

# *Appendix*

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## Concentration Variance of Self-Complexing Molecules

The plots obtained in Chapter 3—that show how changes in  $K_a$  values affect the distribution of monomers/oligomers in a solution of a self-complementary monomer over a given concentration range—were obtained using a spreadsheet written in Microsoft Excel 98. The model employed (shown in Figure 3.20) for these calculations (Page 105) assumes that no oligomers larger than trimers are formed. Therefore, the plots obtained are only approximations, but appear to fit the observed experimental data. The spreadsheet has the capacity to solve both reducible and irreducible cubic equations, and follows standard methods, as discussed in Rosenbach, J. B.; Whitman, E. A. *College Algebra, (Revised Edition)*; Ginn and Company: Boston, 1939, pp. 265–269. What follows are the cell entries: those containing *comments* are italicized, those requiring **input** are in bold, and those containing calculations and/or equalities appear in regular text.

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A1    = "Total Dissolved Monomer Concentration [M] in M"
B1    = "Log10[M]"
C1    = " $K_{a2} (M^{-1})$ "
D1    = "[a1] (M)"
E1    = "[a2] (M)"
F1    = "[a3] (M)"
G1    = "[c1] (M)"
H1    = "[c2] (M)"
I1    = "[c3] (M)"
J1    = "Total Concentration of Species in Solution"
K1    = "Total Dissolved Monomer Concentration [M] in M"
L1    = "%a1"
M1    = "%c1"
N1    = "%a2"
O1    = "%c2"
P1    = "%a3"
Q1    = "%c3"
R1    = "100%"
A2    = 0.000001
B2    = LOG(A2)
C2    Enter value of  $K_{a2} (M^{-1})$  in here
D2    = F51
E2    = C2*(F51^2)
F2    = C2*C4*(F51^3)
G2    = C6*F51
H2    = C8*C2*(F51^2)
I2    = C10*C4*C2*(F51^3)
J2    = I2+H2+G2+F2+E2+D2
K2    = (F51*(1+C6))+((F51^2)*((2*C2)+(2*C2*C8)))+((F51^3)*(3*C2*C4)+(3*C10*C4*C2)))
L2    = (D2/J2)*100
M2    = (G2/J2)*100
N2    = (E2/J2)*100
O2    = (H2/J2)*100
P2    = (F2/J2)*100
Q2    = (I2/J2)*100
R2    = L2+M2+N2+O2+P2+Q2
A3    = 0.00001
B3    = LOG(A3)
C3    = " $K_{a3} (M^{-1})$ "
D3    = F87
E3    = C2*(F87^2)
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F3 = C2*C4*(F87^3)
G3 = C6*F87
H3 = C8*C2*(F87^2)
I3 = C10*C4*C2*(F87^3)
J3 = I3+H3+G3+F3+E3+D3
K3 = (F87*(1+C6))+((F87^2)*((2*C2)+(2*C2*C8)))+((F87^3)*(3*C2*C4)+(3*C10*C4*C2)))
L3 = (D3/J3)*100
M3 = (G3/J3)*100
N3 = (E3/J3)*100
O3 = (H3/J3)*100
P3 = (F3/J3)*100
Q3 = (I3/J3)*100
R3 = L3+M3+N3+O3+P3+Q3
A4 = 0.0001
B4 = LOG(A4)
C4 Enter value of  $K_{a3}$  ( $M^{-1}$ ) in here
D4 = F124
E4 = C2*(F124^2)
F4 = C2*C4*(F124^3)
G4 = C6*F124
H4 = C8*C2*(F124^2)
I4 = C10*C4*C2*(F124^3)
J4 = I4+H4+G4+F4+E4+D4
K4 = (F124*(1+C6))+((F124^2)*((2*C2)+(2*C2*C8)))+((F124^3)*(3*C2*C4)+(3*C10*C4*C2)))
L4 = (D4/J4)*100
M4 = (G4/J4)*100
N4 = (E4/J4)*100
O4 = (H4/J4)*100
P4 = (F4/J4)*100
Q4 = (I4/J4)*100
R4 = L4+M4+N4+O4+P4+Q4
A5 = 0.001
B5 = LOG(A5)
C5 = " $K_{cl}$ "
D5 = F161
E5 = C2*(F161^2)
F5 = C2*C4*(F161^3)
G5 = C6*F161
H5 = C8*C2*(F161^2)
I5 = C10*C4*C2*(F161^3)
J5 = I5+H5+G5+F5+E5+D5
K5 = (F161*(1+C6))+((F161^2)*((2*C2)+(2*C2*C8)))+((F161^3)*(3*C2*C4)+(3*C10*C4*C2)))
L5 = (D5/J5)*100
M5 = (G5/J5)*100
N5 = (E5/J5)*100
O5 = (H5/J5)*100
P5 = (F5/J5)*100
Q5 = (I5/J5)*100
R5 = L5+M5+N5+O5+P5+Q5
A6 = 0.01
B6 = LOG(A6)
C6 Enter value of  $K_{cl}$  (pure number) in here
D6 = F197
E6 = C2*(F197^2)
F6 = C2*C4*(F197^3)
G6 = C6*F197
H6 = C8*C2*(F197^2)
I6 = C10*C4*C2*(F197^3)
J6 = I6+H6+G6+F6+E6+D6
K6 = (F197*(1+C6))+((F197^2)*((2*C2)+(2*C2*C8)))+((F197^3)*(3*C2*C4)+(3*C10*C4*C2)))
L6 = (D6/J6)*100

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M6 = (G6/J6)\*100  
 N6 = (E6/J6)\*100  
 O6 = (H6/J6)\*100  
 P6 = (F6/J6)\*100  
 Q6 = (I6/J6)\*100  
 R6 = L6+M6+N6+O6+P6+Q6  
 A7 = 0.1  
 B7 = LOG(A7)  
 C7 = " $K_{c2}$ "  
 D7 = F234  
 E7 = C2\*(F234^2)  
 F7 = C2\*C4\*(F234^3)  
 G7 = C6\*F234  
 H7 = C8\*C2\*(F234^2)  
 I7 = C10\*C4\*C2\*(F234^3)  
 J7 = I7+H7+G7+F7+E7+D7  
 K7 = (F234\*(1+C6))+((F234^2)\*((2\*C2)+(2\*C2\*C8)))+((F234^3)\*(3\*C2\*C4)+(3\*C10\*C4\*C2)))  
 L7 = (D7/J7)\*100  
 M7 = (G7/J7)\*100  
 N7 = (E7/J7)\*100  
 O7 = (H7/J7)\*100  
 P7 = (F7/J7)\*100  
 Q7 = (I7/J7)\*100  
 R7 = L7+M7+N7+O7+P7+Q7  
 A8 = 1  
 B8 = LOG(A8)  
**C8** Enter value of  $K_{c2}$  (pure number) in here  
 D8 = F271  
 E8 = C2\*(F271^2)  
 F8 = C2\*C4\*(F271^3)  
 G8 = C6\*F271  
 H8 = C8\*C2\*(F271^2)  
 I8 = C10\*C4\*C2\*(F271^3)  
 J8 = I8+H8+G8+F8+E8+D8  
 K8 = (F271\*(1+C6))+((F271^2)\*((2\*C2)+(2\*C2\*C8)))+((F271^3)\*(3\*C2\*C4)+(3\*C10\*C4\*C2)))  
 L8 = (D8/J8)\*100  
 M8 = (G8/J8)\*100  
 N8 = (E8/J8)\*100  
 O8 = (H8/J8)\*100  
 P8 = (F8/J8)\*100  
 Q8 = (I8/J8)\*100  
 R8 = L8+M8+N8+O8+P8+Q8  
 A9 = 10  
 B9 = LOG(A9)  
 C9 = " $K_{c3}$ "  
 D9 = F309  
 E9 = C2\*(F309^2)  
 F9 = C2\*C4\*(F309^3)  
 G9 = C6\*F309  
 H9 = C8\*C2\*(F309^2)  
 I9 = C10\*C4\*C2\*(F309^3)  
 J9 = I9+H9+G9+F9+E9+D9  
 K9 = (F309\*(1+C6))+((F309^2)\*((2\*C2)+(2\*C2\*C8)))+((F309^3)\*(3\*C2\*C4)+(3\*C10\*C4\*C2)))  
 L9 = (D9/J9)\*100  
 M9 = (G9/J9)\*100  
 N9 = (E9/J9)\*100  
 O9 = (H9/J9)\*100  
 P9 = (F9/J9)\*100  
 Q9 = (I9/J9)\*100  
 R9 = L9+M9+N9+O9+P9+Q9  
 A10 = 100

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B10 = LOG(A10)
C10 Enter value of  $K_{c3}$  (pure number) in here
D10 = F346
E10 = C2*(F346^2)
F10 = C2*C4*(F346^3)
G10 = C6*F346
H10 = C8*C2*(F346^2)
I10 = C10*C4*C2*(F346^3)
J10 = I10+H10+G10+F10+E10+D10
K10 = (F346*(1+C6))+((F346^2)*((2*C2)+(2*C2*C8)))+((F346^3)*(3*C2*C4)+(3*C10*C4*C2)))
L10 = (D10/J10)*100
M10 = (G10/J10)*100
N10 = (E10/J10)*100
O10 = (H10/J10)*100
P10 = (F10/J10)*100
Q10 = (I10/J10)*100
R10 = L10+M10+N10+O10+P10+Q10
A11 Enter a specific value of [M] (M) in here to determine the resulting solution composition
B11 = LOG(A11)
D11 = F382
E11 = C2*(F382^2)
F11 = C2*C4*(F382^3)
G11 = C6*F382
H11 = C8*C2*(F382^2)
I11 = C10*C4*C2*(F382^3)
J11 = I11+H11+G11+F11+E11+D11
K11 = (F382*(1+C6))+((F382^2)*((2*C2)+(2*C2*C8)))+((F382^3)*(3*C2*C4)+(3*C10*C4*C2)))
L11 = (D11/J11)*100
M11 = (G11/J11)*100
N11 = (E11/J11)*100
O11 = (H11/J11)*100
P11 = (F11/J11)*100
Q11 = (I11/J11)*100
R11 = L11+M11+N11+O11+P11+Q11
B16 = "Coefficient of  $x^3$ "
C16 = "Coefficient of  $x^2$ "
D16 = "Coefficient of  $x$ "
B17 = (3*C2*C4)+(3*C10*C4*C2)
C17 = (2*C2)+(2*C2*C8)
D17 = (1+C6)

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The following section solves the cubic equation for  $[M] = 10^{-6} \text{ M}$

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B25 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^3$ "
C25 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^2$ "
D25 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x$ "
E25 = "Normalized constant"

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The coefficient of the  $x^3$  term must be 1 in order to solve the equation. The ‘normalized’ values in the four cells above are obtained by dividing the cubic equation by the coefficient of  $x^3$ .

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H25 = "p"
I25 = "q"
J25 = "R"
B26 = 1
C26 = C17/B17
D26 = D17/B17
E26 = -A2/B17
H26 = D26-((C26^2)/3)
I26 = E26-((C26*D26)/3)+((2/27)*C26^3))
J26 = ((1/27)*(H26^3))+(0.25*I26*I26)

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K26 = SIGN(J26)+1  
 L26 = SIGN(K26)  
 M26 = ABS(L26-1)  
 I27 = -0.5\*I26  
 J27 = SIGN(J26)\*J26  
 J28 = SQRT(J27)  
 J29 = -1\*J28  
 $H_{30} = "u^3(A)"$   
 $I_{30} = "v^3(B)"$   
 H31 = COMPLEX(I27,J28)  
 I31 = COMPLEX(I27,J29)  
 H32 = IMPOWER((H31,1/3))  
 I32 = IMPOWER(I31,1/3)  
 H33 = I27+J28  
 I33 = I27-J28  
 M34 = SIGN(H26)+1  
 N34 = SIGN(M34)  
 O34 = ABS(N34-1)  
 $H_{35} = "v^3\sqrt{A}"$   
 $I_{35} = "v^3\sqrt{B}"$   
 H36 = H33^(1/3)  
 I36 = I33^(1/3)  
 O36 = (2\*O34)-1  
 M38 = A48\*M26  
 $F_{39} = "If R \text{ is positive}"$   
 $G_{39} = "If R \text{ is negative}"$   
 M39 = M38+L26  
 $A_{40} = "w"$   
 $B_{40} = "w^2"$   
 $E_{40} = "1st Root"$   
 F40 = (H33^(1/3))+(I33^(1/3))-(C26/3)  
 G40 = B58  
 A41 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A43)  
 B41 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A44)  
 $E_{41} = "2nd Root"$   
 F41 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(A41,H36)),(IMPRODUCT(B41,I36)),(C26/-3))  
 G41 = C58  
 $E_{42} = "3rd Root"$   
 F42 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(B41,H36)),(IMPRODUCT(A41,I36)),(C26/-3))  
 G42 = D58  
 A43 = SQRT(3)/2  
 M43 = I26\*M26  
 A44 = -A43  
 M44 = M43+L26  
 $A_{47} = "r"$   
 A48 = SQRT((-1/27)\*(H26^3)\*O36)  
 $A_{49} = "cos \theta"$   
 $B_{49} = "\theta"$   
 $C_{49} = "\pi"$   
 A50 = ((-0.5\*M44)/M39)  
 B50 = (ACOS(A50))/((PI())\*2)\*360  
 C50 = PI()  
 $F_{50} = "Roots"$   
 F51 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F40,L26)),(IMPRODUCT(G40,M26)))  
 $B_{52} = "\theta / 3"$   
 F52 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F41,L26)),(IMPRODUCT(G41,M26)))  
 B53 = B50/3  
 F53 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F42,L26)),(IMPRODUCT(G42,M26)))  
 $B_{55} = "cos \theta / 3"$   
 $C_{55} = "cos (\theta + 360)/3"$   
 $D_{55} = "cos (\theta + 720)/3"$

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B56 = COS((B53/360)*(2*C50))
C56 = (2*(M39^(1/3)))*COS(((B50+360)/3)/360)*2*C50)-(C26/3)
D56 = (2*(M39^(1/3)))*COS(((B50+720)/3)/360)*2*C50)-(C26/3)
B58 = (2*(M39^(1/3))*B56)-(C26/3)
C58 = C56
D58 = D56

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The following section solves the cubic equation for  $[M] = 10^{-5}$  M

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B61 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^3$ "
C61 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^2$ "
D61 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x$ "
E61 = "Normalized constant"
H61 = "p"
I61 = "q"
J61 = "R"
B62 = 1
C62 = C17/B17
D62 = D17/B17
E62 = -A3/B17
H62 = D62-((C62^2)/3)
I62 = E62-((C62*D62)/3)+((2/27)*C62^3)
J62 = ((1/27)*(H62^3))+(0.25*I62*I62)
K62 = SIGN(J62)+1
L62 = SIGN(K62)
M62 = ABS(L62-1)
I63 = -0.5*I62
J63 = SIGN(J62)*J62
J64 = SQRT(J63)
J65 = -1*J64
H66 = " $u^3$  (A)"
I66 = " $v^3$  (B)"
H67 = COMPLEX(I63,J64)
I67 = COMPLEX(I63,J65)
H68 = IMPOWER((H67,1/3)
I68 = IMPOWER(I67,1/3)
H69 = I63+J64
I69 = I63-J64
M70 = SIGN(H62)+1
N70 = SIGN(M70)
O70 = ABS(N70-1)
H71 = " $\sqrt[3]{A}$ "
I71 = " $\sqrt[3]{B}$ "
H72 = H69^(1/3)
I72 = I69^(1/3)
O72 = (2*O70)-1
M74 = A84*M62
F75 = "If R is positive"
G75 = "If R is negative"
M75 = M74+L62
A76 = "w"
B76 = "w2"
E76 = "1st Root"
F76 = (H69^(1/3))+(I69^(1/3))-(C62/3)
G76 = B94
A77 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A79)
B77 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A80)
E77 = "2nd Root"
F77 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(A77,H72)),(IMPRODUCT(B77,I72)),(C62/-3))
G77 = C94

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E78 = "3rd Root"
F78 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(B77,H72)),(IMPRODUCT(A77,I72)),(C62/-3))
G78 = D94
A79 = SQRT(3)/2
M79 = I62*M62
A80 = -A79
M80 = M79+L62
A83 = "r"
A84 = SQRT((-1/27)*(H62^3)*O72)
A85 = "cos θ"
B85 = "θ"
C85 = "π"
A86 = ((-0.5*M80)/M75)
B86 = (ACOS(A86))/((PI())*2)*360
C86 = PI()
F86 = "Roots"
F87 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F76,L62)),(IMPRODUCT(G76,M62)))
B88 = "θ / 3"
F88 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F77,L62)),(IMPRODUCT(G77,M62)))
B89 = B86/3
F89 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F78,L62)),(IMPRODUCT(G78,M62)))
B91 = "cos θ / 3"
C91 = "cos (θ + 360)/3"
D91 = "cos (θ + 720)/3"
B92 = COS((B89/360)*(2*C86))
C92 = (2*(M75^(1/3)))*COS(((B86+360)/3)/360)*2*C86)-(C62/3)
D92 = (2*(M75^(1/3)))*COS(((B86+720)/3)/360)*2*C86)-(C62/3)
B94 = 2*(M75^(1/3))*B92)-(C62/3)
C94 = C92
D94 = D92

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The following section solves the cubic equation for  $[M] = 10^{-4}$  M

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B98 = "Normalized coefficient of x³"
C98 = "Normalized coefficient of x²"
D98 = "Normalized coefficient of x"
E98 = "Normalized constant"
H98 = "p"
I98 = "q"
J98 = "R"
B99 = 1
C99 = C17/B17
D99 = D17/B17
E99 = -A4/B17
H99 = D99-((C99^2)/3)
I99 = E99-((C99*D99)/3)+((2/27)*C99^3))
J99 = ((1/27)*(H99^3))+((0.25*I99*I99)
K99 = SIGN(J99)+1
L99 = SIGN(K99)
M99 = ABS(L99-1)
I100 = -0.5*I99
J100 = SIGN(J99)*J99
J101 = SQRT(J100)
J102 = -1*J101
H103 = "u³ (A)"
I103 = "v³ (B)"
H104 = COMPLEX(I100,J101)
I104 = COMPLEX(I100,J102)
H105 = IMPOWER((H104,1/3)
I105 = IMPOWER(I104,1/3)
H106 = I100+J101

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I106 = I100-J101
M107 = SIGN(H99)+1
N107 = SIGN(M107)
O107 = ABS(N107-1)
H108 = "3\sqrt{A}"
I108 = "3\sqrt{B}"
H109 = H106^(1/3)
I109 = I106^(1/3)
O109 = (2*O107)-1
M111 = A121*M99
F112 = "If R is positive"
G112 = "If R is negative"
M112 = M111+L99
A113 = "w"
B113 = "w2"
E113 = "1st Root"
F113 = (H106^(1/3))+(I106^(1/3))-(C99/3)
G113 = B131
A114 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A116)
B114 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A117)
E114 = "2nd Root"
F114 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(A114,H109)),(IMPRODUCT(B114,I109)),(C99/-3))
G114 = C131
E115 = "3rd Root"
F115 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(B114,H109)),(IMPRODUCT(A114,I109)),(C99/-3))
G115 = D131
A116 = SQRT(3)/2
M116 = I99*M99
A117 = -A116
M117 = M116+L99
A120 = "r"
A121 = SQRT((-1/27)*(H99^3)*O109)
A122 = "cos θ"
B122 = "θ"
C122 = "π"
A123 = ((-0.5*M117)/M112)
B123 = (ACOS(A123))/((PI())*2)*360
C123 = PI()
F123 = "Roots"
F124 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F113,L99)),(IMPRODUCT(G113,M99)))
B125 = "θ / 3"
F125 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F114,L99)),(IMPRODUCT(G114,M99)))
B126 = B123/3
F126 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F115,L99)),(IMPRODUCT(G115,M99)))
B128 = "cos θ / 3"
C128 = "cos (θ + 360)/3"
D128 = "cos (θ + 720)/3"
B129 = COS((B126/360)*(2*C123))
C129 = (2*(M112^(1/3))*COS(((B123+360)/3)/360)*2*C123)-(C99/3)
D129 = (2*(M112^(1/3))*COS(((B123+720)/3)/360)*2*C123)-(C99/3)
B131 = (2*(M112^(1/3))*B129)-(C99/3)
C131 = C129
D131 = D129

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The following section solves the cubic equation for  $[M] = 10^{-3}$  M

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B135 = "Normalized coefficient of x3"
C135 = "Normalized coefficient of x2"
D135 = "Normalized coefficient of x"
E135 = "Normalized constant"
H135 = "p"

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$I135 = "q"$   
 $J135 = "R"$   
 $B136 = 1$   
 $C136 = C17/B17$   
 $D136 = D17/B17$   
 $E136 = -A5/B17$   
 $H136 = D136-((C136^2)/3)$   
 $I136 = E136-((C136*D136)/3)+((2/27)*C136^3))$   
 $J136 = ((1/27)*(H136^3))+(0.25*I136*I136)$   
 $K136 = SIGN(J136)+1$   
 $L136 = SIGN(K136)$   
 $M136 = ABS(L136-1)$   
 $I137 = -0.5*I136$   
 $J137 = SIGN(J136)*J136$   
 $J138 = SQRT(J137)$   
 $J139 = -1*J138$   
 $H140 = "u^3 (A)"$   
 $I140 = "v^3 (B)"$   
 $H141 = COMPLEX(I137,J138)$   
 $I141 = COMPLEX(I137,J139)$   
 $H142 = IMPOWER((H141,1/3)$   
 $I142 = IMPOWER(I141,1/3)$   
 $H143 = I137+J138$   
 $I143 = I137-J138$   
 $M144 = SIGN(H136)+1$   
 $N144 = SIGN(M144)$   
 $O144 = ABS(N144-1)$   
 $H145 = \sqrt[3]{A}$   
 $I145 = \sqrt[3]{B}$   
 $H146 = H143^(1/3)$   
 $I146 = I143^(1/3)$   
 $O146 = (2*O144)-1$   
 $M148 = A158*M136$   
 $F149 = "If R is positive"$   
 $G149 = "If R is negative"$   
 $M149 = M148+L126$   
 $A150 = "w"$   
 $B150 = "w^2"$   
 $E150 = "1st Root"$   
 $F150 = (H143^(1/3))+(I143^(1/3))-(C136/3)$   
 $G150 = B168$   
 $A151 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A153)$   
 $B151 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A154)$   
 $E151 = "2nd Root"$   
 $F151 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(A151,H146)),(IMPRODUCT(B151,I146)),(C136/-3))$   
 $G151 = C168$   
 $E152 = "3rd Root"$   
 $F152 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(B151,H146)),(IMPRODUCT(A151,I146)),(C136/-3))$   
 $G152 = D168$   
 $A153 = SQRT(3)/2$   
 $M153 = I136*M136$   
 $A154 = -A153$   
 $M154 = M153+L136$   
 $A157 = "r"$   
 $A158 = SQRT((-1/27)*(H136^3)*O146)$   
 $A159 = "cos \theta"$   
 $B159 = "\theta"$   
 $C159 = "\pi"$   
 $A160 = ((-0.5*M154)/M149)$   
 $B160 = (ACOS(A160))/((PI())^2)*360$   
 $C160 = PI()$

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F160 = "Roots"
F161 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F150,L136)),(IMPRODUCT(G150,M136)))
B162 = " $\theta / 3$ "
F162 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F151,L136)),(IMPRODUCT(G151,M136)))
B163 = B160/3
F163 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F152,L136)),(IMPRODUCT(G152,M136)))
B165 = " $\cos \theta / 3$ "
C165 = " $\cos (\theta + 360)/3$ "
D165 = " $\cos (\theta + 720)/3$ "
B166 = COS((B163/360)*(2*C160))
C166 = (2*(M149^(1/3))*COS(((B160+360)/3)/360)*2*C160)-(C136/3)
D166 = (2*(M149^(1/3))*COS(((B160+720)/3)/360)*2*C160)-(C136/3)
B168 = (2*(M149^(1/3))*B166)-(C136/3)
C168 = C166
D168 = D166

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The following section solves the cubic equation for  $[M] = 10^{-2}$  M

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B171 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^3$ "
C171 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^2$ "
D171 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x$ "
E171 = "Normalized constant"
H171 = "p"
I171 = "q"
J171 = "R"
B172 = 1
C172 = C17/B17
D172 = D17/B17
E172 = -A6/B17
H172 = D172-((C172^2)/3)
I172 = E172-((C172*D172)/3)+((2/27)*C172^3))
J172 = ((1/27)*(H172^3))+(0.25*I172*I172)
K172 = SIGN(J172)+1
L172 = SIGN(K172)
M172 = ABS(L172-1)
I173 = -0.5*I172
J173 = SIGN(J172)*J172
J174 = SQRT(J173)
J175 = -1*J174
H176 = " $u^3 (A)$ "
I176 = " $v^3 (B)$ "
H177 = COMPLEX(I173,J174)
I177 = COMPLEX(I173,J175)
H178 = IMPOWER((H177,1/3)
I178 = IMPOWER(I177,1/3)
H179 = I173+J174
I179 = I173-J174
M180 = SIGN(H172)+1
N180 = SIGN(M180)
O180 = ABS(N180-1)
H181 = " $\sqrt[3]{A}$ "
I181 = " $\sqrt[3]{B}$ "
H182 = H179^(1/3)
I182 = I179^(1/3)
O182 = (2*O180)-1
M184 = A194*M172
F185 = "If R is positive"
G185 = "If R is negative"
M185 = M184+L172
A186 = "w"
B186 = "w^2"

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E186 = "1st Root"
F186 = (H179^(1/3))+(I179^(1/3))-(C172/3)
G186 = B204
A187 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A189)
B187 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A190)
E187 = "2nd Root"
F187 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(A187,H182)),(IMPRODUCT(B187,I182)),(C172/-3))
G187 = C204
E188 = "3rd Root"
F188 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(B187,H182)),(IMPRODUCT(A187,I182)),(C172/-3))
G188 = D204
A189 = SQRT(3)/2
M189 = I172*M172
A190 = -A189
M190 = M189+L172
A193 = "r"
A194 = SQRT((-1/27)*(H172^3)*O182)
A195 = "cos θ"
B195 = "θ"
C195 = "π"
A196 = ((-0.5*M190)/M185)
B196 = (ACOS(A196))/((PI())*2)*360
C196 = PI()
F196 = "Roots"
F197 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F186,L172)),(IMPRODUCT(G186,M172)))
B198 = "θ / 3"
F198 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F187,L172)),(IMPRODUCT(G187,M172)))
B199 = B196/3
F199 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F188,L172)),(IMPRODUCT(G188,M172)))
B201 = "cos θ / 3"
C201 = "cos (θ + 360)/3"
D201 = "cos (θ + 720)/3"
B202 = COS((B199/360)*(2*C196))
C202 = (2*(M185^(1/3))*COS(((B196+360)/3)/360)*2*C196)-(C172/3)
D202 = (2*(M185^(1/3))*COS(((B196+720)/3)/360)*2*C196)-(C172/3)
B204 = (2*(M185^(1/3))*B202)-(C172/3)
C204 = C202
D204 = D202

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The following section solves the cubic equation for  $[M] = 10^{-1}$  M

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B208 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^3$ "
C208 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^2$ "
D208 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x$ "
E208 = "Normalized constant"
H208 = "p"
I208 = "q"
J208 = "R"
B209 = 1
C209 = C17/B17
D209 = D17/B17
E209 = -A7/B17
H209 = D209-((C209^2)/3)
I209 = E209-((C209*D209)/3)+((2/27)*C209^3))
J209 = ((1/27)*(H209^3))+(0.25*I209*I209)
K209 = SIGN(J209)+1
L209 = SIGN(K209)
M209 = ABS(L209-1)
I210 = -0.5*I209
J210 = SIGN(J209)*J209
J211 = SQRT(J210)

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J212 = -1*J211
H213 = "u3 (A)"
I213 = "v3 (B)"
H214 = COMPLEX(I210,J211)
I214 = COMPLEX(I210,J212)
H215 = IMPOWER((H214,1/3)
I215 = IMPOWER(I214,1/3)
H216 = I210+J211
I216 = I210-J211
M217 = SIGN(H209)+1
N217 = SIGN(M217)
O217 = ABS(N217-1)
H218 = "3\sqrt{A}"
I218 = "3\sqrt{B}"
H219 = H216^(1/3)
I219 = I216^(1/3)
O219 = (2*O217)-1
M221 = A231*M209
F222 = "If R is positive"
G222 = "If R is negative"
M222 = M221+L209
A223 = "w"
B223 = "w2"
E223 = "1st Root"
F223 = (H216^(1/3))+(I216^(1/3))-(C209/3)
G223 = B241
A224 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A226)
B224 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A227)
E224 = "2nd Root"
F224 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(A224,H219)),(IMPRODUCT(B224,I219)),(C209/-3))
G224 = C241
E225 = "3rd Root"
F225 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(B224,H219)),(IMPRODUCT(A224,I219)),(C209/-3))
G225 = D241
A226 = SQRT(3)/2
M226 = I209*M209
A227 = -A226
M227 = M226+L209
A230 = "r"
A231 = SQRT((-1/27)*(H209^3)*O219)
A232 = "cos θ"
B232 = "θ"
C232 = "π"
A233 = ((-0.5*M227)/M222)
B233 = (ACOS(A233))/((PI())*2)*360
C233 = PI()
F233 = "Roots"
F234 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F223,L209)),(IMPRODUCT(G223,M209)))
B235 = "θ / 3"
F235 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F224,L209)),(IMPRODUCT(G224,M209)))
B236 = B233/3
F236 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F225,L209)),(IMPRODUCT(G225,M209)))
B238 = "cos θ / 3"
C238 = "cos (θ + 360)/3"
D238 = "cos (θ + 720)/3"
B239 = COS((B236/360)*(2*C233))
C239 = (2*(M222^(1/3))*COS(((B233+360)/3)/360)*2*C233)-(C209/3)
D239 = (2*(M222^(1/3))*COS(((B233+720)/3)/360)*2*C233)-(C209/3)
B241 = (2*(M222^(1/3))*B239)-(C209/3)
C241 = C239
D241 = D239

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The following section solves the cubic equation for  $[M] = 1$  M

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B245 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^3$ "  
C245 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^2$ "  
D245 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x$ "  
E245 = "Normalized constant"  
H245 = "p"  
I245 = "q"  
J245 = "R"  
B246 = 1  
C246 = C17/B17  
D246 = D17/B17  
E246 = -A8/B17  
H246 = D246-((C246^2)/3)  
I246 = E246-((C246*D246)/3)+((2/27)*C246^3))  
J246 = ((1/27)*(H246^3))+(0.25*I246*I246)  
K246 = SIGN(J246)+1  
L246 = SIGN(K246)  
M246 = ABS(L246-1)  
I247 = -0.5*I246  
J247 = SIGN(J246)*J246  
J248 = SQRT(J247)  
J249 = -1*J248  
H250 = " $u^3 (A)$ "  
I250 = " $v^3 (B)$ "  
H251 = COMPLEX(I247,J248)  
I251 = COMPLEX(I247,J249)  
H252 = IMPOWER((H251,1/3)  
I252 = IMPOWER(I251,1/3)  
H253 = I247+J248  
I253 = I247-J248  
M254 = SIGN(H246)+1  
N254 = SIGN(M254)  
O254 = ABS(N254-1)  
H255 = " $\sqrt[3]{A}$ "  
I255 = " $\sqrt[3]{B}$ "  
H256 = H253^(1/3)  
I256 = I253^(1/3)  
O256 = (2*O254)-1  
M258 = A268*M246  
F259 = "If R is positive"  
G259 = "If R is negative"  
M259 = M258+L246  
A260 = "w"  
B260 = "w2"  
E260 = "1st Root"  
F260 = (H253^(1/3))+(I253^(1/3))-(C246/3)  
G260 = B278  
A261 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A263)  
B260 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A264)  
E261 = "2nd Root"  
F261 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(A261,H256)),(IMPRODUCT(B261,I256)),(C246/-3))  
G261 = C278  
E262 = "3rd Root"  
F262 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(B261,H256)),(IMPRODUCT(A261,I256)),(C246/-3))  
G262 = D278  
A263 = SQRT(3)/2  
M263 = I246*M246  
A264 = -A263  
M264 = M263+L246
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A267 = "r"
A268 = SQRT((-1/27)*(H246^3)*O256)
A269 = "cos θ"
B269 = "θ"
C269 = "π"
A270 = ((-0.5*M264)/M259)
B270 = (ACOS(A270))/((PI())*2)*360
C270 = PI()
F270 = "Roots"
F271 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F260,L246)),(IMPRODUCT(G260,M246)))
B272 = "θ / 3"
F272 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F261,L246)),(IMPRODUCT(G261,M246)))
B273 = B270/3
F273 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F262,L246)),(IMPRODUCT(G262,M246)))
B275 = "cos θ / 3"
C275 = "cos (θ + 360)/3"
D275 = "cos (θ + 720)/3"
B276 = COS((B273/360)*(2*C270))
C276 = (2*(M259^(1/3))*COS(((B270+360)/3)/360)*2*C270)-(C246/3)
D276 = (2*(M259^(1/3))*COS(((B270+720)/3)/360)*2*C270)-(C246/3)
B278 = (2*(M259^(1/3))*B276)-(C246/3)
C278 = C276
D278 = D276

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The following section solves the cubic equation for  $[M] = 10 \text{ M}$

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B283 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^3$ "
C283 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^2$ "
D283 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x$ "
E283 = "Normalized constant"
H283 = "p"
I283 = "q"
J283 = "R"
B284 = 1
C284 = C17/B17
D284 = D17/B17
E284 = -A9/B17
H284 = D284-((C284^2)/3)
I284 = E284-((C284*D284)/3)+((2/27)*C284^3)
J284 = ((1/27)*(H284^3))+(0.25*I284*I284)
K284 = SIGN(J284)+1
L284 = SIGN(K284)
M284 = ABS(L284-1)
I285 = -0.5*I284
J285 = SIGN(J284)*J284
J286 = SQRT(J285)
J287 = -1*J286
H288 = " $u^3 (A)$ "
I288 = " $v^3 (B)$ "
H289 = COMPLEX(I285,J286)
I289 = COMPLEX(I285,J287)
H290 = IMPOWER((H289,1/3)
I290 = IMPOWER(I289,1/3)
H291 = I285+J286
I291 = I285-J286
M292 = SIGN(H284)+1
N292 = SIGN(M292)
O292 = ABS(N292-1)
H293 = " $\sqrt[3]{A}$ "
I293 = " $\sqrt[3]{B}$ "
H294 = H291^(1/3)

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I294 = I291^(1/3)
O294 = (2*O292)-1
M296 = A306*M284
F297 = "If R is positive"
G297 = "If R is negative"
M297 = M296+L284
A298 = "w"
B298 = "w^2"
E298 = "1st Root"
F298 = (H291^(1/3))+(I291^(1/3))-(C284/3)
G298 = B316
A299 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A301)
B299 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A302)
E299 = "2nd Root"
F299 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(A299,H294)),(IMPRODUCT(B299,I294)),(C284/-3))
G299 = C316
E300 = "3rd Root"
F300 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(B299,H294)),(IMPRODUCT(A299,I294)),(C284/-3))
G300 = D316
A301 = SQRT(3)/2
M301 = I284*M284
A302 = -A301
M302 = M301+L284
A305 = "r"
A306 = SQRT((-1/27)*(H284^3)*O294)
A307 = "cos θ"
B307 = "θ"
C307 = "π"
A308 = ((-0.5*M302)/M297)
B308 = (ACOS(A308))/((PI())*2)*360
C308 = PI()
F308 = "Roots"
F309 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F298,L284)),(IMPRODUCT(G298,M284)))
B310 = "θ / 3"
F310 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F299,L284)),(IMPRODUCT(G299,M284)))
B311 = B308/3
F311 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F300,L284)),(IMPRODUCT(G300,M284)))
B313 = "cos θ / 3"
C313 = "cos (θ + 360)/3"
D313 = "cos (θ + 720)/3"
B314 = COS((B311/360)*(2*C308))
C314 = (2*(M297^(1/3))*COS(((B308+360)/3)/360)*2*C308)-(C284/3)
D314 = (2*(M297^(1/3))*COS(((B308+720)/3)/360)*2*C308)-(C284/3)
B316 = (2*(M297^(1/3))*B314)-(C284/3)
C316 = C314
D316 = D314

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The following section solves the cubic equation for  $[M] = 100 \text{ M}$

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B320 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^3$ "
C320 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^2$ "
D320 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x$ "
E320 = "Normalized constant"
H320 = "p"
I320 = "q"
J320 = "R"
B321 = 1
C321 = C17/B17
D321 = D17/B17
E321 = -A10/B17
H321 = D321-((C321^2)/3)

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I321 = E321-((C321*D321)/3)+((2/27)*C321^3))
J321 = ((1/27)*(H321^3))+(0.25*I321*I321)
K321 = SIGN(J321)+1
L321 = SIGN(K321)
M321 = ABS(L321-1)
I322 = -0.5*I321
J322 = SIGN(J321)*J321
J323 = SQRT(J322)
J324 = -1*I323
H325 = " $u^3 (A)$ "
I325 = " $v^3 (B)$ "
H326 = COMPLEX(I322,J323)
I326 = COMPLEX(I322,J324)
H327 = IMPOWER((H326,1/3)
I327 = IMPOWER(I326,1/3)
H328 = I322+J323
I328 = I322-J323
M329 = SIGN(H321)+1
N329 = SIGN(M329)
O329 = ABS(N329-1)
H330 = " $\sqrt[3]{A}$ "
I330 = " $\sqrt[3]{B}$ "
H331 = H228^(1/3)
I331 = I328^(1/3)
O331 = (2*O329)-1
M336 = A343*M321
F334 = "If R is positive"
G334 = "If R is negative"
M334 = M333+L321
A335 = " $w$ "
B335 = " $w^2$ "
E335 = "1st Root"
F335 = (H328^(1/3))+(I328^(1/3))-(C321/3)
G335 = B353
A336 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A338)
B336 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A339)
E336 = "2nd Root"
F336 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(A336,H331)),(IMPRODUCT(B336,I331)),(C321/-3))
G336 = C353
E337 = "3rd Root"
F337 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(B336,H331)),(IMPRODUCT(A336,I331)),(C321/-3))
G337 = D353
A338 = SQRT(3)/2
M338 = I321*M321
A339 = -A338
M339 = M338+L321
A342 = " $r$ "
A343 = SQRT((-1/27)*(H321^3)*O331)
A344 = " $\cos \theta$ "
B344 = " $\theta$ "
C344 = " $\pi$ "
A345 = ((-0.5*M339)/M334)
B345 = (ACOS(A345))/((PI())*2)*360
C345 = PI()
F345 = "Roots"
F346 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F335,L321)),(IMPRODUCT(G335,M321)))
B347 = " $\theta / 3$ "
F347 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F336,L321)),(IMPRODUCT(G336,M321)))
B348 = B345/3
F348 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F337,L321)),(IMPRODUCT(G337,M321)))
B350 = " $\cos \theta / 3$ "

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C350 = "cos ( $\theta + 360$ )/3"
D350 = "cos ( $\theta + 720$ )/3"
B351 = COS((B348/360)*(2*C345))
C351 = (2*(M334^(1/3))*COS(((B345+360)/3)/360)*2*C345))-(C321/3)
D351 = (2*(M334^(1/3))*COS(((B345+720)/3)/360)*2*C345))-(C321/3)
B353 = (2*(M334^(1/3))*B351)-(C321/3)
C353 = C351
D353 = D351

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The following section solves the cubic equation for the value of [M] entered into A11

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B356 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^3$ "
C356 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x^2$ "
D356 = "Normalized coefficient of  $x$ "
E356 = "Normalized constant"
H356 = "p"
I356 = "q"
J356 = "R"
B357 = 1
C357 = C17/B17
D357 = D17/B17
E357 = -A11/B17
H357 = D357-((C357^2)/3)
I357 = E357-((C357*D357)/3)+((2/27)*C357^3))
J357 = ((1/27)*(H357^3))+((0.25*I357*I357)
K357 = SIGN(J357)+1
L357 = SIGN(K357)
M357 = ABS(L357-1)
I358 = -0.5*I357
J358 = SIGN(J357)*J357
J359 = SQRT(J358)
J360 = -1*J359
H361 = " $u^3$  (A)"
I361 = " $v^3$  (B)"
H362 = COMPLEX(I358,J359)
I362 = COMPLEX(I358,J360)
H363 = IMPOWER((H362,1/3)
I363 = IMPOWER(I362,1/3)
H364 = I358+J359
I364 = I358-J359
M365 = SIGN(H357)+1
N365 = SIGN(M365)
O365 = ABS(N365-1)
H366 = " $\sqrt[3]{A}$ "
I366 = " $\sqrt[3]{B}$ "
H367 = H264^(1/3)
I367 = I364^(1/3)
O367 = (2*O365)-1
M369 = A379*M357
F370 = "If R is positive"
G370 = "If R is negative"
M370 = M369+L357
A371 = "w"
B371 = "w2"
E371 = "1st Root"
F371 = (H364^(1/3))+(I364^(1/3))-(C357/3)
G371 = B389
A372 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A374)
B372 = COMPLEX(-0.5,A375)
E372 = "2nd Root"
F372 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(A372,H367)),(IMPRODUCT(B372,I367)),(C357/-3))

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G372 = C389
E373 = "3rd Root"
F373 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(B372,H367)),(IMPRODUCT(A372,I367)),(C357/-3))
G373 = D389
A374 = SQRT(3)/2
M374 = I357*M357
A375 = -A374
M375 = M374+L357
A378 = "r"
A379 = SQRT((-1/27)*(H357^3)*O367)
A380 = "cos θ"
B380 = "θ"
C380 = "π"
A381 = ((-0.5*M375)/M370)
B381 = (ACOS(A381))/((PI())*2)*360
C381 = PI()
F381 = "Roots"
F382 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F371,L357)),(IMPRODUCT(G371,M357)))
B383 = "θ / 3"
F383 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F372,L357)),(IMPRODUCT(G372,M357)))
B384 = B381/3
F384 = IMSUM((IMPRODUCT(F373,L357)),(IMPRODUCT(G373,M357)))
B386 = "cos θ / 3"
C386 = "cos (θ + 360)/3"
D386 = "cos (θ + 720)/3"
B387 = COS((B384/360)*(2*C381))
C387 = (2*(M370^(1/3))*COS(((B381+360)/3)/360)*2*C381)-(C357/3)
D387 = (2*(M370^(1/3))*COS(((B381+720)/3)/360)*2*C381)-(C357/3)
B389 = (2*(M370^(1/3))*B387)-(C357/3)
C389 = C387
D389 = D387

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The output from this spreadsheet is a plot of how the concentration of each monomer/oligomer present in solution varies with the concentration of dissolved monomer. The  $x$  axis is a log scale of the dissolved monomer concentration  $[M]$ , and the  $y$  axis is the percentage of any one particular species expressed as its molar concentration divided by the total concentration of all species present in solution. It should be noted that the sum total of the concentrations of all species present in solution will be less than the value of  $[M]$ , unless there is no oligomerization whatsoever, in which case the value will, obviously, be  $[M]$ . For example, if 100 mM of monomer is dissolved in solution, and forms exclusively the [c2]daisy chain, the total concentration of all species present in solution is 50 mM. The  $x$  values are taken from cells B2–10, and the six sets of  $y$  axis data originate from cells L2–10, M2–10, N2–10, O2–10, P2–10, Q2–10, respectively.