

# Post-Lab Questions:

Using the formula below, calculate the solute potential and water potential for each of the lab set ups.  
Remember *ESA!*

$$\text{Water Potential: } \Psi = \Psi_p + \Psi_s$$

$$\text{Solute Potential : } \psi_s = -iCRT$$

i = Ionization constant

C = Molar concentration

R = Pressure Constant (R = 0.0831 liter bars/mole °K)

T = Temperature (°K) (273 + °C of solution)

1. Calculate the solute potential **and** water potential of a 0.0 M sugar solution at 22 °C.

$$\Psi_s = -iCRT$$

$$\psi_s = -1(0.0 \text{ mole/liter})(0.0831 \text{ liter bars / mole K})(273\text{K} + 22)$$

$$\psi_s = -1(0.0 \text{ mole/liter})(0.0831 \text{ liter bars / mole K})(295\text{K})$$

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$$\psi_s = 0$$

$$\psi_s = 0 \text{ bars}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= \Psi_p + \Psi_s \\ \Psi &= 0 + (0) \\ \Psi &= 0 \text{ bars} \end{aligned}$$

The water potential will be equal to the solute potential of a solution in an open container because the pressure potential of the solution in an open container is ZERO.

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= \Psi_p + \Psi_s \\ \Psi &= 0 + (-15) \\ \Psi &= -15 \text{ bars} \end{aligned}$$

3. Calculate the solute potential **and** water potential of a 0.6 M sugar solution at 22 °C.

$$\Psi_s = -iCRT$$

$$\psi_s = -1(0.6 \text{ mole/liter})(0.0831 \text{ liter bars / mole K})(273\text{K} + 22)$$

$$\psi_s = -1(0.6 \text{ mole/liter})(0.0831 \text{ liter bars / mole K})(295\text{K})$$

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$$\psi_s = -14.7$$

$$\psi_s = -15 \text{ bars}$$

2. Calculate the solute potential **and** water potential of a 0.2 M sugar solution at 22 °C.

$$\Psi_s = -iCRT$$

$$\psi_s = -1(0.2 \text{ mole/liter})(0.0831 \text{ liter bars / mole K})(273\text{K} + 22)$$

$$\psi_s = -1(0.2 \text{ mole/liter})(0.0831 \text{ liter bars / mole K})(295\text{K})$$

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$$\psi_s = -4.9029$$

$$\psi_s = -5 \text{ bars}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= \Psi_p + \Psi_s \\ \Psi &= 0 + (-5) \\ \Psi &= -5 \text{ bars} \end{aligned}$$

The water potential will be equal to the solute potential of a solution in an open container because the pressure potential of the solution in an open container is ZERO.

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= \Psi_p + \Psi_s \\ \Psi &= 0 + (-20) \\ \Psi &= -20 \text{ bars} \end{aligned}$$

4. Calculate the solute potential **and** water potential of a 0.8 M sugar solution at 22 °C.

$$\Psi_s = -iCRT$$

$$\psi_s = -1(0.8 \text{ mole/liter})(0.0831 \text{ liter bars / mole K})(273\text{K} + 22)$$

$$\psi_s = -1(0.8 \text{ mole/liter})(0.0831 \text{ liter bars / mole K})(295\text{K})$$

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$$\psi_s = -19.6116$$

$$\psi_s = -20 \text{ bars}$$