmotic_coefficient()</code>	Return the osmotic coefficient of an aqueous solution.
<code>get_osmotic_pressure()</code>	Return the osmotic pressure of the solution relative to pure water.
<code>get_pressure()</code>	Return the hydrostatic pressure of the solution.
<code>get_property(solute, name)</code>	Retrieve a thermodynamic property (such as diffusion coefficient)
<code>get_salt()</code>	Determine the predominant salt in a solution of ions.
<code>get_solute(i)</code>	Return the specified solute object.
<code>get_solvent()</code>	Return the solvent object.
<code>get_solvent_mass()</code>	Return the mass of the solvent.
<code>get_temperature()</code>	Return the temperature of the solution.
<code>get_total_amount(element, units)</code>	Return the total amount of ‘element’ (across all solutes) in the solution.
<code>get_total_moles_solute()</code>	Return the total moles of all solute in the solution
<code>get_transport_number(solute[, ...])</code>	Calculate the transport number of the solute in the solution
<code>get_viscosity_dynamic()</code>	Return the dynamic (absolute) viscosity of the solution.
<code>get_viscosity_kinematic()</code>	Return the kinematic viscosity of the solution.
<code>get_viscosity_relative()</code>	Return the viscosity of the solution relative to that of water
<code>get_volume()</code>	Return the volume of the solution.
<code>get_water_activity()</code>	Return the water activity.
<code>list_activities([decimals])</code>	List the activity of each species in a solution.

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<code>list_concentrations([unit, decimals])</code>	List the concentration of each species in a solution.
<code>list_solutes()</code>	List all the solutes in the solution.
<code>p(solute[, activity])</code>	Return the negative log of the activity of solute.
<code>set_amount(solute, amount)</code>	Set the amount of ‘solute’ in the parent solution.
<code>set_pressure(pressure)</code>	Set the hydrostatic pressure of the solution.
<code>set_temperature(temperature)</code>	Set the solution temperature.
<code>set_volume(volume)</code>	Change the total solution volume to volume, while preserving

**add\_amount** (*solute*, *amount*)

Add the amount of ‘solute’ to the parent solution.

**Parameters** *solute* : str

String representing the name of the solute of interest

**amount** : str quantity

String representing the concentration desired, e.g. ‘1 mol/kg’ If the units are given on a per-volume basis, the solution volume is not recalculated If the units are given on a mass, substance, per-mass, or per-substance basis, then the solution volume is recalculated based on the new composition

**Returns** Nothing. The concentration of solute is modified.

**See also:**

`Solute.add_moles`

**add\_solute** (*formula*, *amount*, *parameters*={})

Primary method for adding substances to a pyEQL solution

**Parameters** *formula* : str

Chemical formula for the solute. Charged species must contain a + or - and (for polyvalent solutes) a number representing the net charge (e.g. ‘SO4-2’).

**amount** : str

The amount of substance in the specified unit system. The string should contain both a quantity and a pint-compatible representation of a unit. e.g. ‘5 mol/kg’ or ‘0.1 g/L’

**parameters** : dictionary, optional

Dictionary of custom parameters, such as diffusion coefficients, transport numbers, etc. Specify parameters as key:value pairs separated by commas within curly braces, e.g. {diffusion\_coeff:5e-10,transport\_number:0.8}. The ‘key’ is the name that will be used to access the parameter, the value is its value.

**add\_solvent** (*formula*, *amount*)

Same as add\_solute but omits the need to pass solvent mass to pint

**copy** ()

Return a copy of the solution

TODO - clarify whether this is a deep or shallow copy

**get\_activity** (*solute*)

Return the thermodynamic activity of the solute in solution on the molal scale.

**Parameters** *solute* : str

String representing the name of the solute of interest

**temperature** : Quantity, optional

The temperature of the solution. Defaults to 25 degrees C if omitted

**Returns** The thermodynamic activity of the solute in question (dimensionless)

**See also:**

`get_activity_coefficient`, `get_ionic_strength`, `get_salt`

### Notes

The thermodynamic activity is independent of the concentration scale used. However, the concentration and the activity coefficient must use corresponding scales.<sup>1 2</sup> The ionic strength, activity coefficients, and activities are all calculated based on the molal (mol/kg) concentration scale.

### References

**get\_activity\_coefficient** (*solute*)

Return the activity coefficient of a solute in solution.

Whenever the appropriate parameters are available, the Pitzer model<sup>3</sup> is used. If no Pitzer parameters are available, then the appropriate equations are selected according to the following logic:<sup>4</sup>

$I \leq 0.0005$ : Debye-Huckel equation  $0.005 < I \leq 0.1$ : Guntelberg approximation  $0.1 < I \leq 0.5$ : Davies equation  $I > 0.5$ : Raises a warning and returns activity coefficient = 1

The ionic strength, activity coefficients, and activities are all calculated based on the molal (mol/kg) concentration scale.

**Parameters** *solute* : str

String representing the name of the solute of interest

**Returns** The molal (mol/kg) scale mean ion activity coefficient of the solute in question

**See also:**

`get_ionic_strength`, `get_salt`, `activity_correction.get_activity_coefficient_debye_huckel`,  
`activity_correction.get_activity_coefficient_guntelberg`,  
`activity_correction.get_activity_coefficient_davies`,  
`activity_correction.get_activity_coefficient_pitzer`

### Notes

For multicomponent mixtures (i.e., solutions containing more than one cation and anion), the Pitzer parameters for the predominant salt (identified using the `get_salt()` method) are used in conjunction with the ionic strength calculated from the complete ionic composition to calculate the activity coefficients *for ions in the predominant salt*.

For other ions (not in the predominant salt), the regular logic will apply. If the ionic strength of a complex mixture is lower than 0.5 m, the corresponding equations will be used to estimate the activity coefficient based on ionic strength. However, if the ionic strength is higher than 0.5m, this method will return an

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<sup>1</sup> <http://adsorption.org/awm/utis/Activity.htm>

<sup>2</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thermodynamic\\_activity#Activity\\_coefficient](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thermodynamic_activity#Activity_coefficient)

<sup>3</sup> May, P. M., Rowland, D., Hefter, G., & Königsberger, E. (2011). A Generic and Updatable Pitzer Characterization of Aqueous Binary Electrolyte Solutions at 1 bar and 25 °C. *Journal of Chemical & Engineering Data*, 56(12), 5066–5077. doi:10.1021/je2009329

<sup>4</sup> Stumm, Werner and Morgan, James J. *Aquatic Chemistry*, 3rd ed, pp 165. Wiley Interscience, 1996.



activity coefficient of 1 for any ions not in the predominant salt. pyEQL will raise a WARNING when this occurs.

In using the Pitzer model for ions in the predominant salt, pyEQL calculates the “effective concentration” of the predominant salt by averaging the equivalent salt concentration of each ion, accounting for stoichiometry. This approximation is necessary to allow the Pitzer model to be applied to situations in which the ionic concentrations are unequal, or in which there is a common ion between more than one salt (e.g., NaCl and MgCl<sub>2</sub>).

This behavior is best illustrated with an example. In the solution below, the predominant salt is MgCl<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, the activity coefficient of Mg<sup>2+</sup> is calculated with the Pitzer model. The effective concentration of MgCl<sub>2</sub> would be the average of 0.2 m / 1 (for Mg<sup>2+</sup>) and 0.8 / 2 (for Cl<sup>-</sup>), or 0.3 m. However, the activity coefficient for Na<sup>+</sup> is 1 because the ionic strength is too high to use other methods.

## References

## Examples

```
>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution(['Na+', '0.2 mol/kg'], ['Mg+2', '0.3 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.8 mol/kg'])
>>> s1.get_salt().formula
'MgCl2'
>>> soln.get_activity_coefficient('Mg+2')
<Quantity(0.4711660119505297, 'dimensionless')>
>>> soln.get_activity_coefficient('Na+')
(pyEQL.solution) - WARNING - Ionic strength too high to estimate activity for species Na+.
Specify parameters for Pitzer model. Returning unit activity coefficient
<Quantity(1, 'dimensionless')>
```

### **get\_alkalinity()**

Return the alkalinity or acid neutralizing capacity of a solution

**Returns** Quantity :

The alkalinity of the solution in mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>

## Notes

The alkalinity is calculated according to: <sup>5</sup>

$$Alk = F \sum_i z_i C_B - \sum_i z_i C_A$$

Where  $C_B$  and  $C_A$  are conservative cations and anions, respectively (i.e. ions that do not participate in acid-base reactions), and  $z_i$  is their charge. In this method, the set of conservative cations is all Group I and Group II cations, and the conservative anions are all the anions of strong acids.

## References

### **get\_amount(solute, units)**

Return the amount of ‘solute’ in the parent solution

**Parameters** solute : str

String representing the name of the solute of interest

<sup>5</sup> Stumm, Werner and Morgan, James J. Aquatic Chemistry, 3rd ed, pp 165. Wiley Interscience, 1996.

**units** : str

Units desired for the output. Examples of valid units are 'mol/L', 'mol/kg', 'mol', 'kg', and 'g/L' Use 'fraction' to return the mole fraction.

**Returns** The amount of the solute in question, in the specified units

**See also:**

`add_amount`, `set_amount`, `get_total_amount`

**get\_bjerrum\_length()**

Return the Bjerrum length of a solution

Bjerrum length represents the distance at which electrostatic interactions between particles become comparable in magnitude to the thermal energy.:math:lambda\_B is calculated as <sup>6</sup>

$$\lambda_B = \frac{e^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_r\epsilon_0k_BT)}$$

where  $e$  is the fundamental charge,  $\epsilon_r$  and  $\epsilon_0$  are the relative permittivity and vacuum permittivity,  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant, and  $T$  is the temperature.

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity

The Bjerrum length, in nanometers.

**See also:**

`get_dielectric_constant`

## References

## Examples

```
>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution()
>>> s1.get_bjerrum_length()
<Quantity(0.7152793009386953, 'nanometer')>
```

**get\_charge\_balance()**

Return the charge balance of the solution.

Return the charge balance of the solution. The charge balance represents the net electric charge on the solution and SHOULD equal zero at all times, but due to numerical errors will usually have a small nonzero value.

**Returns** float :

The charge balance of the solution, in equivalents.

## Notes

The charge balance is calculated according to:

$$CB = F \sum_i n_i z_i$$

Where  $n_i$  is the number of moles,  $z_i$  is the charge on species  $i$ , and  $F$  is the Faraday constant.

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<sup>6</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bjerrum\\_length](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bjerrum_length)

**get\_chemical\_potential\_energy** (*activity\_correction=True*)

Return the total chemical potential energy of a solution (not including pressure or electric effects)

**Parameters** *activity\_correction* : bool, optional

If True, activities will be used to calculate the true chemical potential. If False, mole fraction will be used, resulting in a calculation of the ideal chemical potential.

**Returns** Quantity

The actual or ideal chemical potential energy of the solution, in Joules.

## Notes

The chemical potential energy (related to the Gibbs mixing energy) is calculated as follows: <sup>7</sup>

$$E = RT \sum_i n_i \ln a_i$$

or

$$E = RT \sum_i n_i \ln x_i$$

Where  $n$  is the number of moles of substance,  $T$  is the temperature in kelvin,  $R$  the ideal gas constant,  $x$  the mole fraction, and  $a$  the activity of each component.

Note that dissociated ions must be counted as separate components, so a simple salt dissolved in water is a three component solution (cation, anion, and water).

## References

**get\_conductivity** ()

Compute the electrical conductivity of the solution.

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity

The electrical conductivity of the solution in Siemens / meter.

**See also:**

*get\_ionic\_strength, get\_molar\_conductivity, get\_activity\_coefficient*

## Notes

Conductivity is calculated by summing the molar conductivities of the respective solutes, but they are activity-corrected and adjusted using an empirical exponent. This approach is used in PHREEQC and Aqion models <sup>8 9</sup>

$$EC = \frac{F^2}{RT} \sum_i D_i z_i^2 \gamma_i^\alpha m_i$$

<sup>7</sup> Koga, Yoshikata, 2007. *Solution Thermodynamics and its Application to Aqueous Solutions: A differential approach*. Elsevier, 2007, pp. 23-37.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.aqion.de/site/77>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.hydrochemistry.eu/exmpls/sc.html>

Where:

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} \frac{0.6}{\sqrt{|z_i|}} & I < 0.36|z_i| \\ \frac{\sqrt{I}}{|z_i|} & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Note: PHREEQC uses the molal rather than molar concentration according to [http://wwwbrr.cr.usgs.gov/projects/GWC\\_coupled/phreeqc/phreeqc3-html/phreeqc3-43.htm](http://wwwbrr.cr.usgs.gov/projects/GWC_coupled/phreeqc/phreeqc3-html/phreeqc3-43.htm)

## References

### `get_debye_length()`

Return the Debye length of a solution

Debye length is calculated as <sup>10</sup>

$$\kappa^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_r \epsilon_o k_B T}{(2 N_A e^2 I)}}$$

where  $I$  is the ionic strength,  $\epsilon_r$  and  $\epsilon_o$  are the relative permittivity and vacuum permittivity,  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant, and  $T$  is the temperature,  $e$  is the elementary charge, and  $N_A$  is Avogadro's number.

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity

The Debye length, in nanometers.

**See also:**

`get_ionic_strength`, `get_dielectric_constant`

## References

### `get_density()`

Return the density of the solution.

Density is calculated from the mass and volume each time this method is called.

**Returns** Quantity: The density of the solution.

### `get_dielectric_constant()`

Returns the dielectric constant of the solution.

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity: the dielectric constant of the solution, dimensionless.

## Notes

Implements the following equation as given by <sup>11</sup>

$$\epsilon = \frac{\epsilon_s \epsilon_{olvent}}{1 + \sum_i \alpha_i x_i}$$

where  $\alpha_i$  is a coefficient specific to the solvent and ion, and  $x_i$  is the mole fraction of the ion in solution.

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<sup>10</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debye\\_length#Debye\\_length\\_in\\_an\\_electrolyte](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debye_length#Debye_length_in_an_electrolyte)

<sup>11</sup> [1] A. Zuber, L. Cardozo-Filho, V.F. Cabral, R.F. Checoni, M. Castier,

## References

An empirical equation for the dielectric constant in aqueous and nonaqueous electrolyte mixtures, Fluid Phase Equilib. 376 (2014) 116–123. doi:10.1016/j.fluid.2014.05.037.

### `get_hardness()`

Return the hardness of a solution.

Hardness is defined as the sum of the equivalent concentrations of multivalent cations as calcium carbonate.

NOTE: at present pyEQL cannot distinguish between mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub> and mg/L units. Use with caution.

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity

The hardness of the solution in mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>

### `get_ionic_strength()`

Return the ionic strength of the solution.

Return the ionic strength of the solution, calculated as  $1/2 * \sum (\text{molality} * \text{charge}^2)$  over all the ions. Molal (mol/kg) scale concentrations are used for compatibility with the activity correction formulas.

**Returns** Quantity :

The ionic strength of the parent solution, mol/kg.

**See also:**

`get_activity`, `get_water_activity`

## Notes

The ionic strength is calculated according to:

$$I = \sum_i m_i z_i^2$$

Where  $m_i$  is the molal concentration and  $z_i$  is the charge on species i.

## Examples

```
>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution(['Na+', '0.2 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.2 mol/kg'])
>>> s1.get_ionic_strength()
<Quantity(0.20000010029672785, 'mole / kilogram')>
```

```
>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution(['Mg+2', '0.3 mol/kg'], ['Na+', '0.1 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.7 mol/kg'], te
>>> s1.get_ionic_strength()
<Quantity(1.0000001004383303, 'mole / kilogram')>
```

### `get_lattice_distance(solute)`

Calculate the average distance between molecules

Calculate the average distance between molecules of the given solute, assuming that the molecules are uniformly distributed throughout the solution.

**Parameters** `solute` : str

String representing the name of the solute of interest

**Returns** Quantity : The average distance between solute molecules

## Notes

The lattice distance is related to the molar concentration as follows:

$$d = (C_i N_A)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

## Examples

```
>>> soln = Solution(['Na+', '0.5 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.5 mol/kg'])
>>> soln.get_lattice_distance('Na+')
1.492964.... nanometer
```

### **get\_mass()**

Return the total mass of the solution.

The mass is calculated each time this method is called. Parameters ——— None

**Returns** Quantity: the mass of the solution, in kg

### **get\_mobility(solute)**

Calculate the ionic mobility of the solute

**Parameters** solute : str

String identifying the solute for which the mobility is to be calculated.

**Returns** float : The ionic mobility. Zero if the solute is not charged.

## Notes

This function uses the Einstein relation to convert a diffusion coefficient into an ionic mobility <sup>12</sup>

$$\mu_i = \frac{F|z_i|D_i}{RT}$$

## References

### **get\_molar\_conductivity(solute)**

Calculate the molar (equivalent) conductivity for a solute

**Parameters** solute : str

String identifying the solute for which the molar conductivity is to be calculated.

**Returns** float

The molar or equivalent conductivity of the species in the solution. Zero if the solute is not charged.

## Notes

Molar conductivity is calculated from the Nernst-Einstein relation <sup>13</sup>

$$\kappa_i = \frac{z_i^2 D_i F^2}{RT}$$

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<sup>12</sup> Smedley, Stuart I. The Interpretation of Ionic Conductivity in Liquids. Plenum Press, 1980.

<sup>13</sup> Smedley, Stuart. The Interpretation of Ionic Conductivity in Liquids, pp 1-9. Plenum Press, 1980.

Note that the diffusion coefficient is strongly variable with temperature.

## References

## Examples

TODO

**get\_mole\_fraction** (*solute*)

Return the mole fraction of 'solute' in the solution

**Parameters** *solute* : str

String representing the name of the solute of interest

**Returns** float

The mole fraction of 'solute' in the parent Solution object

**See also:**

*get\_solvent\_mass*

## Notes

This function assumes water is the solvent with MW = 18

## Examples

TODO

**get\_moles\_solvent** ()

Return the moles of solvent present in the solution

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity

The moles of solvent in the solution.

**get\_osmotic\_coefficient** ()

Return the osmotic coefficient of an aqueous solution.

Osmotic coefficient is calculated using the Pitzer model.[#]\_ If appropriate parameters for the model are not available, then pyEQL raises a WARNING and returns an osmotic coefficient of 1.

**Returns** Quantity :

The osmotic coefficient

**See also:**

*get\_water\_activity, get\_ionic\_strength, get\_salt*

## Notes

For multicomponent mixtures (i.e., solutions containing more than one cation and anion), the Pitzer parameters for the predominant salt (identified using the `get_salt()` method) are used in conjunction with the ionic strength calculated from the complete ionic composition to calculate the osmotic coefficient.

In using the Pitzer model for ions in the predominant salt, pyEQL calculates the “effective concentration” of the predominant salt by averaging the equivalent salt concentration of each ion, accounting for stoichiometry. This approximation is necessary to allow the Pitzer model to be applied to situations in which the ionic concentrations are unequal, or in which there is a common ion between more than one salt (e.g., NaCl and MgCl<sub>2</sub>).

This behavior is best illustrated with an example. In the solution below, the predominant salt is MgCl<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, the activity coefficient of Mg<sup>+2</sup> is calculated with the Pitzer model. The effective concentration of MgCl<sub>2</sub> would be the average of 0.2 m / 1 (for Mg<sup>+2</sup>) and 0.8 / 2 (for Cl<sup>-</sup>), or 0.3 m. However, the activity coefficient for Na<sup>+</sup> is 1 because the ionic strength is too high to use other methods

In the third example below, the predominant salt is MgCl<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, the Pitzer parameters for MgCl<sub>2</sub> are used to calculate the osmotic coefficient. The effective concentration of MgCl<sub>2</sub> would be the average of 0.2 m / 1 (for Mg<sup>+2</sup>) and 0.8 / 2 (for Cl<sup>-</sup>), or 0.3 m. Compare the result to the second example, in which only MgCl<sub>2</sub> is present and the salt concentration is also 0.3m. The slightly higher ionic strength due to the presence of the sodium ions changes the value of the osmotic coefficient.

## References

## Examples

```
>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution(['Na+', '0.2 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.2 mol/kg'])
>>> s1.get_osmotic_coefficient()
<Quantity(0.9235996615888572, 'dimensionless')>
```

```
>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution(['Mg+2', '0.3 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.6 mol/kg'], temperature='30 degC')
>>> s1.get_osmotic_coefficient()
<Quantity(0.891154788474231, 'dimensionless')>
```

```
>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution(['Na+', '0.2 mol/kg'], ['Mg+2', '0.3 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.8 mol/kg'])
>>> s1.get_salt().formula
'MgCl2'
>>> s1.get_osmotic_coefficient()
<Quantity(0.8974036010550355, 'dimensionless')>
```

### `get_osmotic_pressure()`

Return the osmotic pressure of the solution relative to pure water.

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity

The osmotic pressure of the solution relative to pure water in Pa

**See also:**

`get_water_activity`, `get_osmotic_coefficient`, `get_salt`



## Notes

Osmotic pressure is calculated based on the water activity<sup>14 15</sup>:

$$\Pi = \frac{RT}{V_w} \ln a_w$$

Where  $\Pi$  is the osmotic pressure,  $V_w$  is the partial molar volume of water (18.2 cm<sup>3</sup>/mol), and  $a_w$  is the water activity.

## References

## Examples

```
>>> s1=pyEQL.Solution()
>>> s1.get_osmotic_pressure()
0.0
```

```
>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution(['Na+', '0.2 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.2 mol/kg'])
>>> soln.get_osmotic_pressure()
<Quantity(906516.7318131207, 'pascal')>
```

### **get\_pressure()**

Return the hydrostatic pressure of the solution.

**Returns** Quantity: The hydrostatic pressure of the solution, in atm.

### **get\_property(solute, name)**

Retrieve a thermodynamic property (such as diffusion coefficient) for solute, and adjust it from the reference conditions to the conditions of the solution

**Parameters** **solute: str**

String representing the chemical formula of the solute species

**name: str**

The name of the property needed, e.g. 'diffusion coefficient'

**Returns** Quantity: The desired parameter

### **get\_salt()**

Determine the predominant salt in a solution of ions.

Many empirical equations for solution properties such as activity coefficient, partial molar volume, or viscosity are based on the concentration of single salts (e.g., NaCl). When multiple ions are present (e.g., a solution containing Na<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, and Mg<sup>2+</sup>), it is generally not possible to directly model these quantities. pyEQL works around this problem by treating such solutions as single salt solutions.

The `get_salt()` method examines the ionic composition of a solution and returns an object that identifies the single most predominant salt in the solution, defined by the cation and anion with the highest mole fraction. The Salt object contains information about the stoichiometry of the salt to enable its effective concentration to be calculated (e.g., 1 M MgCl<sub>2</sub> yields 1 M Mg<sup>2+</sup> and 2 M Cl<sup>-</sup>).

**Parameters** **None**

**Returns** Salt

<sup>14</sup> May, P. M., Rowland, D., Hefter, G., & Königsberger, E. (2011). A Generic and Updatable Pitzer Characterization of Aqueous Binary Electrolyte Solutions at 1 bar and 25 °C. *Journal of Chemical & Engineering Data*, 56(12), 5066–5077. doi:10.1021/je2009329

<sup>15</sup> Sata, Toshikatsu. Ion Exchange Membranes: Preparation, Characterization, and Modification. Royal Society of Chemistry, 2004, p. 10.

Salt object containing information about the parent salt.

**See also:**

*get\_activity*, *get\_activity\_coefficient*, *get\_water\_activity*,  
*get\_osmotic\_coefficient*, *get\_osmotic\_pressure*, *get\_viscosity\_kinematic*

**Examples**

```
>>> s1 = Solution(['Na+', '0.5 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.5 mol/kg'])
>>> s1.get_salt()
<pyEQL.salt_ion_match.Salt object at 0x7fe6d3542048>
>>> s1.get_salt().formula
'NaCl'
>>> s1.get_salt().nu_cation
1
>>> s1.get_salt().z_anion
-1
```

```
>>> s2 = pyEQL.Solution(['Na+', '0.1 mol/kg'], ['Mg+2', '0.2 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.5 mol/kg'])
>>> s2.get_salt().formula
'MgCl2'
>>> s2.get_salt().nu_anion
2
>>> s2.get_salt().z_cation
2
```

**get\_solute(*i*)**

Return the specified solute object.

**get\_solvent()**

Return the solvent object.

**get\_solvent\_mass()**

Return the mass of the solvent.

This method is used whenever mol/kg (or similar) concentrations are requested by `get_amount()`

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity: the mass of the solvent, in kg

**See also:**

*get\_amount*

**get\_temperature()**

Return the temperature of the solution.

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity: The temperature of the solution, in Kelvin.

**get\_total\_amount(*element*, *units*)**

Return the total amount of ‘element’ (across all solutes) in the solution.

**Parameters** **element** : str

String representing the name of the element of interest

**units** : str

Units desired for the output. Examples of valid units are 'mol/L', 'mol/kg', 'mol', 'kg', and 'g/L'

**Returns** The total amount of the element in the solution, in the specified units

**See also:**

`get_amount`

## Notes

There is currently no way to distinguish between different oxidation states of the same element (e.g. TOTFe(II) vs. TOTFe(III)). This is planned for a future release. (TODO)

**get\_total\_moles\_solute()**

Return the total moles of all solute in the solution

**get\_transport\_number(solute, activity\_correction=False)**

Calculate the transport number of the solute in the solution

**Parameters** *solute* : str

String identifying the solute for which the transport number is to be calculated.

**activity\_correction**: bool

If True, the transport number will be corrected for activity following the same method used for solution conductivity. Defaults to False if omitted.

**Returns** float

The transport number of *solute*

## Notes

Transport number is calculated according to <sup>16</sup> :

$$t_i = \frac{D_i z_i^2 C_i}{\sum D_i z_i^2 C_i}$$

Where  $C_i$  is the concentration in mol/L,  $D_i$  is the diffusion coefficient, and  $z_i$  is the charge, and the summation extends over all species in the solution.

If *activity\_correction* is True, the contribution of each ion to the transport number is corrected with an activity factor. See the documentation for `get_conductivity()` for an explanation of this correction.

## References

ion effects on membrane potential and the permselectivity of ion exchange membranes.”” *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* 2014, 16, 21673–21681.

**get\_viscosity\_dynamic()**

Return the dynamic (absolute) viscosity of the solution.

Calculated from the kinematic viscosity

**See also:**

`get_viscosity_kinematic`, `get_viscosity_relative`

<sup>16</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Osmotic\\_pressure#Derivation\\_of\\_osmotic\\_pressure](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Osmotic_pressure#Derivation_of_osmotic_pressure)

**get\_viscosity\_kinematic()**

Return the kinematic viscosity of the solution.

**See also:**

[\*get\\_viscosity\\_dynamic\*](#), [\*get\\_viscosity\\_relative\*](#)

### Notes

The calculation is based on a model derived from the Eyring equation and presented in <sup>17</sup>

$$\ln \nu = \ln \frac{\nu_w MW_w}{\sum_i x_i MW_i} + 15x_+^2 + x_+^3 \delta G_{123}^* + 3x_+ \delta G_{23}^* (1 - 0.05x_+)$$

Where:

$$\delta G_{123}^* = a_o + a_1(T)^{0.75}$$

$$\delta G_{23}^* = b_o + b_1(T)^{0.5}$$

In which  $\nu$  is the kinematic viscosity, MW is the molecular weight,  $x_+$  is the mole fraction of cations, and T is the temperature in degrees C.

The a and b fitting parameters for a variety of common salts are included in the database.

### References

**get\_viscosity\_relative()**

Return the viscosity of the solution relative to that of water

This is calculated using a simplified form of the Jones-Dole equation:

$$\eta_{rel} = 1 + \sum_i B_i m_i$$

Where  $m$  is the molal concentration and  $B$  is an empirical parameter.

See [<http://downloads.olisystems.com/ResourceCD/TransportProperties/Viscosity-Aqueous.pdf>](http://downloads.olisystems.com/ResourceCD/TransportProperties/Viscosity-Aqueous.pdf) [<http://www.nrcresearchpress.com/doi/pdf/10.1139/v77-148>](http://www.nrcresearchpress.com/doi/pdf/10.1139/v77-148)  
[<http://apple.csgi.unifi.it/~fratini/chen/pdf/14.pdf>](http://apple.csgi.unifi.it/~fratini/chen/pdf/14.pdf)

**get\_volume()**

Return the volume of the solution.

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity: the volume of the solution, in L

**get\_water\_activity()**

Return the water activity.

**Returns** Quantity :

The thermodynamic activity of water in the solution.

**See also:**

[\*get\\_osmotic\\_coefficient\*](#), [\*get\\_ionic\\_strength\*](#), [\*get\\_salt\*](#)

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<sup>17</sup> Geise, G. M.; Cassady, H. J.; Paul, D. R.; Logan, E.; Hickner, M. A. "Specific

## Notes

Water activity is related to the osmotic coefficient in a solution containing  $i$  solutes by: <sup>18</sup>

$$\ln a_w = -\Phi M_w \sum_i m_i$$

Where  $M_w$  is the molar mass of water (0.018015 kg/mol) and  $m_i$  is the molal concentration of each species.

If appropriate Pitzer model parameters are not available, the water activity is assumed equal to the mole fraction of water.

## References

water in aqueous systems: A frequently neglected property.” *Chemical Society Review* 34, 440-458.

## Examples

```
>>> s1 = pyEQL.Solution(['Na+', '0.3 mol/kg'], ['Cl-', '0.3 mol/kg'])
>>> s1.get_water_activity()
<Quantity(0.9900944932888518, 'dimensionless')>
```

### **list\_activities** (*decimals=4*)

List the activity of each species in a solution.

#### **Parameters** *decimals: int*

The number of decimal places to display. Defaults to 4.

#### **Returns** dict

Dictionary containing a list of the species in solution paired with their activity

### **list\_concentrations** (*unit='mol/kg', decimals=4*)

List the concentration of each species in a solution.

#### **Parameters** *unit: str*

String representing the desired concentration unit.

#### **decimals: int**

The number of decimal places to display. Defaults to 4.

#### **Returns** dict

Dictionary containing a list of the species in solution paired with their amount in the specified units

### **list\_solutes** ()

List all the solutes in the solution.

### **p** (*solute, activity=True*)

Return the negative log of the activity of solute.

Generally used for expressing concentration of hydrogen ions (pH)

<sup>18</sup> Vázquez-Castillo, G.; Iglesias-Silva, G. a.; Hall, K. R. An extension of the McAllister model to correlate kinematic viscosity of electrolyte solutions. *Fluid Phase Equilib.* 2013, 358, 44-49.

**Parameters** *solute* : str

String representing the formula of the solute

**activity**: bool, optional

If False, the function will use the molar concentration rather than the activity to calculate p. Defaults to True.

**Returns** Quantity

The negative log10 of the activity (or molar concentration if activity = False) of the solute.

**Examples**

TODO

**set\_amount** (*solute*, *amount*)

Set the amount of 'solute' in the parent solution.

**Parameters** *solute* : str

String representing the name of the solute of interest

**amount** : str Quantity

String representing the concentration desired, e.g. '1 mol/kg' If the units are given on a per-volume basis, the solution volume is not recalculated and the molar concentrations of other components in the solution are not altered, while the molal concentrations are modified.

If the units are given on a mass, substance, per-mass, or per-substance basis, then the solution volume is recalculated based on the new composition and the molal concentrations of other components are not altered, while the molar concentrations are modified.

**Returns** Nothing. The concentration of solute is modified.

**See also:**

`Solute.set_moles`

**set\_pressure** (*pressure*)

Set the hydrostatic pressure of the solution.

**Parameters** *pressure* : str

String representing the temperature, e.g. '25 degC'

**set\_temperature** (*temperature*)

Set the solution temperature.

**Parameters** *temperature* : str

String representing the temperature, e.g. '25 degC'

**set\_volume** (*volume*)

Change the total solution volume to volume, while preserving all component concentrations

**Parameters** *volume* : str quantity

Total volume of the solution, including the unit, e.g. '1 L'

## Examples

```
>>> mysol = Solution(['Na+', '2 mol/L'], ['Cl-', '0.01 mol/L'], volume='500 mL')
>>> print(mysol.get_volume())
0.5000883925072983 l
>>> mysol.list_concentrations()
{'H2O': '55.508435061791985 mol/kg', 'Cl-': '0.00992937605907076 mol/kg', 'Na+': '2.005934557
>>> mysol.set_volume('200 mL')
>>> print(mysol.get_volume())
0.2 l
>>> mysol.list_concentrations()
{'H2O': '55.50843506179199 mol/kg', 'Cl-': '0.00992937605907076 mol/kg', 'Na+': '2.005934557
```





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## The Solute Class

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pyEQL Solute class

This file contains functions and methods for managing properties of individual solutes. The Solute class contains methods for accessing ONLY those properties that DO NOT depend on solution composition. Solute properties such as activity coefficient or concentration that do depend on composition are accessed via Solution class methods.

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**class** `pyEQL.solute.Solute` (*formula, amount, volume, solvent\_mass, parameters={}*)  
 represent each chemical species as an object containing its formal charge, transport numbers, concentration, activity, etc.

### Methods

<code>add_moles(amount, volume, solvent_mass)</code>	Increase or decrease the amount of a substance present in the solution
<code>add_parameter(name, magnitude[, units])</code>	Add a parameter to the parameters database for a solute
<code>get_formal_charge()</code>	Return the formal charge of the solute
<code>get_molecular_weight()</code>	Return the molecular weight of the solute
<code>get_moles()</code>	Return the moles of solute in the solution
<code>get_name()</code>	Return the name (formula) of the solute
<code>get_parameter(parameter[, temperature, ...])</code>	Return the value of the parameter named 'parameter'
<code>set_moles(amount, volume, solvent_mass)</code>	Set the amount of a substance present in the solution

**add\_moles** (*amount, volume, solvent\_mass*)

Increase or decrease the amount of a substance present in the solution

**Parameters** **amount:** **str quantity**

Amount of substance to add. Must be in mass or substance units. Negative values indicate subtraction of material.

**add\_parameter** (*name, magnitude, units=' ', \*\*kwargs*)

Add a parameter to the parameters database for a solute

See pyEQL.parameters documentation for a description of the arguments

**get\_formal\_charge** ()

Return the formal charge of the solute

**Parameters** **None**

**Returns** int

The formal charge of the solute

**get\_molecular\_weight** ()

Return the molecular weight of the solute

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity

The molecular weight of the solute, in g/mol

**get\_moles** ()

Return the moles of solute in the solution

**Parameters** None

**Returns** Quantity

The number of moles of solute

**get\_name** ()

Return the name (formula) of the solute

**Parameters** None

**Returns** str

The chemical formula of the solute

**get\_parameter** (*parameter, temperature=None, pressure=None, ionic\_strength=None*)

Return the value of the parameter named 'parameter'

**set\_moles** (*amount, volume, solvent\_mass*)

Set the amount of a substance present in the solution

**Parameters** **amount:** str **quantity**

Desired amount of substance. Must be greater than or equal to zero and given in mass or substance units.

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## Internal Reference Documentation

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### 8.1 Activity Correction API

pyEQL activity correction library

This file contains functions for computing molal-scale activity coefficients of ions and salts in aqueous solution.

Individual functions for activity coefficients are defined here so that they can be used independently of a pyEQL solution object. Normally, these functions are called from within the `get_activity_coefficient` method of the `Solution` class.

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`pyEQL.activity_correction._debye_parameter_B(temperature='25 degC')`

Return the constant B used in the extended Debye-Huckel equation

**Parameters** `temperature` : str Quantity, optional

String representing the temperature of the solution. Defaults to '25 degC' if not specified.

#### Notes

The parameter B is equal to: <sup>1</sup>

$$B = \left( \frac{8\pi N_A e^2}{1000\epsilon kT} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

#### Examples

```
>>> _debye_parameter_B()
0.3291...
```

`pyEQL.activity_correction._debye_parameter_activity(temperature='25 degC')`

Return the constant A for use in the Debye-Huckel limiting law (base 10)

**Parameters** `temperature` : str Quantity, optional

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<sup>1</sup> Bockris and Reddy. /Modern Electrochemistry/, vol 1. Plenum/Rosetta, 1977, p.210.

String representing the temperature of the solution. Defaults to '25 degC' if not specified.

**Returns** Quantity The parameter A for use in the Debye-Huckel limiting law (base e)

**See also:**

`_debye_parameter_osmotic`

### Notes

The parameter A is equal to: <sup>2</sup>

$$A^\gamma = \frac{e^3(2\pi N_A \rho)^{0.5}}{(4\pi\epsilon_o\epsilon_r kT)^{1.5}}$$

Note that this equation returns the parameter value that can be used to calculate the natural logarithm of the activity coefficient. For base 10, divide the value returned by 2.303. The value is often given in base 10 terms (0.509 at 25 degC) in older textbooks.

### References

### Examples

```
>>> _debye_parameter_activity()  
1.17499...
```

`pyEQL.activity_correction._debye_parameter_osmotic(temperature='25 degC')`

Return the constant A\_phi for use in calculating the osmotic coefficient according to Debye-Huckel theory

**Parameters** `temperature` : str Quantity, optional

String representing the temperature of the solution. Defaults to '25 degC' if not specified.

**See also:**

`_debye_parameter_activity`

### Notes

Not to be confused with the Debye-Huckel constant used for activity coefficients in the limiting law. Takes the value 0.392 at 25 C. This constant is calculated according to: <sup>3 4</sup>

$$A^\phi = \frac{1}{3}A^\gamma$$

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<sup>2</sup> Archer, Donald G. and Wang, Peiming. "The Dielectric Constant of Water and Debye-Huckel Limiting Law Slopes." /J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data/ 19(2), 1990.

<sup>3</sup> Kim, Hee-Talk and Frederick, William Jr, 1988. "Evaluation of Pitzer Ion Interaction Parameters of Aqueous Electrolytes at 25 C. 1. Single Salt Parameters," *J. Chemical Engineering Data* 33, pp.177-184.

<sup>4</sup> Archer, Donald G. and Wang, Peiming. "The Dielectric Constant of Water and Debye-Huckel Limiting Law Slopes." /J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data/ 19(2), 1990.

## References

## Examples

```
>>> _debye_parameter_osmotic()
0.3916...
```

`pyEQL.activity_correction._debye_parameter_volume(temperature='25 degC')`

Return the constant  $A_V$ , the Debye-Huckel limiting slope for apparent molar volume.

**Parameters** `temperature` : str Quantity, optional

String representing the temperature of the solution. Defaults to '25 degC' if not specified.

**See also:**

`_debye_parameter_osmotic`

## Notes

Takes the value  $1.8305 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{kg} / \text{mol}$  at 25 C. This constant is calculated according to: <sup>5</sup>

$$A_V = -2A_\phi RT \left[ \frac{3}{\epsilon} \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial p} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \right]$$

NOTE: at this time, the term in brackets (containing the partial derivatives) is approximate. These approximations give the correct value of the slope at 25 degC and produce estimates with less than 10% error between 0 and 60 degC.

The derivative of epsilon with respect to pressure is assumed constant (for atmospheric pressure) at -0.01275 1/MPa. Note that the negative sign does not make sense in light of real data, but is required to give the correct result.

The second term is equivalent to the inverse of the bulk modulus of water, which is taken to be 2.2 GPa. <sup>6</sup>

## References

## Examples

TODO

`pyEQL.activity_correction._pitzer_B_MX(ionic_strength, alpha1, alpha2, beta0, beta1, beta2)`

Return the  $B_{MX}$  coefficient for the Pitzer ion interaction model.

$$B_{MX} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 f_1(\alpha_1 I^{0.5}) + \beta_2 f_2(\alpha_2 I^{0.5})$$

**Parameters** `ionic_strength`: number

The ionic strength of the parent solution, mol/kg

**alpha1, alpha2**: number

<sup>5</sup> Archer, Donald G. and Wang, Peiming. "The Dielectric Constant of Water and Debye-Huckel Limiting Law Slopes." /J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data/ 19(2), 1990.

<sup>6</sup> <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/permot3.html>

Coefficients for the Pitzer model, kg \*\* 0.5 / mol \*\* 0.5

**beta0, beta1, beta2: number**

Coefficients for the Pitzer model. These ion-interaction parameters are specific to each salt system.

**Returns** float

The B\_MX parameter for the Pitzer ion interaction model.

**See also:**

`_pitzer_fl`

## References

Scharge, T., Munoz, A.G., and Moog, H.C. (2012). Activity Coefficients of Fission Products in Highly Salinary Solutions of Na+, K+, Mg2+, Ca2+, Cl-, and SO42- : Cs+. /Journal of Chemical& Engineering Data (57), p. 1637-1647.

Kim, H., & Jr, W. F. (1988). Evaluation of Pitzer ion interaction parameters of aqueous electrolytes at 25 degree C. 1. Single salt parameters. Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data, (2), 177–184.

pyEQL.activity\_correction.\_**pitzer\_B\_phi**(*ionic\_strength*, *alpha1*, *alpha2*, *beta0*, *beta1*,  
*beta2*)

Return the B^Phi coefficient for the Pitzer ion interaction model.

$$B^{\Phi} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \exp(-\alpha_1 I^{0.5}) + \beta_2 \exp(-\alpha_2 I^{0.5})$$

or

$$B^{\Phi} = B^{\gamma} - B_{MX}$$

**Parameters ionic\_strength: number**

The ionic strength of the parent solution, mol/kg

**alpha1, alpha2: number**

Coefficients for the Pitzer model, kg \*\* 0.5 / mol \*\* 0.5

**beta0, beta1, beta2: number**

Coefficients for the Pitzer model. These ion-interaction parameters are specific to each salt system.

**Returns** float

The B^Phi parameter for the Pitzer ion interaction model.

## References

Scharge, T., Munoz, A.G., and Moog, H.C. (2012). Activity Coefficients of Fission Products in Highly Salinary Solutions of Na+, K+, Mg2+, Ca2+, Cl-, and SO42- : Cs+. /Journal of Chemical& Engineering Data (57), p. 1637-1647.

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`pyEQL.activity_correction._pitzer_f1(x)`

The function of ionic strength used to calculate eta\_MX in the Pitzer ion interaction model.

$$f(x) = 2[1 - (1 + x) \exp(-x)]/x^2$$

## References

Scharge, T., Munoz, A.G., and Moog, H.C. (2012). Activity Coefficients of Fission Products in Highly Salinary Solutions of Na+, K+, Mg2+, Ca2+, Cl-, and SO42- : Cs+. /Journal of Chemical& Engineering Data (57), p. 1637-1647.

Kim, H., & Jr, W. F. (1988). Evaluation of Pitzer ion interaction parameters of aqueous electrolytes at 25 degree C. 1. Single salt parameters. Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data, (2), 177-184.

`pyEQL.activity_correction._pitzer_f2(x)`

The function of ionic strength used to calculate eta\_gamma in the Pitzer ion interaction model.

$$f(x) = -\frac{2}{x^2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1 + x + x^2}{2} \right) \exp(-x) \right]$$

## References

Scharge, T., Munoz, A.G., and Moog, H.C. (2012). Activity Coefficients of Fission Products in Highly Salinary Solutions of Na+, K+, Mg2+, Ca2+, Cl-, and SO42- : Cs+. /Journal of Chemical& Engineering Data (57), p. 1637-1647.

Kim, H., & Jr, W. F. (1988). Evaluation of Pitzer ion interaction parameters of aqueous electrolytes at 25 degree C. 1. Single salt parameters. Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data, (2), 177-184.

`pyEQL.activity_correction._pitzer_log_gamma(ionic_strength, molality, B_MX, B_phi, C_phi, z_cation, z_anion, nu_cation, nu_anion, temperature='25 degC', b=<Quantity(1.2, 'kilogram ** 0.5 / mole ** 0.5')>)`

Return the natural logarithm of the binary activity coefficient calculated by the Pitzer ion interaction model.

$$\ln \gamma_{MX} = -\frac{|z_+ z_-| A^{Phi}(I^{0.5})}{(1 + bI^{0.5})} + \frac{2}{b} \ln(1 + bI^{0.5}) + \frac{m(2\nu_+ \nu_-)}{(\nu_+ + \nu_-)} (B_{MX} + B_{MX}^\Phi) + \frac{m^2(3(\nu_+ \nu_-)^{1.5})}{(\nu_+ + \nu_-)} C_{MX}^\Phi$$

### Parameters ionic\_strength: Quantity

The ionic strength of the parent solution, mol/kg

### molality: Quantity

The concentration of the salt, mol/kg

### B\_MX, B\_phi, C\_phi: Quantity

Calculated paramters for the Pitzer ion interaction model.

### z\_cation, z\_anion: int

The formal charge on the cation and anion, respectively

### nu\_cation, nu\_anion: int

The stoichiometric coefficient of the cation and anion in the salt

### temperature: str Quantity

String representing the temperature of the solution. Defaults to '25 degC' if not specified.

**b: number, optional**

Coefficient. Usually set equal to  $1.2 \text{ kg}^{0.5} / \text{mol}^{0.5}$  and considered independent of temperature and pressure

**Returns** float

The natural logarithm of the binary activity coefficient calculated by the Pitzer ion interaction model.

## References

Kim, H., & Jr, W. F. (1988). Evaluation of Pitzer ion interaction parameters of aqueous electrolytes at 25 degree C. 1. Single salt parameters. Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data, (2), 177–184.

May, P. M., Rowland, D., Hefter, G., & Königsberger, E. (2011). A Generic and Updatable Pitzer Characterization of Aqueous Binary Electrolyte Solutions at 1 bar and 25 °C. Journal of Chemical & Engineering Data, 56(12), 5066–5077. doi:10.1021/je2009329

`pyEQL.activity_correction.get_activity_coefficient_davies` (*ionic\_strength*, *formal\_charge=1*, *temperature='25 degC'*)

Return the activity coefficient of solute in the parent solution according to the Davies equation.

**Parameters** `formal_charge` : int, optional

The charge on the solute, including sign. Defaults to +1 if not specified.

**ionic\_strength** : Quantity

The ionic strength of the parent solution, mol/kg

**temperature** : str Quantity, optional

String representing the temperature of the solution. Defaults to '25 degC' if not specified.

**Returns** Quantity

The mean molal (mol/kg) scale ionic activity coefficient of solute, dimensionless.

**See also:**

`_debye_parameter_activity`

## Notes

Activity coefficient is calculated according to: <sup>7</sup>

$$\ln \gamma = A^\gamma z_i^2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{I}}{(1 + \sqrt{I})} + 0.2I \right)$$

Valid for  $0.1 < I < 0.5$

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<sup>7</sup> Stumm, Werner and Morgan, James J. Aquatic Chemistry, 3rd ed, pp 103. Wiley Interscience, 1996.



## References

`pyEQL.activity_correction.get_activity_coefficient_debye_huckel` (*ionic\_strength*,  
*for-  
mal\_charge=1*,  
*temper-  
ature='25  
degC'*)

Return the activity coefficient of solute in the parent solution according to the Debye-Huckel limiting law.

**Parameters** `formal_charge` : int, optional

The charge on the solute, including sign. Defaults to +1 if not specified.

`ionic_strength` : Quantity

The ionic strength of the parent solution, mol/kg

`temperature` : str Quantity, optional

String representing the temperature of the solution. Defaults to '25 degC' if not specified.

**Returns** Quantity

The mean molal (mol/kg) scale ionic activity coefficient of solute, dimensionless.

**See also:**

`_debye_parameter_activity`

## Notes

Activity coefficient is calculated according to:<sup>8</sup>

$$\ln \gamma = A^\gamma z_i^2 \sqrt{I}$$

Valid only for  $I < 0.005$

## References

`pyEQL.activity_correction.get_activity_coefficient_guntelberg` (*ionic\_strength*,  
*for-  
mal\_charge=1*,  
*temperature='25  
degC'*)

Return the activity coefficient of solute in the parent solution according to the Guntelberg approximation.

**Parameters** `formal_charge` : int, optional

The charge on the solute, including sign. Defaults to +1 if not specified.

`ionic_strength` : Quantity

The ionic strength of the parent solution, mol/kg

`temperature` : str Quantity, optional

<sup>8</sup> Stumm, Werner and Morgan, James J. Aquatic Chemistry, 3rd ed, pp 103. Wiley Interscience, 1996.

String representing the temperature of the solution. Defaults to '25 degC' if not specified.

**Returns** Quantity

The mean molal (mol/kg) scale ionic activity coefficient of solute, dimensionless.

**See also:**

`_debye_parameter_activity`

## Notes

Activity coefficient is calculated according to:<sup>9</sup>

$$\ln \gamma = A^\gamma z_i^2 \frac{\sqrt{I}}{(1 + \sqrt{I})}$$

Valid for  $I < 0.1$

## References

`pyEQL.activity_correction.get_activity_coefficient_pitzer` (*ionic\_strength*, *molality*, *alpha1*, *alpha2*, *beta0*, *beta1*, *beta2*, *C\_phi*, *z\_cation*, *z\_anion*, *nu\_cation*, *nu\_anion*, *temperature*='25 degC', *b*=1.2)

Return the activity coefficient of solute in the parent solution according to the Pitzer model.

**Parameters** **ionic\_strength:** Quantity

The ionic strength of the parent solution, mol/kg

**molality:** Quantity

The molal concentration of the parent salt, mol/kg

**alpha1, alpha2:** number

Coefficients for the Pitzer model. This function assigns the coefficients proper units of kg \*\* 0.5 / mol \*\* 0.5 after they are entered.

**beta0, beta1, beta2, C\_phi:** number

Coefficients for the Pitzer model. These ion-interaction parameters are specific to each salt system.

**z\_cation, z\_anion:** int

The formal charge on the cation and anion, respectively

**nu\_cation, nu\_anion:** int

The stoichiometric coefficient of the cation and anion in the salt

**temperature:** str Quantity

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<sup>9</sup> Stumm, Werner and Morgan, James J. Aquatic Chemistry, 3rd ed, pp 103. Wiley Interscience, 1996.

String representing the temperature of the solution. Defaults to '25 degC' if not specified.

**b: number, optional**

Coefficient. Usually set equal to 1.2 and considered independent of temperature and pressure. If provided, this coefficient is assigned proper units of  $\text{kg}^{**0.5} / \text{mol}^{**0.5}$  after entry.

**Returns** Quantity

The mean molal (mol/kg) scale ionic activity coefficient of solute, dimensionless

**See also:**

`_debye_parameter_activity`, `_pitzer_B_MX`, `_pitzer_B_gamma`, `_pitzer_B_phi`, `_pitzer_log_gamma`

**References**

Scharge, T., Munoz, A.G., and Moog, H.C. (2012). Activity Coefficients of Fission Products in Highly Salinary Solutions of Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> : Cs<sup>+</sup>. /Journal of Chemical& Engineering Data (57), p. 1637-1647.

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Beyer, R., & Steiger, M. (2010). Vapor Pressure Measurements of NaHCOO + H<sub>2</sub>O and KHCOO + H<sub>2</sub>O from 278 to 308 K and Representation with an Ion Interaction (Pitzer) Model. Journal of Chemical & Engineering Data, 55(2), 830–838. doi:10.1021/je900487a

**Examples**

```
>>> get_activity_coefficient_pitzer(0.5*unit('mol/kg'),0.5*unit('mol/kg'),1,0.5,-.0181191983,-.4
0.61915...
```

```
>>> get_activity_coefficient_pitzer(5.6153*unit('mol/kg'),5.6153*unit('mol/kg'),3,0.5,0.0369993,
0.76331...
```

NOTE: the examples below are for comparison with experimental and modeling data presented in the May et al reference below.

10 mol/kg ammonium nitrate. Estimated result (from graph) = 0.2725

```
>>> get_activity_coefficient_pitzer(10*unit('mol/kg'),10*unit('mol/kg'),2,0,-0.01709,0.09198,0,0.0
0.22595 ...
```

5 mol/kg ammonium nitrate. Estimated result (from graph) = 0.3011

```
>>> get_activity_coefficient_pitzer(5*unit('mol/kg'),5*unit('mol/kg'),2,0,-0.01709,0.09198,0,0.0
0.30249 ...
```

18 mol/kg ammonium nitrate. Estimated result (from graph) = 0.1653

```
>>> get_activity_coefficient_pitzer(18*unit('mol/kg'), 18*unit('mol/kg'), 2, 0, -0.01709, 0.09198, 0, 0, 0.16241 ...
```

```
pyEQL.activity_correction.get_apparent_volume_pitzer(ionic_strength, molality, al-  
pha1, alpha2, beta0, beta1,  
beta2, C_phi, V_o, z_cation,  
z_anion, nu_cation, nu_anion,  
temperature='25 degC',  
b=1.2)
```

Return the apparent molar volume of solute in the parent solution according to the Pitzer model.

**Parameters** **ionic\_strength:** Quantity

The ionic strength of the parent solution, mol/kg

**molality:** Quantity

The molal concentration of the parent salt, mol/kg

**alpha1, alpha2:** number

Coefficients for the Pitzer model. This function assigns the coefficients proper units of  $\text{kg}^{**0.5} / \text{mol}^{**0.5}$  after they are entered.

**beta0, beta1, beta2, C\_phi:** number

Pitzer coefficients for the apparent molar volume. These ion-interaction parameters are specific to each salt system.

**V\_o:** number

The  $V^o$  Pitzer coefficient for the apparent molar volume.

**z\_cation, z\_anion:** int

The formal charge on the cation and anion, respectively

**nu\_cation, nu\_anion:** int

The stoichiometric coefficient of the cation and anion in the salt

**temperature:** str Quantity

String representing the temperature of the solution. Defaults to '25 degC' if not specified.

**b:** number, optional

Coefficient. Usually set equal to 1.2 and considered independent of temperature and pressure. If provided, this coefficient is assigned proper units of  $\text{kg}^{**0.5} / \text{mol}^{**0.5}$  after entry.

**Returns** Quantity

The apparent molar volume of the solute,  $\text{cm}^{**3} / \text{mol}$

**See also:**

[`\_debye\_parameter\_volume`](#), [`\_pitzer\_B\_MX`](#)

**References**

May, P. M., Rowland, D., Hefter, G., & Königsberger, E. (2011). A Generic and Updatable Pitzer Characterization of Aqueous Binary Electrolyte Solutions at 1 bar and 25 °C. *Journal of Chemical & Engineering Data*,

56(12), 5066–5077. doi:10.1021/je2009329

Krumgalz, Boris S., Pogorelsky, Rita (1996). Volumetric Properties of Single Aqueous Electrolytes from Zero to Saturation Concentration at 298.15 K Represented by Pitzer's Ion-Interaction Equations. Journal of Physical Chemical Reference Data, 25(2), 663-689.

## Examples

NOTE: the example below is for comparison with experimental and modeling data presented in the Krumgalz et al reference below.

0.25 mol/kg CuSO<sub>4</sub>. Expected result (from graph) = 0.5 cm<sup>3</sup> / mol

```
>>> get_apparent_volume_pitzer(1.0*unit('mol/kg'), 0.25*unit('mol/kg'), 1.4, 12, 0.001499, -0.008124, 0.404...
```

1.0 mol/kg CuSO<sub>4</sub>. Expected result (from graph) = 4 cm<sup>3</sup> / mol

```
>>> get_apparent_volume_pitzer(4.0*unit('mol/kg'), 1.0*unit('mol/kg'), 1.4, 12, 0.001499, -0.008124, 0.424...
```

10.0 mol/kg ammonium nitrate. Expected result (from graph) = 50.3 cm<sup>3</sup> / mol

```
>>> get_apparent_volume_pitzer(10.0*unit('mol/kg'), 10.0*unit('mol/kg'), 2, 0, 0.000001742, 0.0002926, 50.286...
```

20.0 mol/kg ammonium nitrate. Expected result (from graph) = 51.2 cm<sup>3</sup> / mol

```
>>> get_apparent_volume_pitzer(20.0*unit('mol/kg'), 20.0*unit('mol/kg'), 2, 0, 0.000001742, 0.0002926, 51.145...
```

NOTE: the examples below are for comparison with experimental and modeling data presented in the Krumgalz et al reference below.

0.8 mol/kg NaF. Expected result = 0.03

```
>>> get_apparent_volume_pitzer(0.8*unit('mol/kg'), 0.8*unit('mol/kg'), 2, 0, 0.000024693, 0.00003169, 0.22595 ...
```

```
pyEQL.activity_correction.get_osmotic_coefficient_pitzer(ionic_strength, molality, alpha1, alpha2, beta0, beta1, beta2, C_phi, z_cation, z_anion, nu_cation, nu_anion, temperature='25 degC', b=1.2)
```

Return the osmotic coefficient of water in an electrolyte solution according to the Pitzer model.

### Parameters ionic\_strength: Quantity

The ionic strength of the parent solution, mol/kg

### molality: Quantity

The molal concentration of the parent salt, mol/kg

### alpha1, alpha2: number

Coefficients for the Pitzer model. This function assigns the coefficients proper units of kg<sup>0.5</sup> / mol<sup>0.5</sup> after they are entered.

### beta0, beta1, beta2, C\_phi

Coefficients for the Pitzer model. These ion-interaction parameters are specific to each salt system.

**z\_cation, z\_anion: int**

The formal charge on the cation and anion, respectively

**nu\_cation, nu\_anion: int**

The stoichiometric coefficient of the cation and anion in the salt

**temperature: str Quantity**

String representing the temperature of the solution. Defaults to '25 degC' if not specified.

**b: number, optional**

Coefficient. Usually set equal to 1.2 and considered independent of temperature and pressure. If provided, this coefficient is assigned proper units of  $\text{kg}^{0.5} / \text{mol}^{0.5}$  after entry.

**Returns** Quantity

The osmotic coefficient of water, dimensionless

**See also:**

`_debye_parameter_activity`, `_pitzer_B_MX`, `_pitzer_B_gamma`, `_pitzer_B_phi`, `_pitzer_log_gamma`

**References**

Scharge, T., Munoz, A.G., and Moog, H.C. (2012). Activity Coefficients of Fission Products in Highly Salinary Solutions of Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> : Cs<sup>+</sup>. /Journal of Chemical& Engineering Data (57), p. 1637-1647.

Kim, H., & Jr, W. F. (1988). Evaluation of Pitzer ion interaction parameters of aqueous electrolytes at 25 degree C. 1. Single salt parameters. Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data, (2), 177–184.

May, P. M., Rowland, D., Hefter, G., & Königsberger, E. (2011). A Generic and Updatable Pitzer Characterization of Aqueous Binary Electrolyte Solutions at 1 bar and 25 °C. Journal of Chemical & Engineering Data, 56(12), 5066–5077. doi:10.1021/jc2009329

Beyer, R., & Steiger, M. (2010). Vapor Pressure Measurements of NaHCOO + H<sub>2</sub>O and KHCOO + H<sub>2</sub>O from 278 to 308 K and Representation with an Ion Interaction (Pitzer) Model. Journal of Chemical & Engineering Data, 55(2), 830–838. doi:10.1021/jc900487a

**Examples**

Experimental value according to Beyer and Stieger reference is 1.3550

```
>>> get_osmotic_coefficient_pitzer(10.175*unit('mol/kg'), 10.175*unit('mol/kg'), 1, 0.5, -.018119198, 1.3552 ...
```

Experimental value according to Beyer and Stieger reference is 1.084

```
>>> get_osmotic_coefficient_pitzer(5.6153*unit('mol/kg'), 5.6153*unit('mol/kg'), 3, 0.5, 0.0369993, 1.0850 ...
```

NOTE: the examples below are for comparison with experimental and modeling data presented in the May et al reference below.

10 mol/kg ammonium nitrate. Estimated result (from graph) = 0.62

```
>>> get_osmotic_coefficient_pitzer(10*unit('mol/kg'), 10*unit('mol/kg'), 2, 0, -0.01709, 0.09198, 0, 0.09198, 0, 0.09198)
0.6143 ...
```

5 mol/kg ammonium nitrate. Estimated result (from graph) = 0.7

```
>>> get_osmotic_coefficient_pitzer(5*unit('mol/kg'), 5*unit('mol/kg'), 2, 0, -0.01709, 0.09198, 0, 0.09198, 0, 0.09198)
0.6925 ...
```

18 mol/kg ammonium nitrate. Estimated result (from graph) = 0.555

```
>>> get_osmotic_coefficient_pitzer(18*unit('mol/kg'), 18*unit('mol/kg'), 2, 0, -0.01709, 0.09198, 0, 0.09198, 0, 0.09198)
0.5556 ...
```

## 8.2 Water Properties API

pyEQL water properties library

This file contains functions for retrieving various physical properties of water substance

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pyEQL.water\_properties.**water\_density**(temperature=<Quantity(25, 'degC')>, pressure=<Quantity(1, 'atmosphere')>)

Return the density of water in kg/m3 at the specified temperature and pressure.

**Parameters** **temperature** : float or int, optional

The temperature in Celsius. Defaults to 25 degrees if not specified.

**pressure** : float or int, optional

The ambient pressure of the solution in Pascals (N/m2). Defaults to atmospheric pressure (101325 Pa) if not specified.

**Returns** float

The density of water in kg/m3.

### Notes

Based on the following empirical equation reported in <sup>10</sup>

$$\rho_W = 999.65 + 0.20438T - 6.1744e - 2T^{1.5}$$

Where  $T$  is the temperature in Celsius.

### Examples

<sup>10</sup> Sohnel, O and Novotny, P. *Densities of Aqueous Solutions of Inorganic Substances*. Elsevier Science, Amsterdam, 1985.

```
>>> water_density(25*unit('degC'))
<Quantity(997.0415, 'kilogram / meter ** 3')>
```

pyEQL.water\_properties.**water\_dielectric\_constant** (*temperature*=<Quantity(25, 'degC')>)

Return the dielectric constant of water at the specified temperature.

**Parameters** **temperature** : Quantity, optional

The temperature. Defaults to 25 degC if omitted.

**Returns** float

The dielectric constant (or permittivity) of water relative to the permittivity of a vacuum.  
Dimensionless.

### Notes

This function implements a quadratic fit of measured permittivity data as reported in the CRC Handbook <sup>11</sup>. The parameters given are valid over the range 273 K to 372 K. Permittivity should not be extrapolated beyond this range.

$$\epsilon(T) = a + bT + cT^2$$

### References

### Examples

```
>>> water_dielectric_constant(unit('20 degC'))
80.15060...
```

Display an error if 'temperature' is outside the valid range

```
>>> water_dielectric_constant(-5*unit('degC'))
```

pyEQL.water\_properties.**water\_specific\_weight** (*temperature*=<Quantity(25, 'degC')>, *pressure*=<Quantity(1, 'atmosphere')>)

Return the specific weight of water in N/m<sup>3</sup> at the specified temperature and pressure.

**Parameters** **temperature** : Quantity, optional

The temperature. Defaults to 25 degC if omitted.

**pressure** : Quantity, optional

The ambient pressure of the solution. Defaults to atmospheric pressure (1 atm) if omitted.

**Returns** Quantity

The specific weight of water in N/m<sup>3</sup>.

**See also:**

[\*water\\_density\*](#)

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<sup>11</sup> "Permittivity (Dielectric Constant) of Liquids." *CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*, 92nd ed, pp 6-187 - 6-208.



## Examples

```
>>> water_specific_weight()
<Quantity(9777.637025975, 'newton / meter ** 3')>
```

```
pyEQL.water_properties.water_viscosity_dynamic(temperature=<Quantity(25, 'degC')>,
                                                  pressure=<Quantity(1, 'atmo-
                                                  sphere')>)
```

Return the dynamic (absolute) viscosity of water in N-s/m<sup>2</sup> = Pa-s = kg/m-s at the specified temperature.

**Parameters** **temperature** : Quantity, optional

The temperature. Defaults to 25 degC if omitted.

**pressure** : Quantity, optional

The ambient pressure of the solution. Defaults to atmospheric pressure (1 atm) if omitted.

**Returns** Quantity

The dynamic (absolute) viscosity of water in N-s/m<sup>2</sup> = Pa-s = kg/m-s

## Notes

Implements the international equation for viscosity of water as specified by NIST <sup>12</sup>

Valid for 273 < temperature < 1073 K and 0 < pressure < 100,000,000 Pa

## References

## Examples

```
>>> water_viscosity_dynamic(20*unit('degC'))
<Quantity(0.000998588610804179, 'kilogram / meter / second')>
>>> water_viscosity_dynamic(unit('100 degC'), unit('25 MPa'))
<Quantity(0.00028165034364318573, 'kilogram / meter / second')>
>>> water_viscosity_dynamic(25*unit('degC'), 0.1*unit('MPa'))
<Quantity(0.0008872817880143659, 'kilogram / meter / second')>
```

#TODO - check these again after I implement pressure-dependent density function

```
pyEQL.water_properties.water_viscosity_kinematic(temperature=<Quantity(25,
                                                  'degC')>, pressure=<Quantity(1,
                                                  'atmosphere')>)
```

Return the kinematic viscosity of water in m<sup>2</sup>/s = Stokes at the specified temperature.

**Parameters** **temperature** : Quantity, optional

The temperature. Defaults to 25 degC if omitted.

**pressure** : Quantity, optional

The ambient pressure of the solution. Defaults to atmospheric pressure (1 atm) if omitted.

**Returns** Quantity

<sup>12</sup> Sengers, J.V. "Representative Equations for the Viscosity of Water Substance." *J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data* 13(1), 1984.<http://www.nist.gov/data/PDFfiles/jpcrd243.pdf>

The kinematic viscosity of water in Stokes (m<sup>2</sup>/s)

**See also:**

*water\_viscosity\_dynamic, water\_density*

**Examples**

```
>>> water_viscosity_kinematic()  
<Quantity(8.899146003595295e-07, 'meter ** 2 / second')>
```

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## Functions Module

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pyEQL functions that take Solution objects as inputs or return Solution objects

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`pyEQL.functions.autogenerate(solution='')`

This method provides a quick way to create Solution objects representing commonly-encountered solutions, such as seawater, rainwater, and wastewater.

**Parameters** `solution` : str

String representing the desired solution Valid entries are 'seawater', 'rainwater', 'wastewater', and 'urine'

**Returns** Solution

A pyEQL Solution object.

### Notes

The following sections explain the different solution options:

- '' - empty solution, equivalent to `pyEQL.Solution()`
- 'rainwater' - pure water in equilibrium with atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> at pH 6
- 'seawater' - Standard Seawater. See Table 4 of the Reference for Composition <sup>1</sup>
- 'wastewater' - medium strength domestic wastewater. See Table 3-18 of <sup>2</sup>
- 'urine' - typical human urine. See Table 3-15 of <sup>3</sup>

### References

`pyEQL.functions.donnan_eq1(solution, fixed_charge)`

Return a solution object in equilibrium with fixed\_charge

**Parameters** `Solution` : Solution object

The external solution to be brought into equilibrium with the fixed charges

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<sup>1</sup> Millero, Frank J. "The composition of Standard Seawater and the definition of the Reference-Composition Salinity Scale." *Deep-sea Research. Part I* 55(1), 2008, 50-72.

<sup>2</sup> Metcalf & Eddy, Inc. et al. *Wastewater Engineering: Treatment and Resource Recovery*, 5th Ed. McGraw-Hill, 2013.

<sup>3</sup> Strathmann, Heiner, ed. *Membrane Science and Technology* vol. 9, 2004. Chapter 2, p. 51. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0927-5193\(04\)80033-0](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0927-5193(04)80033-0)

**fixed\_charge** : str quantity

String representing the concentration of fixed charges, including sign. May be specified in mol/L or mol/kg units. e.g. '1 mol/kg'

**Returns** Solution

A solution that has established Donnan equilibrium with the external (input) Solution

**See also:**

`get_salt`

## Notes

The general equation representing the equilibrium between an external electrolyte solution and an ion-exchange medium containing fixed charges is:<sup>4</sup>

$$\frac{a_-}{\bar{a}_-} \frac{1}{z_-} \frac{\bar{a}_+}{a_+} \frac{1}{z_+} = \exp\left(\frac{\Delta\pi \bar{V}}{RT z_+ \nu_+}\right)$$

Where subscripts + and - indicate the cation and anion, respectively, the overbar indicates the membrane phase,  $a$  represents activity,  $z$  represents charge,  $\nu$  represents the stoichiometric coefficient,  $V$  represents the partial molar volume of the salt, and  $\Delta\pi$  is the difference in osmotic pressure between the membrane and the solution phase.

In addition, electroneutrality must prevail within the membrane phase:

$$\bar{C}_+ z_+ + \bar{X} + \bar{C}_- z_- = 0$$

Where  $C$  represents concentration and  $X$  is the fixed charge concentration in the membrane or ion exchange phase.

This function solves these two equations simultaneously to arrive at the concentrations of the cation and anion in the membrane phase. It returns a solution equal to the input solution except that the concentrations of the predominant cation and anion have been adjusted according to this equilibrium.

NOTE that this treatment is only capable of equilibrating a single salt. This salt is identified by the `get_salt()` method.

## References

## Examples

TODO

`pyEQL.functions.entropy_mix(Solution1, Solution2)`

Return the ideal mixing entropy associated with mixing two solutions

**Parameters** **Solution1, Solution2** : Solution objects

The two solutions to be mixed.

**Returns** Quantity

The ideal mixing entropy associated with complete mixing of the Solutions, in Joules.

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<sup>4</sup> Koga, Yoshikata, 2007. *Solution Thermodynamics and its Application to Aqueous Solutions: A differential approach*. Elsevier, 2007, pp. 23-37.

## Notes

The ideal entropy of mixing is calculated as follows:<sup>5</sup>

$$\Delta_{mix}S = \sum_i (n_c + n_d)RT \ln x_b - \sum_i n_c RT \ln x_c - \sum_i n_d RT \ln x_d$$

Where  $n$  is the number of moles of substance,  $T$  is the temperature in kelvin, and subscripts  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  refer to the concentrated, dilute, and blended Solutions, respectively.

Note that dissociated ions must be counted as separate components, so a simple salt dissolved in water is a three component solution (cation, anion, and water).

## References

`pyEQL.functions.gibbs_mix` (*Solution1*, *Solution2*)

Return the Gibbs energy change associated with mixing two solutions.

**Parameters** *Solution1*, *Solution2* : Solution objects

The two solutions to be mixed.

**Returns** Quantity

The change in Gibbs energy associated with complete mixing of the Solutions, in Joules.

## Notes

The Gibbs energy of mixing is calculated as follows: [\[#\]](#)

$$\Delta_{mix}G = \sum_i (n_c + n_d)RT \ln a_b - \sum_i n_c RT \ln a_c - \sum_i n_d RT \ln a_d$$

Where  $n$  is the number of moles of substance,  $T$  is the temperature in kelvin, and subscripts  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  refer to the concentrated, dilute, and blended Solutions, respectively.

Note that dissociated ions must be counted as separate components, so a simple salt dissolved in water is a three component solution (cation, anion, and water).

## References

`pyEQL.functions.mix` (*Solution1*, *Solution2*)

Mix two solutions together

Returns a new Solution object that results from the mixing of *Solution1* and *Solution2*

**Parameters** *Solution1*, *Solution2* : Solution objects

The two solutions to be mixed.

**Returns** Solution

A Solution object representing the mixed solution.

<sup>5</sup> Koga, Yoshikata, 2007. *Solution Thermodynamics and its Application to Aqueous Solutions: A differential approach*. Elsevier, 2007, pp. 23-37.



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