

User's Manual

SDEN

Chemical Software

Single / Multi-stage distillation simulator



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Introduction

SDEN is a single/multi-stage binary distillation simulator for Windows using Rayleigh equation. SDEN can simulate distillations from 1 to 6 consecutive stages.

This manual isn't about single/multi-stage binary distillation theories.

Please, read this manual carefully in order to learn all the capabilities of the application.

◆ **Note:**

Design, price and specifications are subject to changes without notice.

Terms of use

Vaxa Software assumes no liability for direct or indirect damages or damages caused by the use or impossibility of use of this application, nor by the effects in the operation of other applications or the operating system.

Before the installation we recommended to make backup of your data and create a restoration point.

You will be able freely to evaluate the application shareware during the time that considers necessary. Passed this period of evaluation you would have or to register it or uninstall it.

In order to register the application, please see the option "REGISTER APPLICATION" in the help menu of the application.

After paying the registry rights you will receive by email the REGISTRATION KEY of the application. Once registered the application, it will be able to use the options that were disabled until that moment.

The REGISTRATION KEY is UNIQUE for EACH COMPUTER.

You can not use the same REGISTRATION KEY for multiple computers.

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You cannot decompile the application nor use no type of reverse engineer for its analysis or modification.

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Main window: *Main* panel

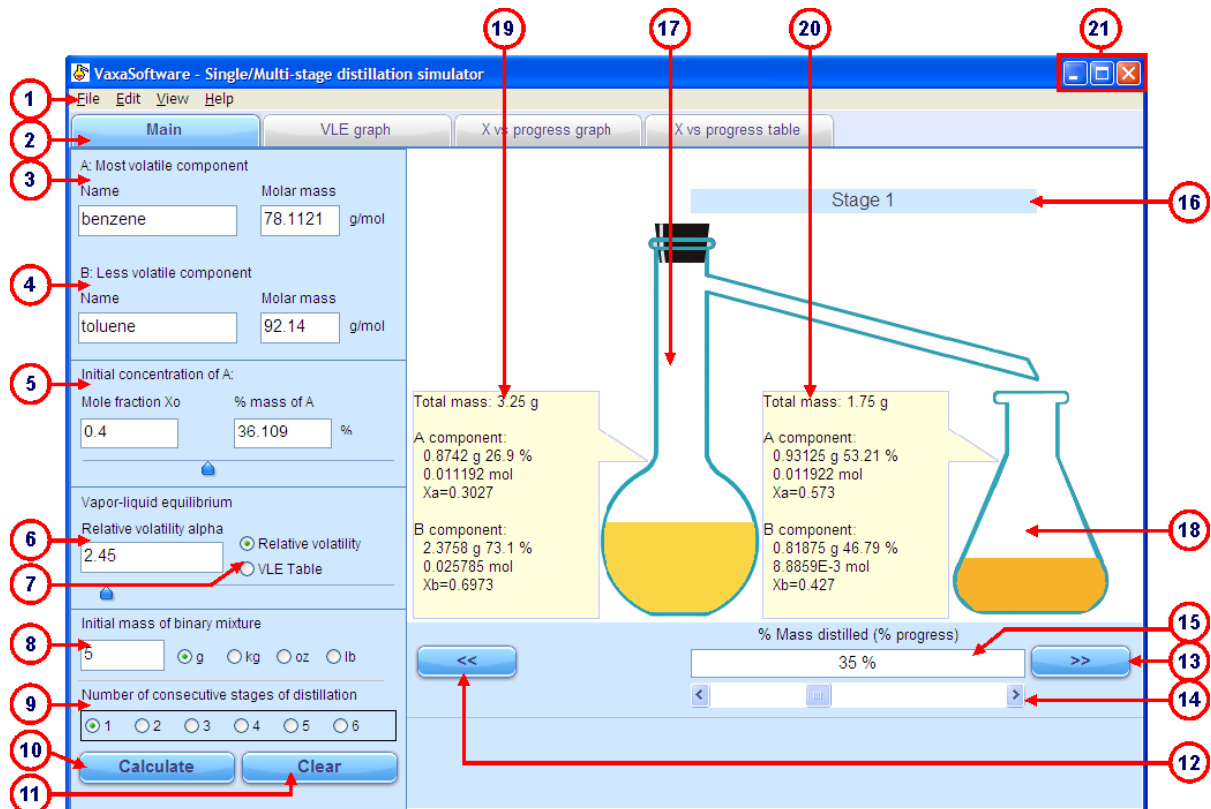


Fig. 1
Main window: *Main* panel

(1) Menu bar

It contains the menus *File*, *Edit*, *View* and *Help*.

File menu

Calculate

Calculates output values from input values.

Open...

Allows us to open a Binary Distillation File (*.bdf).

Save

Saves the current distillation data as a Binary Distillation File (*.bdf).

Save as...

Asks us for a filename and saves the current data as a Binary Distillation File (*.bdf).

Print...

Open the *Print* window to print one of the following items (when it's visible):

- VLE graph (Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium graph).
- X vs Progress graph

Exit

Close the application.

Edit menu

Copy

Copies either *ELV-graph* or *X vs Progress graph* or *X vs Progress table* to the clipboard.

View menu

Main

Shows the *Main* panel.

ELV graph

Shows the VLE graph (Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium graph).

X vs Progress graph

Shows the X vs Progress graph (X parameter vs distillation progress).

X vs Progress table

Shows the X vs Progress table (X parameter vs distillation progress).

Liquid color

Allows us to select the color of the simulated liquid.

Help menu

User's manual (PDF document)...

Shows this manual.

Application registration...

Shows the registration form window to register the application.

Disabled functions in the unregistered version

Shows the list of disabled functions when the application is not registered.

Home page (www.vaxasoftware.com)...

Connects to VaxaSoftware home page.

An active Internet connection and a browser are required.

About...

Shows the *Splash* window with the version and description of the application.

(2) Tab bar

It contains the following tabs:

Main tab

Shows the *Main* panel.

ELV graph tab

Shows the VLE graph (Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium graph).

X vs Progress graph tab

Shows the X vs Progress graph (X parameter vs distillation progress).

X vs Progress table tab

Shows the X vs Progress table (X parameter vs distillation progress).

(3) Name and molar mass of the most volatile component (A)

Allows us to enter the name and the molar mass of the most volatile component of the binary mixture. The most volatile component is denoted as "A".

(4) Name and molar mass of the less volatile component (B)

Allows us to enter the name and the molar mass of the less volatile component of the binary mixture. The less volatile component is denoted as "B".

(5) Initial composition of "A" component (most volatile component)

Allows us to enter the initial mole fraction or initial percentage by mass of "A" component.

◆ Note 1:

Decimal separator:

We can use either point or comma as decimal separator.

◆ Note 2:

Scientific notation:

The scientific notation is used to show very big or very small numbers. A scientific notation number has a mantissa and a power of 10.

To enter a scientific notation number we use letter E to input the exponent of 10.

Examples:

5.67×10^{89} is entered as 5.67 E 89
 1.23×10^{-34} is entered as 1.23 E-34

(6) Relative volatility

Allows us to enter the relative volatility α (alpha).

(7) Vapor-liquid equilibrium

Allows us to select the following method for vapor-liquid equilibrium (VLE):

Relative volatility.

Use this option if the vapor-liquid equilibrium has a constant relative volatility.

Table.

Use this option if the vapor-liquid equilibrium has a variable relative volatility and/or there is azeotrope.

Click the *Edit table* button to edit the Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium table.

(8) Initial mass of binary mixture.

Allows us to enter the mass of binary mixture for the first distillation stage.

We can select one of the following mass units:

g (gram), kg (kilogram), oz (ounce), lb (pound)

(9) Number of consecutive stages of distillation

Allows us to select the number of stages of distillation.

We can select between 1 and 6 stages.

(10) Calculate button

Calculates output values from input values.

(11) Clear button

Clears all the input/output values.

(12) (13) Scroll buttons

Allows us to select each stage of distillation.

(14) Percentage of distillation progress scroll bar

Allows us to set the percentage of progress for the current stage of distillation.

(15) Percentage of distillation progress textbox

Shows us the percentage of progress for the current stage of distillation and allows us to set it.

(16) Number of the current distillation stage

Shows us the number of the current distillation stage.

(17) Still pot

Shows us a simulation of liquid in the still pot.

(18) Distillate flask

Shows us a simulation of liquid in the distillate flask.

(19) Information about liquid in the still pot

Shows us the following data about the liquid in the still pot:

- Total mass
- Mass of most volatile component "A"
 - Percentage by mass of "A"
 - Moles of "A"
 - Mole fraction of "A"
- Mass of less volatile component "B"
 - Percentage by mass of "B"
 - Moles of "B"
 - Mole fraction of "B"

(20) Information about liquid in the distillate flask

Shows us the following data about the liquid in the distillate flask:

- Total mass
- Mass of most volatile component "A"
 - Percentage by mass of "A"
 - Moles of "A"
 - Mole fraction of "A"
- Mass of less volatile component "B"
 - Percentage by mass of "B"
 - Moles of "B"
 - Mole fraction of "B"

(21) Window control buttons

These are the classic buttons of the windows of MS-Windows ®.

Minimize button

Minimizes the application to an icon on the desktop.

Maximize / Restore button

Maximizes / restores the application's window size.

Close button

Closes the application. Also we can press Alt + F4 keys on our keyboard.

Main window: VLE graph

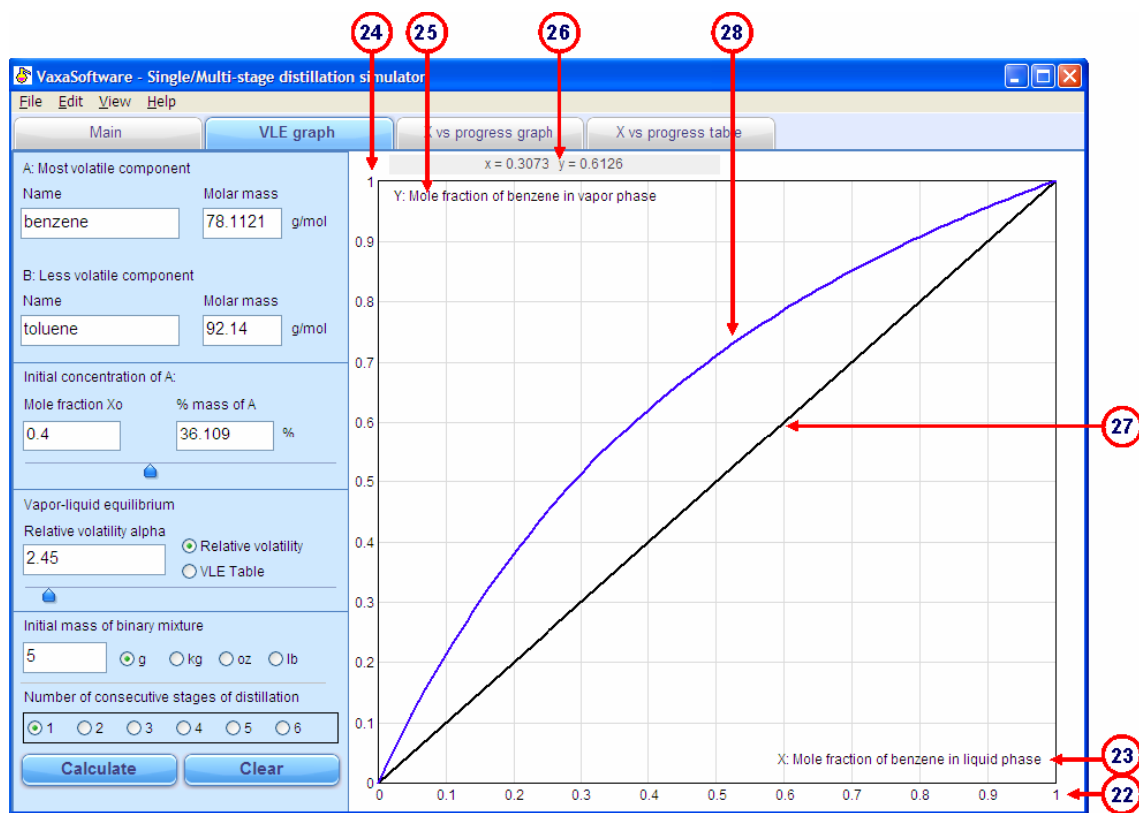


Fig. 2
Main window: VLE graph

(22) Scale of values of X-axis

Shows the scale of values of X-axis.

(23) X-axis title

Shows the X-axis title.

(24) Scale of values of Y-axis

Shows the scale of values of Y-axis.

(25) Y-axis title

Shows the Y-axis title.

(26) Mouse coordinates

Shows (x, y) coordinates of the mouse.

(27) $y = x$ line

Shows the $y = x$ line.

(28) VLE curve: Vapor-liquid equilibrium curve

Shows the VLE (Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium) curve.

- We can modify the curve with the mouse when using constant relative volatility. The relative volatility is changed while we move the curve.

- If we use a table of VLE we can double click on the curve to edit the VLE table

Main window: *X vs Progress* graph

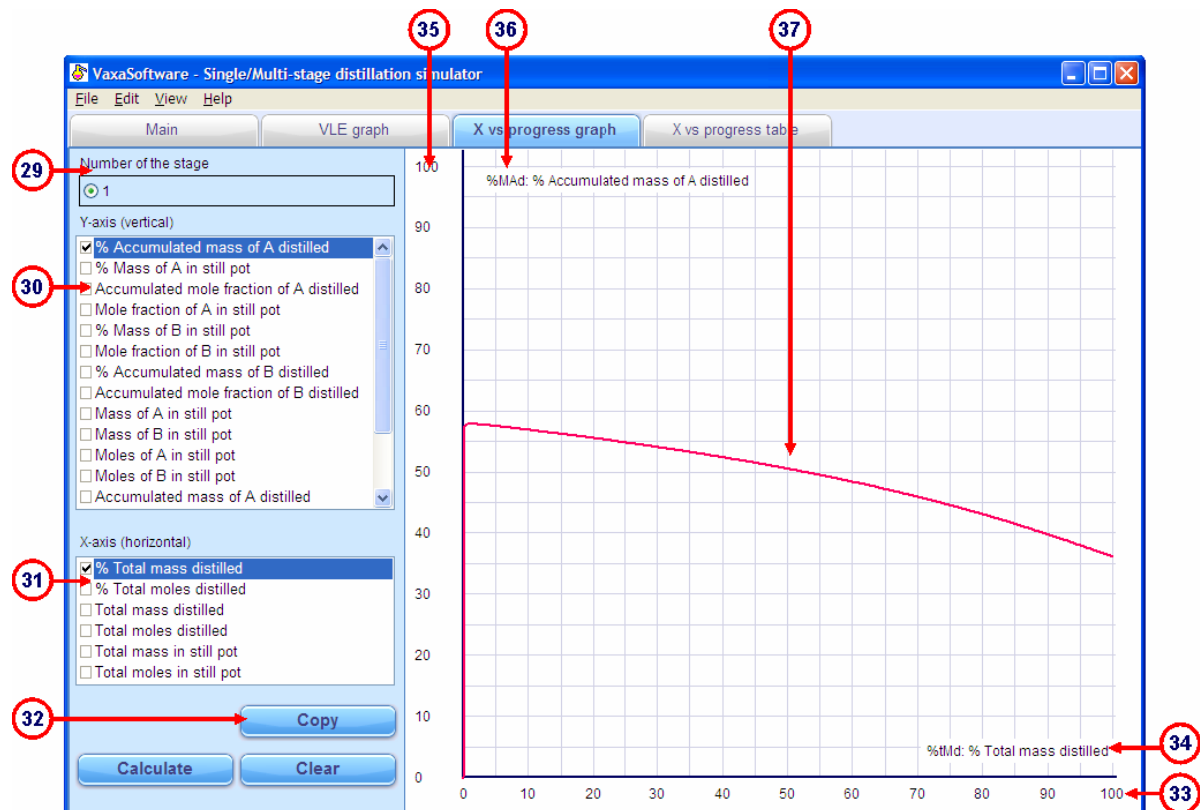


Fig. 3
Main window: *X vs Progress* graph

(29) Number of the current distillation stage

Allows us to select the current distillation stage.

(30) Y-axis parameters

Allows us to select one of the following Y-axis parameters.

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> % Accumulated mass of A distilled | Mass of B in still pot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> % Mass of A in still pot | Moles of A in still pot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accumulated mole fraction of A distilled | Moles of B in still pot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mole fraction of A in still pot | Accumulated mass of A distilled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> % Mass of B in still pot | Accumulated mass of B distilled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mole fraction of B in still pot | Accumulated moles of A distilled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> % Accumulated mass of B distilled | Accumulated moles of B distilled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accumulated mole fraction of B distilled | Mole fraction of A in distilled vapor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mass of A in still pot | |

(31) X-axis parameters

Allows us to select one of the following X-axis parameters.

- % Total mass distilled
- % Total moles distilled
- Total mass distilled
- Total moles distilled
- Total mass in still pot
- Total moles in still pot

(32) Copy button

Copy the graph to the clipboard.

(33) Scale of values of X-axis

Shows the scale of values of X-axis.

(34) X-axis title

Shows the X-axis title.

(35) Scale of values of Y-axis

Shows the scale of values of Y-axis.

(36) Y-axis title

Shows the Y-axis title.

(37) Curve

Shows the curve of Y-axis parameter vs X-axis parameter.

Main window: X vs Progress table

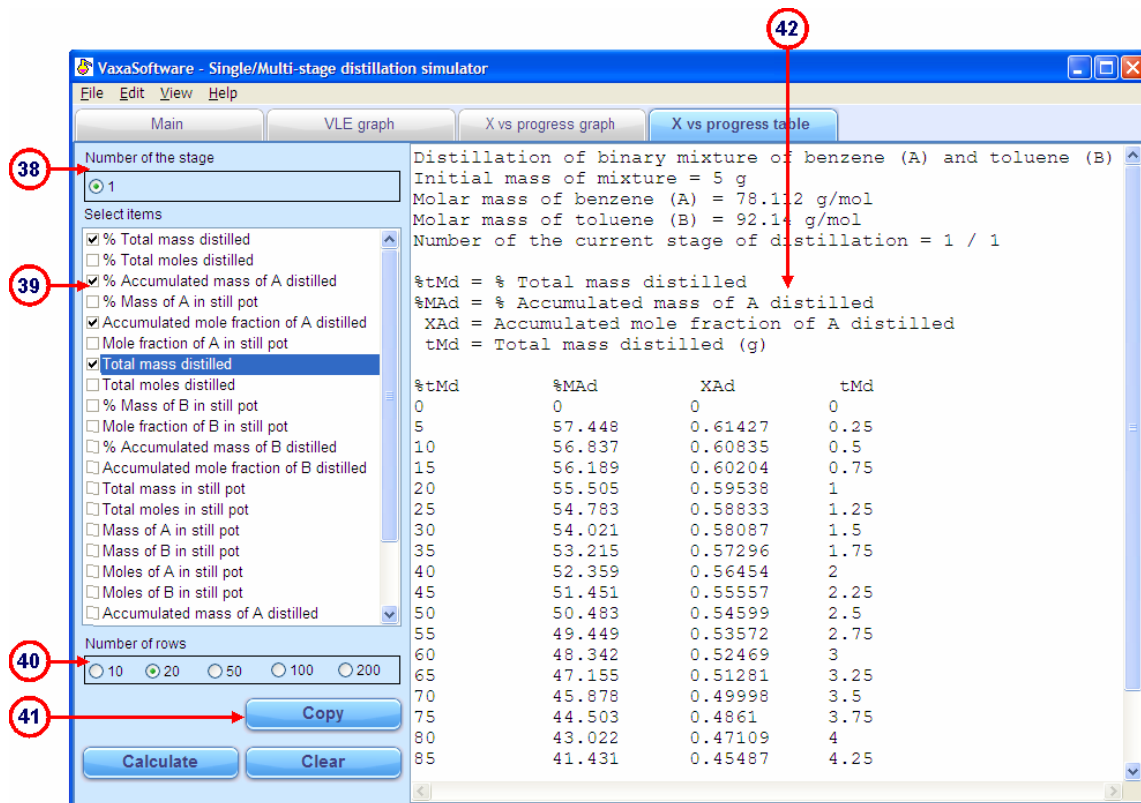


Fig. 4
Main window: X vs Progress table

(38) Number of the current distillation stage

Allows us to select the current distillation stage.

(39) Parameters

Allows us to select one of the following parameters.

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> % Total mass distilled | Total mass in still pot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> % Total moles distilled | Total moles in still pot |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> % Accumulated mass of A distilled | Mass of A in still pot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> % Mass of A in still pot | Mass of B in still pot |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accumulated mole fraction of A distilled | Moles of A in still pot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mole fraction of A in still pot | Moles of B in still pot |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total mass distilled | Accumulated mass of A distilled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total moles distilled | Accumulated mass of B distilled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> % Mass of B in still pot | Accumulated moles of A distilled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mole fraction of B in still pot | Accumulated moles of B distilled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> % Accumulated mass of B distilled | Mole fraction of A in distilled vapor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accumulated mole fraction of B distilled | |

(40) Numbers of rows

Allows us to select the numbers of rows in the table.

(41) Copy button

Copy the table to the clipboard.

(42) Table

Shows us the table.

Window: VLE: Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium table

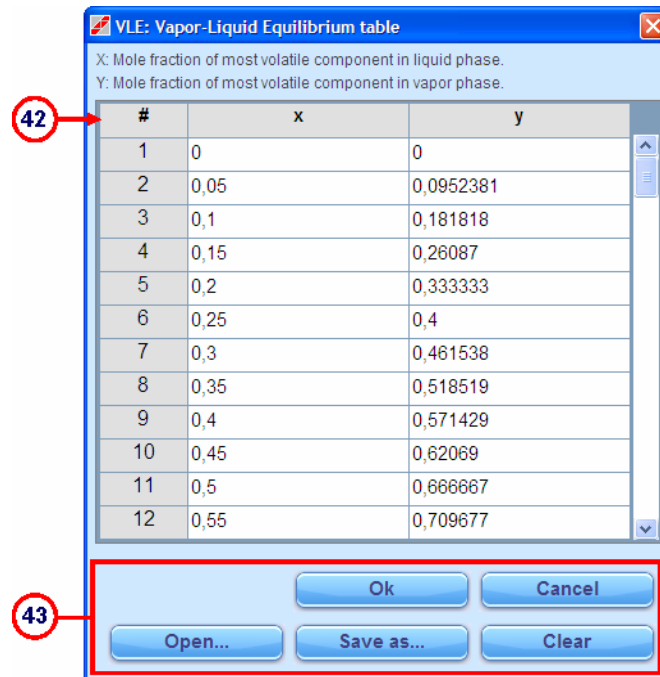


Fig. 5
Window VLE: Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium table

(42) Data table

Allows us to enter the values of X and Y of a VLE (Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium).
X is the mole fraction of most volatile component "A" in liquid phase.
Y is the mole fraction of most volatile component "A" in equilibrium in vapor phase.

(43) Buttons

Ok button

Checks the table, closes the dialog window and returns to the main window. The edited data table will be used.

Cancel button

Closes the window. The edited data is not used.

Open... button

Allows us to open a file of table (*.vle) or import a Binary Distillation File (*.BDF)

Save as... button

Asks us for a filename and saves the current table as a file (*.vle).

Clear button

Clears the table.

Example

We want to make a double distillation of 2500 g of ethanol-water solution of 15% ethanol by mass. In the first stage we distillate 1000 g (40% of the initial solution). In the second stage we distillate 600 g (60%). Find out the concentration of ethanol in the second distillate solution.

Procedure:

- 1) Set the number of distillation stages as 2.
- 2) Select *Table* in Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium section.
- 3) Press *Edit table...* button to open the *VLE* window.
- 4) Press *Open* button to open the table *Ethanol-water.vle* that is in *Example* subfolder located in the directory where the application was installed.
- 5) Press *OK* button to close the window and return to main window.
- 6) In the main window we enter the following data:

% mass of A	15
Initial mass of binary mixture	2500 g
Number of stages	2

- 7) We enter the percentage progress of each stage (% of distillate mass).

Stage 1	40 %
Stage 2	60 %

- 8) Finally we get the following results for the second stage in the distillate flask.

Total mass:	600 g
"A" component:	
Mass;	358.48 g
% mass	59.75 %
Moles	7.7811 mol
Mole fraction of A	$X_a = 0.3672$

Shortcut keys

Main window

F5	Calculate
Ctrl + O	Open...
Ctrl + S	Save
Ctrl + P	Print...
Ctrl + F4	Exit
Alt + F4	Exit
Ctrl + C	Copy
Page Up	Show the next distillation stage
Page Down	Show the previous distillation stage
F1	Help: Show User's Manual (PDF document...)
Mayús+F1	About...

Specifications

Description	<i>SDEN</i> is a single/multi-stage distillation simulator for Windows using Rayleigh equation.
License	Trialware
Unregistered version restrictions	Initial mole fraction of A is locked.
Decimal separator	Point or comma.
Thousands separator	You may use spaces to separate the thousands. However, the output results are displayed without a separator.
Binary mixture distillation file extension:	*.BDF
VLE (Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium) data input	- Relative volatility. - Table of VLE (or files *.vle / *.bdf).
Azeotrope support	Yes
Maximum number of consecutive stages	6
Maximum number of parameters in the <i>X vs Progress</i> table	23 parameters
Number of X-axis parameters for the <i>X vs Progress</i> graph	17 parameters
Number of Y-axis parameters for the <i>X vs Progress</i> graph	6 parameters
Number of colors for the liquid simulation	5 colors

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