

(2.2) What is the atomic fraction of deuterium in water with the mole fraction of 0.81 for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.18 for  $\text{HDO}$ , and 0.01 for  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ?

First we define the given mole fractions of the three types of water molecules:

$$x_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} := 0.81 \quad x_{\text{HDO}} := 0.18 \quad x_{\text{D}_2\text{O}} := 0.01$$

The total number of normal hydrogen atoms in one mole of water is given by:

$$n_H := 2 \cdot x_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + 1 \cdot x_{\text{HDO}}$$

and the total number of heavy hydrogen atoms in one mole of water by:

$$n_D := 1 \cdot x_{\text{HDO}} + 2 \cdot x_{\text{D}_2\text{O}}$$

From eqn. (2.2) on p. 13 we get:

$$x_D := \frac{n_D}{n_D + n_H} \quad x_D = 0.100$$