

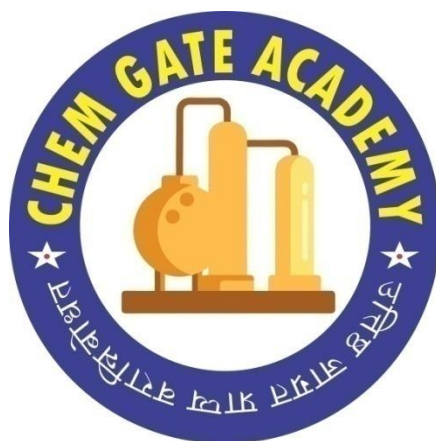
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (GATE & PSUs)

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STUDY MATERIAL (Handwritten Notes)

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MASS TRANSFER



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GATE-2022 Syllabus: Chemical Engineering

Fick's laws, molecular diffusion in fluids, mass transfer coefficients, film, penetration and surface renewal theories; momentum, heat and mass transfer analogies; stage-wise and continuous contacting and stage efficiencies; HTU & NTU concepts; design and operation of equipment for distillation, absorption, leaching, liquid-liquid extraction, drying, humidification, dehumidification and adsorption., membrane separations (micro-filtration, ultrafiltration, nano-filtration and reverse osmosis).

MASS TRANSFER COURSE CONTENT

1. Introduction
2. Concept of Diffusion
3. Molecular Diffusion
4. Mass Transfer Coefficient
5. Distillation
6. Absorption
7. Humidification
8. Drying
9. Adsorption
10. Extraction
11. Membrane separation

Note for Student:

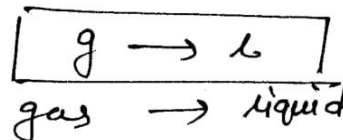
1. Full GATE Syllabus covers in Notes.
2. Total number of pages in MT Notes = 330 Pages
3. No. of Questions solved in Notes = 110+ Questions
(GATE PYQs & other good quality question)

* The core separation processes in the chemical industry are - gas absorption and stripping, distillation, liquid-liquid and solid-liquid extraction, drying of a wet solid, adsorption, crystallization, and separation of multi-component mixtures.

All these separation processes involve mass transfer from one phase to another.

1) Absorption :- [Gas-Liquid contacting operation]

separation of a soluble species from a gas mixture by using a solvent is called "gas absorption".



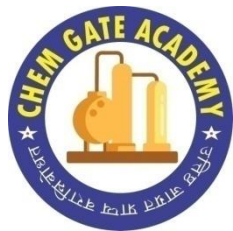
→ Transfer from g to l phase of solute

Example → separation of CO_2 from the ammonia synthesis gas using a solvent like aqueous ethanalamine.

2) stripping or Desorption :- [Gas-Liquid contacting operation]

separation of a soluble species from a liquid mixture (absorbed)

by using a solvent is called "stripping or desorption".



* DIFFUSION *

→ Diffusion is the net movement of molecules or atoms from a region of high concentration to a region of low concentration as a result of random motion of the molecules or atoms.

→ Diffusion is driven by a gradient in chemical potential of the diffusing species.

* Types of diffusion :-

1) Molecular diffusion

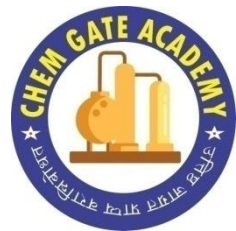
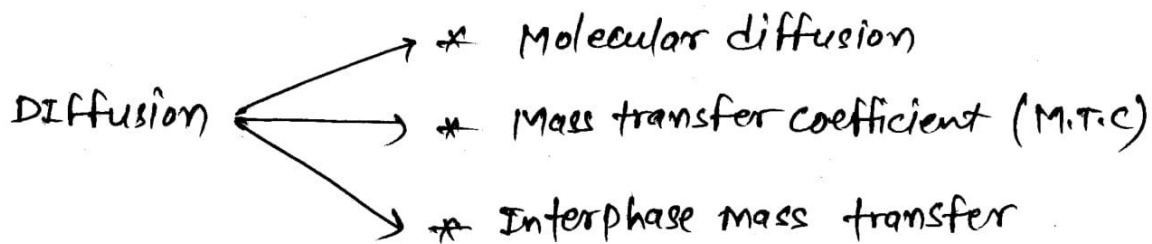
2) Turbulent or eddy diffusion

(1) Molecular Diffusion (In gases)

If the bulk fluid is stationary or moving in laminar motion in a direction normal to the concentration gradient the process is known as "Molecular diffusion".

→ Molecular diffusion is concerned with the movement of individual molecules through a substance by virtue of their thermal energy (kinetic theory of gases)

Example → Evaporation of naphthalene ball in stationary air medium.



FLUX \Rightarrow (Amount of quantity passing through unit area per unit) ^{time}

The flux is defined as the rate of transport of species i per unit area in a direction normal to the transport.

The flux is calculated with respect to a fixed reference frame.

"The Net rate at which a component in a solution passes through unit area which is normal to the direction of diffusion in unit time".

$$\text{flux} \rightarrow \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\text{kmol}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$$

Mass flux

Molar flux

SAMPLE

MASS FLUX

MOLAR FLUX $\left(\frac{\text{kmol}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}} \right)$

\rightarrow we will denote mass flux by small letters.

\rightarrow we will denote molar flux by capital letters.

$\Rightarrow n_i =$ mass flux of component i w.r.t stationary observer

$\Rightarrow N_i =$ molar flux of component i w.r.t stationary observer

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mass flux} &= \rho \times u \\ &= \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{molar flux} &= c \times u \\ &= \frac{\text{kmol}}{\text{m}^3} \times \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{kmol}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}} \end{aligned}$$

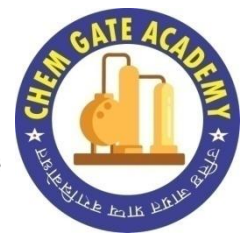
$$\boxed{n_i = \rho_i (u_i - 0)}$$

$$\boxed{N_i = c_i \times (u_i - 0)}$$

Where

$u_i =$ velocity of component

i w.r.t stationary observer



2) $i_i =$ mass flux of component i when the observer is moving with mass average velocity

$$i_i = \rho_i (u_i - U)$$

where

$U \rightarrow$ mass average velocity

3) $j_i =$ mass flux of component i when the observer is moving with molar average velocity

$$j_i = \rho_i (v_i - U)$$

where

$U =$ molar average velocity

(molar flux - mass avg. velocity)

$$\begin{aligned} \# \quad I_{total} &= \sum I_i \\ &= \sum c_i (u_i - U) \quad \text{mass avg} \\ &= c \left(\frac{\sum c_i u_i}{c} \right) - \sum c_i U \\ &= cU - cU \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$I_{total} = c(U - U)$$

$$I_{total} \neq 0$$

2) $I_i =$ molar flux of component i when the observer is moving with mass average velocity

$$I_i = c_i (u_i - U)$$

$U \rightarrow$ mass average velocity

3) $J_i =$ molar flux of component i when the observer is moving with molar average velocity

$$J_i = c_i (v_i - U)$$

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \text{mass avg. velocity} \\ U &= \text{molar avg. velocity} \end{aligned}$$

mass avg. velocity $(U = \frac{1}{\rho} \sum \rho_i u_i)$

molar avg. velocity $(U = \frac{1}{c} \sum c_i v_i)$

$$(\sum c_i = c)$$

$$\# \dot{m}_{total} = \sum \dot{m}_i \quad (\text{mass flux} - \text{mass avg. velocity})$$

$$= \sum \rho_i (u_i - U) \quad U \rightarrow \text{mass avg. velocity}$$

$$= \rho \left(\frac{\sum \rho_i u_i}{\rho} \right) - \sum \rho_i U \quad \left(U = \frac{\sum \rho_i u_i}{\rho} \right)$$

$$= \rho U - \rho U \quad (\sum \rho_i = \rho)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\boxed{\dot{m}_{total} = 0}$$

$$\# J_{total} = \sum J_i \quad (\text{molar flux} - \text{molar avg. velocity})$$

$$= \sum c_i (u_i - U) \quad ; U \rightarrow \text{molar avg. velocity}$$

$$= c \left(\frac{\sum c_i u_i}{c} \right) - \sum c_i U \quad \left(U = \frac{\sum c_i u_i}{c} \right)$$

$$= cU - cU \quad (\sum c_i = c)$$

$$= cU - cU$$

$$= 0$$

$$\boxed{J_{total} = 0}$$

$$\# \dot{J}_{total} = \sum \dot{J}_i \quad (\text{mass flux} - \text{molar avg. velocity})$$

$$= \sum \rho_i (u_i - U)$$

$$= \rho \left(\frac{\sum \rho_i u_i}{\rho} \right) - \sum \rho_i U$$

$U \rightarrow \text{mass avg. velocity}$

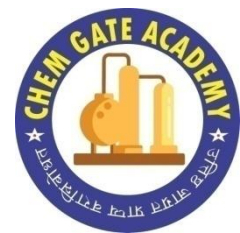
$$\left(U = \frac{\sum \rho_i u_i}{\rho} \right)$$

$$= \rho U - U \sum \rho_i$$

$$= \rho U - U \rho$$

$$\dot{J}_{total} = \rho(U - U)$$

$$\boxed{\dot{J}_{total} \neq 0}$$



Flux for a Binary mixture:-

1) $n_1 + n_2 \neq 0$

2) $\dot{m}_1 + \dot{m}_2 = 0$

3) $\dot{J}_1 + \dot{J}_2 \neq 0$
(Mass flux)

1) $N_1 + N_2 \neq 0$

2) $I_1 + I_2 \neq 0$

3) $\bar{J}_1 + \bar{J}_2 = 0$
(Molar flux)

Fick's first Law of Diffusion

The molar flux of species 'A' with respect to an observer moving with molar average velocity in a particular direction is directly proportional to the concentration gradient that exists in that direction.

$$J_{Az} \propto \frac{dc_A}{dz}$$

Here I am assuming one-dimensional diffusion is taking place in z-direction

flux

$$\bar{J}_{Az} = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz}$$

→ Fick's first law in 1-D Cartesian coordinates

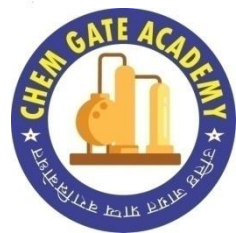
Radial diffusion

$$J_{Az} = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dr}$$

In 1-D cylindrical coordinates

Where D_{AB} is proportionality constant

or $D_{AB} = \text{diffusivity, diffusivity coefficient}$



D_{AB} → Diffusivity of species A in B

It tells us how easily A can diffuse into B

$$J_{Az} = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz}$$

* Negative sign :- It denote that diffusion occurs in the direction of a drop in concentration.

* unit of diffusivity :-

$$D_{AB} = J \times \frac{dz}{dc_A}$$
$$= \frac{\text{kmol}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}} \times \frac{\text{m}}{\text{kmol}/\text{m}^3}$$

$$= \text{m}^2/\text{s}$$

$D_{AB} \rightarrow \text{m}^2/\text{s}$

SAMPLE

1) Mass transfer (Fick's law)

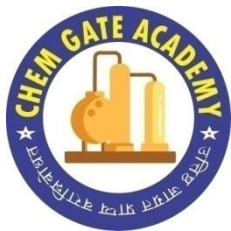
$$\left[J_{Az} = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz} \right]; \frac{dc_A}{dz} = \text{concentration gradient}$$

2) Heat transfer (Fourier law)

$$\left[q = -k \frac{dT}{dx} \right]; \frac{dT}{dx} = \text{Temperature gradient}$$

3) Fluid mechanics (Newton's law)

$$\left[\tau = -\mu \frac{dv}{dy} \right]; \frac{dv}{dy} = \text{velocity gradient}$$



(1) Fick's law (MT) $J_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dz}$

flux of moles = molar diffusivity $\times \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{m}^3} \right)$

(2) Fourier law (HT) $q = -k \frac{dT}{dx}$

flux of heat $\Rightarrow q = -\frac{k}{\rho c_p} \frac{dT}{dx} \rho c_p$

$\left(\alpha = \frac{k}{\rho c_p} \right)$ $q = -\alpha \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\text{heat}}{\text{m}^3} \right)$

$q = \frac{\text{thermal/heat diffusivity}}{\rho c_p} \times \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\text{heat}}{\text{m}^3} \right)$

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(3) Newton's law (FM) $\tau = -\mu \frac{du}{dy}$

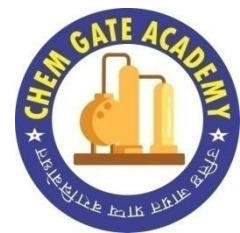
flux of momentum $\Rightarrow \tau = -\frac{\mu}{\rho} \frac{d(\rho u)}{dy} \rho$

$\left(\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho} \right)$ $\tau = -\nu \frac{d(\rho u)}{dy}$

$\tau = \frac{\text{momentum diffusivity}}{\rho} \times \frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{\text{momentum}}{\text{m}^3} \right)$

flux of a quantity = diffusivity of that quantity $\times \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{\text{quantity}}{\text{m}^3} \right)$

Net flux $\Rightarrow (N = N_A + N_B)$



Fundamental equation of M.T :->

Let us consider Binary mixture of A & B

$$J_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz}$$

$$J_A = C_A (U_A - U)$$

$$J_A = C_A U_A - C_A U$$

$$J_A = C_A U_A - C_A \left\{ \frac{C_A U_A + C_B U_B}{c} \right\}$$

U = molar avg. velocity

$$U = \frac{\sum C_i u_i}{c}$$

flux $N_A = C_A U_A$; $N_B = C_B U_B$

$$J_A = N_A - \frac{C_A}{c} (N_A + N_B)$$

$$N_A = J_A + \frac{C_A}{c} (N_A + N_B) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

similarly

$$N_B = J_B + \frac{C_B}{c} (N_A + N_B) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

eqⁿ (1) & (2) are fundamental equations of mass transfer.

Add eqⁿ (1) & (2)

$$(N_A + N_B) = (J_A + J_B) + (N_A + N_B) \left(\frac{C_A + C_B}{c} \right)$$

$$C_A + C_B = c$$

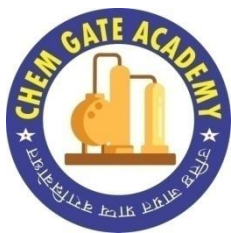
$$J_A + J_B = 0$$

$$J_A = -J_B$$

if Assume $C_A + C_B = c$ constant

then

$$-D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz} = - \left\{ -D_{BA} \frac{dc_B}{dz} \right\} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$



* If we assume total concentration c to be constant;

$$c_A + c_B = c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dc_A}{dz} + \frac{dc_B}{dz} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dc_A}{dz} = - \frac{dc_B}{dz} \right) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

from eqⁿ (3) & (4)

$$-D_{AB} \left(- \frac{dc_B}{dz} \right) = D_{BA} \frac{dc_B}{dz}$$

$$\boxed{D_{AB} = D_{BA}}$$

if total concⁿ are constant

otherwise in general

$$\boxed{D_{ij} \neq D_{ji}}$$

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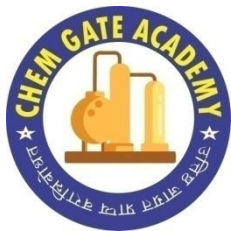
* Total flux

$$\boxed{N_A = J_A + x_A N}$$

$N_A \Rightarrow$ flux w.r.t
stationary
observer

↓
contribution
of a molecular
diffusion

→ contribution of
bulk flow



Types of Molecular Diffusion \Rightarrow (steady-state)

1) Diffusion of A through Non-diffusing B

Example \rightarrow (I) Evaporation of Naphthalene (A) through stagnant Air (B)



(III) Ammonia (A) were being absorbed form air (B) into water

2) Equimolar counter diffusion

Example \rightarrow (I) Binary distillation (Benzene (A) & ~~Toluene~~ Toluene (B))

\rightarrow If vapourization of heat are similar (Approx)

(II) combustion . $C + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2$ complete combustion
for 1 mole use 1 mole O_2 and produce CO_2

SAMPLE

$C + \frac{1}{2} O_2 \rightarrow CO_2$ not equimolar diffusion

* (1) Diffusion of A through non-diffusing B \Rightarrow (ADNDB)

only naphthalene diffuses

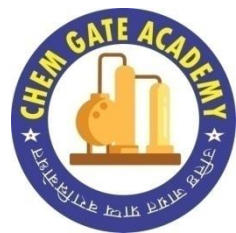
$$\underline{N_A \neq 0, N_B = 0}$$

fundamental equation of MT

$$\left[N_A = J_A + \frac{C_A}{C} (N_A + N_B) \right]$$

$$N_A = \text{constant}, N_B = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{N_A}{N_A + N_B} = 1}$$



$$N = N_A + N_B$$

$$N = N_A$$

$$N_A = J_A + \frac{C_A}{C} (N_A + N_B)$$

$$N_A = J_A + \frac{C_A}{C} N_A$$

$$N_A = J_A + x_A N_A$$

$$N_A = \left(-D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz} \right) + x_A N_A$$

$$N_A - x_A N_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz}$$

$$N_A (1 - x_A) = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz}$$

* Assume total concentration is constant

$$x_A = \frac{c_A}{C} \Rightarrow c_A = C x_A$$

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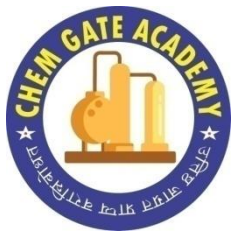
$$N_A (1 - x_A) = -D_{AB} \cdot C \frac{dx_A}{dz}$$

$$\int_{z_1}^{z_2} dz = \frac{-D_{AB} \cdot C}{N_A} \int_{x_{A1}}^{x_{A2}} \frac{dx_A}{1 - x_A}$$

$$(z_2 - z_1) = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot C}{N_A} \ln \left(\frac{1 - x_{A2}}{1 - x_{A1}} \right)$$

Limit at $z = z_1$, $x_A = x_{A1}$
 $z = z_2$, $x_A = x_{A2}$

$$\Rightarrow \left[N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot C}{(z_2 - z_1)} \ln \left(\frac{1 - x_{A2}}{1 - x_{A1}} \right) \right] \quad (1)$$



Mole fraction at location 1 & 2

$$x_{A1} + x_{B1} = 1 \Rightarrow 1 - x_{A1} = x_{B1}$$

$$x_{A2} + x_{B2} = 1 \Rightarrow 1 - x_{A2} = x_{B2}$$

$$x_{A1} + x_{B1} = x_{A2} + x_{B2}$$

$$\boxed{x_{A1} - x_{A2} = x_{B2} - x_{B1}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot C}{(z_2 - z_1)} \ln \left(\frac{x_{B2}}{x_{B1}} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{x_{A1} - x_{A2}}{(x_{A1} - x_{A2})} \right)$$

$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot C}{z} \ln \left(\frac{x_{B2}}{x_{B1}} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{x_{A1} - x_{A2}}{(x_{A1} - x_{A2})} \right)$$

$$\left[x_{B,LM} = \frac{x_{B2} - x_{B1}}{\ln \frac{x_{B2}}{x_{B1}}} \right]$$

$x_{B,LM}$ = Logarithmic mean of x_B b/w position 1 & 2.

Imp

$$\boxed{N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot C}{z} \frac{(x_{A1} - x_{A2})}{x_{B,LM}}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

* Find relation b/w $x_{B,LM}$ & $C_{B,LM}$:-

$$C_A + C_B = C$$

$$x_A = \frac{C_A}{C} \quad \left| \quad x_B = \frac{C_B}{C} \right.$$

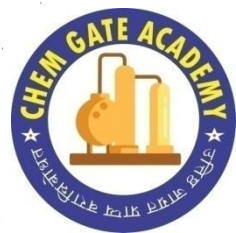
$$x_A \cdot C = C_A \quad \left| \quad x_B \cdot C = C_B \right.$$

$$x_{B,LM} = \frac{x_{B2} - x_{B1}}{\ln \left(\frac{x_{B2}}{x_{B1}} \right)}$$

$$x_{B,LM} \cdot C = \frac{(x_{B2} - x_{B1}) \cdot C}{\ln \left(\frac{x_{B2}}{x_{B1}} \right) \cdot \frac{C}{C}}$$

$$C \cdot x_{B,LM} = \frac{C_{B2} - C_{B1}}{\ln \frac{C_{B2}}{C_{B1}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x_{B,LM} = \frac{C_{B,LM}}{C}}$$



* for gases

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{A1} &\rightarrow y_{A1} \\ x_{A2} &\rightarrow y_{A2} \\ x_{B1m} &\rightarrow y_{B1m} \\ c &\rightarrow P/RT \\ c_{A1} &\rightarrow P_{A1}/RT \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} (y_{A1} &= \frac{P_{A1}}{P}) \\ (y_{B1m} &= \frac{P_{B1m}}{P}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot c}{z} \frac{(x_{A1} - x_{A2})}{x_{B1m}} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} x_{B1m} &= c_{B1m}/c \\ c_{A1} &= c x_{A1} \\ c_{A2} &= c x_{A2} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB}}{z} \frac{(c_{A1} - c_{A2})}{c_{B1m}/c}$$

$$\left[N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot c}{z} \frac{(c_{A1} - c_{A2})}{c_{B1m}} \right] \quad \text{--- (2)} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{c_{A1}}{c} &= y_{A1} \\ \frac{c_{A2}}{c} &= y_{A2} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB} P/RT}{z} \frac{(y_{A1} - y_{A2})}{c_{B1m}} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} P y_{A1} &= P_{A1} \\ P y_{A2} &= P_{A2} \\ c &= P/RT \end{aligned} \right.$$

or

$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB}}{RTz} \frac{(P_{A1} - P_{A2})}{P_{B1m}/P}$$

$$\text{Imp.} \quad \boxed{N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot P}{RTz} \frac{(P_{A1} - P_{A2})}{P_{B1m}}} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{Imp.} \quad \boxed{N_A = \frac{D_{AB} P}{RTz} \ln \left(\frac{P - P_{A2}}{P - P_{A1}} \right)} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

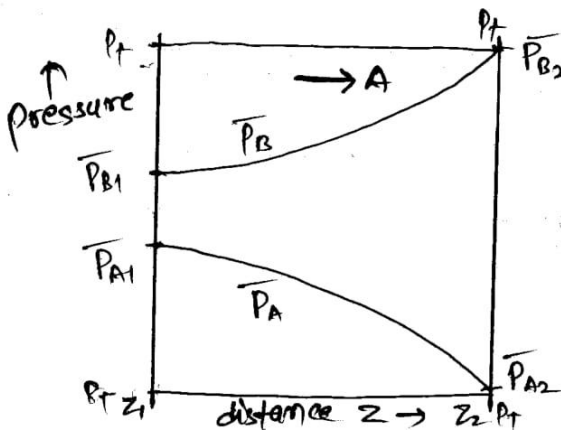
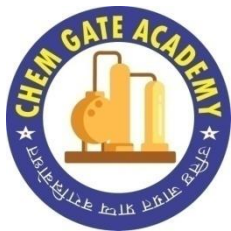


fig: Diffusion of A through stagnant B

con^o. gradient of A $-\frac{dP_A}{dz}$

if $z \uparrow$, $P_A \downarrow$



*2) Equimolar counter Diffusion \rightarrow (EMCD) (steady-state)

Ex: frequently pertains in distillation operation

$$N_A = -N_B$$

$$N_A + N_B = 0$$

* fundamental eqⁿ of MIT $N_A = J_A + \frac{C_A}{C} (N_A + N_B)$ $\xrightarrow{0}$

$$N_A = J_A \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$N_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dz}$$

* Assume total concentration is constant $N_A = \frac{C_A}{C}$

$$x_A C = C_A$$

$$d(x_A \cdot C) = dC_A \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$N_A = -D_{AB} \cdot C \frac{dx_A}{dz}$$

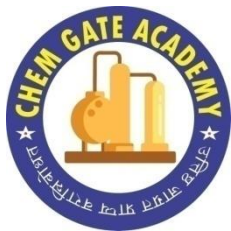
$$\int_{z_1}^{z_2} dz = -\frac{D_{AB} \cdot C}{N_A} \int_{x_{A1}}^{x_{A2}} dx_A$$

$$(z_2 - z_1) = -\frac{D_{AB} \cdot C}{N_A} (x_{A2} - x_{A1})$$

$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot C}{z} (x_{A1} - x_{A2}) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$C_{A1} = x_{A1} C \quad ; \quad C_{A2} = x_{A2} C$$

$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB}}{z} (C_{A1} - C_{A2}) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$



$$\left[N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot C}{z} (x_{A1} - x_{A2}) \right]$$

$$C \rightarrow P/RT$$

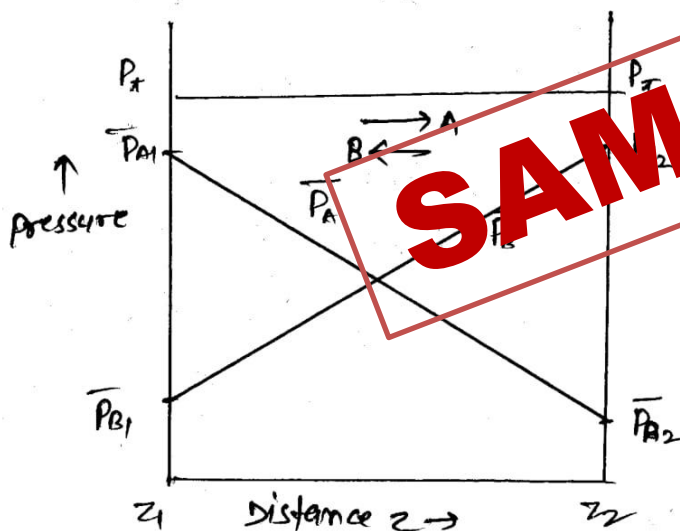
$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot P}{RTz} (x_{A1} - x_{A2})$$

$$P_{A1} = x_{A1} P ; P_{A2} = P x_{A2}$$

Imp

$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB}}{RTz} (P_{A1} - P_{A2})$$

(5)



equimolar counterdiffusion

starting point of A is z_1

starting point of B is z_2



Diffusion in Multicomponent mixtures! → (steady-state)

* Effective diffusivity (D_{Am}) →

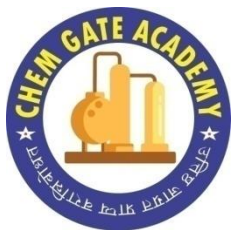
$$\left[D_{Am} = \frac{N_A - y_A \sum_{i=A}^n N_i}{\sum_{i=A}^n \frac{1}{D_{Ai}} (y_i N_A - y_A N_i)} \right]$$

* if one component is stagnant

$$D_{Am} = \frac{1 - y_A}{\sum_{i=B}^n \frac{y_i}{D_{Ai}}} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=B}^n \frac{y_i}{D_{Ai}}}$$

Where

y_i = mole fraction of component i on an A free basis.



* Mass Diffusivity (Diffusion Coefficient) :- D_{AB}

For gases $\Rightarrow \left\{ D_{AB} \propto \frac{T^{3/2}}{P} \right\}$ by kinetic theory of gases

Where T = Absolute temperature (K)

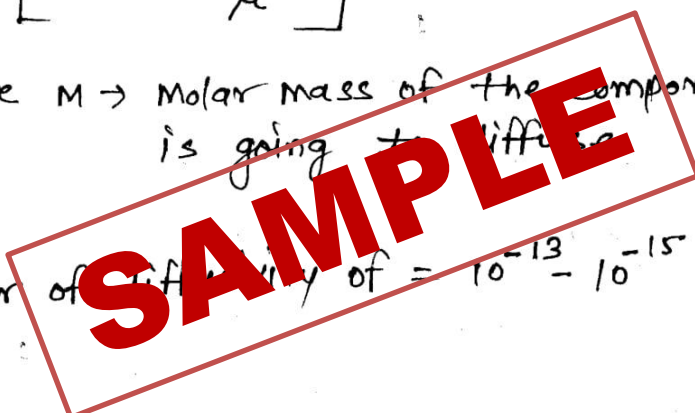
Imp. [order of diffusivity of = $10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$]

for Liquids \Rightarrow

$$\left[D_{AB} \propto \frac{T\sqrt{M}}{\mu} \right]$$

Where $M \rightarrow$ Molar mass of the component which is going to diffuse

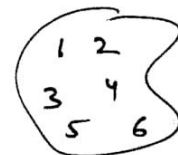
Imp. [order of diffusivity of = $10^{-13} - 10^{-15} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$]



* Multicomponent diffusivity :-

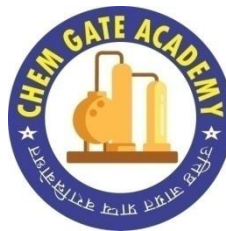
The diffusivity of any component 1 in the mixture

$$D_{1-\text{mix}} = \frac{M_1 - y_1 \sum_{i=2}^n M_i}{\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{D_{1-i}} (y_i M_1 + y_1 M_i)}$$



for 3 components

$$D_{1-\text{mix}} = \frac{M_1 - y_1 (M_1 + M_2 + M_3)}{\frac{1}{D_{1-2}} (y_2 M_1 + y_1 M_2) + \frac{1}{D_{1-3}} (y_3 M_1 + y_1 M_3)}$$



* special case - If only one of the components from the mixture is diffusing and others are non-diffusing.

$$D_{1-mix} = \frac{M_1(1-y_1)}{\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{D_{1-i}} (y_i M_i)} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{D_{1-i}} \left(\frac{y_i}{1-y_1} \right)}$$

$$D_{1-mix} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=2}^n \left(\frac{y'_i}{D_{1-i}} \right)}$$

where $y'_i = \frac{y_i}{1-y_1}$

y'_i = is a mole fraction of species i except at the first component which is diffusing



$$y'_2 = \frac{10}{35}$$

$$y'_3 = \frac{20}{35}$$

Imp:
variation of diffusivity with T and $P \Rightarrow$

* for gases $D_{AB} \propto T^{3/2} \propto \frac{1}{P}$

* for liquids $D_{AB} \propto T$; pressure has negligible effect

* for solids $D_{AB} \propto T^{1/2}$; pressure has negligible effect

diffusion in solids is called knudsen diffusion



* flux comparison b/w ADNDB and EMCD :-

1) ADNDB

$$N_A = J_A + xA N \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{contribution} \\ \text{of a molecular} \\ \text{diffusion} \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{contribution} \\ \text{of bulk flow} \end{array} \right.$$

2) EMCD

$$N_A = -J_A \quad ; \quad (N = N_A + N_B = 0)$$

so net flux with a stationary observer

$$\left[(N_A)_{\text{diffusion of A through non diffusion B}} > (N_A)_{\text{equimolar counter diffusion}} \right]$$

SAMPLE

Ques 2) oxygen (A) is diffusing through methane (B) and hydrogen (C) present in the volume ratio of 2:1, Here both methane and hydrogen are non-diffusing. The diffusivity are given as

$$D_{O_2-H_2} = 6.99 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

$$D_{O_2-CH_4} = 1.86 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

Then the effective diffusivity of 'A' in mixture is $x \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$. then the value of x is _____.

soln) Multicomponent diffusivity

methane : hydrogen

(B) (C)

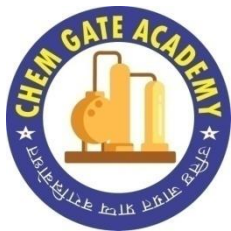
$$y_B = \frac{2}{2+1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$y_C = \frac{1}{2+1} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$D_{A,m} = \frac{1}{\frac{y_B}{D_{AB}} + \frac{y_C}{D_{AC}}}$$

$$D_{A,m} = \frac{1}{\frac{2/3}{D_{O_2-CH_4}} + \frac{1/3}{D_{O_2-H_2}}}$$

$$D_{A,m} = \frac{1}{\frac{2/3}{(1.86 \times 10^{-5})} + \frac{1/3}{(6.99 \times 10^{-5})}}$$



$$D_{O_2, m} = \frac{1}{\frac{2/3}{(1.86 \times 10^{-5})} + \frac{1/3}{(6.99 \times 10^{-5})}} = 2.46 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$D_{O_2, m} = 2.46 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

$$D_{O_2, m} = x \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

then $x = 2.46$ Answer

(similar one in Gate-2016)

Ques 3) What is mass flux of benzene through a layer of air having 10mm thickness at 25°C at 200 kN/m². The partial pressure of benzene is 6 kN/m² at the left side of the layer and 1 kN/m² at the right side of the layer. The diffusivity of benzene in air is $4.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$

Sol: Case (I) ADND (Air is insoluble in Benzene)
(B) (A)

$$\left[N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot P}{RTz} \ln \left(\frac{P - P_{A2}}{P - P_{A1}} \right) \right]$$

Molecular weight of Benzene = 76 kg/kmol

given data: $D_{AB} = 4.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$

$$P = 200 \text{ kN/m}^2 = 200 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa} \quad (\text{Pa} \rightarrow \text{N/m}^2)$$

$$R = 8.314 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K}$$

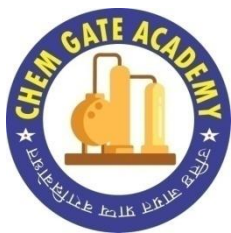
$$T = 25^\circ \text{C} + 273 = 298 \text{ K}$$

$$z = 10 \text{ mm} = 0.01 \text{ m}$$



$$P_{A1} = 6 \text{ kN/m}^2 = 6 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_{A2} = 1 \text{ kN/m}^2 = 1 \text{ kPa}$$



$$\left[N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot P}{RTz} \ln \left(\frac{P - P_{A2}}{P - P_{A1}} \right) \right] \quad \left(1N \rightarrow 1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2 \right)$$

$$1J = N \cdot m$$

$$N_A = \frac{(4.4 \times 10^{-6}) \times (200 \times 10^3)}{8.314 \times 298 \times 0.01} \ln \left(\frac{200 - 1}{200 - 6} \right) \quad \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$N_A = 9.0383 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$$

$$\text{Molar flux, } N_A = 9.038 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$$

Mass flux = molar flux \times mol. weight of Benzene

$$= 9.038 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}} \times 78 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{kmol}}$$

$$= \frac{9.038 \times 10^{-4} \times 78}{1000} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$$

(1 kmol \leftrightarrow 1000 mol)

$$\text{Mass flux} = 7.049 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}} \quad \text{Answer}$$

② Method : $\left\{ N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot P}{RTz} \frac{(P_{A1} - P_{A2})}{P_{B, \text{LM}}} \right\}$

$$P_{B, \text{LM}} = \frac{P_{B2} - P_{B1}}{\ln(P_{B2}/P_{B1})}$$

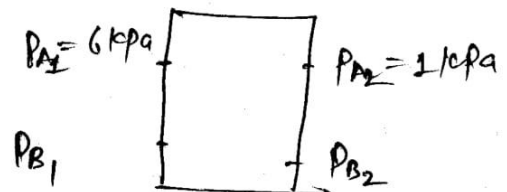
$$P_T = 200 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_{A1} + P_{B1} = P_T = 200$$

$$P_{B1} = 200 - P_{A1}$$

$$P_{B1} = 200 - 6 = 194 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\underline{P_{B1} = 194 \text{ kPa}}$$

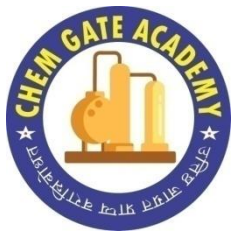


$$P_{A2} + P_{B2} = P_T = 200$$

$$P_{B2} = 200 - P_{A2}$$

$$P_{B2} = 200 - 1$$

$$\underline{P_{B2} = 199 \text{ kPa}}$$



$$P_{BLM} = \frac{P_{B2} - P_{B1}}{\ln(P_{B2}/P_{B1})} = \frac{199 - 194}{\ln(199/194)} = 196.489397 \text{ kPa}$$

$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB} \cdot P}{RTz} \frac{(P_{A1} - P_{A2})}{P_{BLM}}$$

$$N_A = \frac{4.4 \times 10^{-6} \times 250 \times 10^3}{(8.314)(298)(0.010)} \frac{(199 - 194)}{196.4893 \times 10^3}$$

$$N_A = 9.0383 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/m}^2\text{-s} \quad (\text{molar flux})$$

$$\text{mass flux} = 9.0383 \times 10^{-4} \times \frac{78}{1000} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{m}^2\text{-s}} \rightarrow \frac{1.9}{\text{mol}}$$

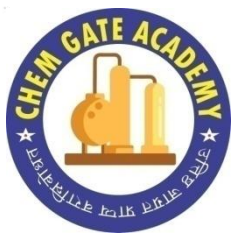
$$= 7.049 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg/m}^2\text{-s} \quad \text{Answer}$$

SAMPLE

(GATE-2011)

Ques 4) Ammonia (component 1) is evaporated from a partially filled bottle into surrounding Air (component 2). The liquid level in the bottle and the concentration of ammonia at the top of the bottle are maintained constant. Assume that air in the bottle is stagnant. Which of the following option is correct

- (A) $N_1 = \text{const}, N_2 = 0$ and $J_1 + J_2 = 0$
- (B) $N_1 + N_2 = 0$ and $J_1 + J_2 = 0$
- (C) $N_1 + N_2 = 0$ and $J_1 = \text{const}, J_2 = 0$
- (D) $N_1 = \text{const}, N_2 = 0$ and $J_1 = \text{const}, J_2 = 0$



soln Ammonia (component 1),
Air (component 2)

Case (1) A diffusion in non-diffusing B

so flux $N_A \neq 0$, $N_B = 0$

(2) net flux $N_A = \text{constant}$, $N_B = 0$

so option (B) & (C) eliminate.

now flux due to molecular diffusion

ADNDB
fundamental eqⁿ of mT

$$N_A = J_A + \frac{C_A}{C} (N_A + N_B)$$

$$N_A = \text{const}, N_B = 0$$



Air is stagnant

$$J_1 = -J_2$$

$$J_1 + J_2 = 0$$

EMCD

$$N_A = -N_B$$

$$N_A + N_B = 0$$

$$N_A = J_A + \frac{C_A}{C} (N_A + N_B)$$

$$N_B = J_B + \frac{C_B}{C} (N_A + N_B)$$

$$N_A + N_B = J_A + J_B = 0$$

$$J_A + J_B = 0$$

SAMPLE

Imp
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for general case :-

$$N_A = J_A + \frac{C_A}{C} (N_A + N_B) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$N_B = J_B + \frac{C_B}{C} (N_A + N_B) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{eq (1) + (2)} \quad \cancel{(N_A + N_B)} = (J_A + J_B) + \cancel{(N_A + N_B)} \left(\frac{C_A + C_B}{C} \right)$$

If we assume overall concentration constant

$$C = C_A + C_B$$

\Rightarrow

$$J_A + J_B = 0$$

always true
for both cases

so correct option (A)

$$N_A = \text{const}, N_B = 0$$

$$J_1 + J_2 = 0$$



$$[Sh = c \cdot Re^m \cdot Sc^n]$$

where c , m and n can be found from experiment. Different values for different flow condition.

physical meaning of Dimensionless Numbers :-

1) Sherwood Number (Sh) :-

Sherwood number is a measure of relative importance of convective mass transfer over the molecular mass transfer.

$$Sh = \frac{\text{convective mass transfer flux}}{\text{(Diffusion) molecular mass transfer through the stagnant film of thickness } l \text{ having same driving force}}$$

$$Sh = \frac{k_c \Delta C}{\frac{D_{AB} \cdot \Delta C}{l}} = \frac{k_c \cdot l}{D_{AB}} \Rightarrow \boxed{Sh = \frac{k_c \cdot l}{D_{AB}}}$$

Imp. $\frac{m/s \times m}{m^2/s}$

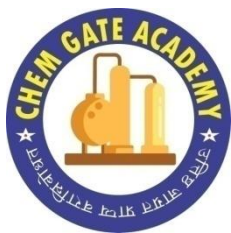
$$\text{or } Sh = \frac{k_g \cdot (P_{A1} - P_{A2})}{\frac{D_{AB} \cdot P}{RT \cdot l} (P_{A1} - P_{A2})} = \frac{k_g \cdot RT \cdot l \cdot P_{B,lm}}{D_{AB} \cdot P}$$

* for dilute solution, $\boxed{P_{B,lm} \Rightarrow P}$ $\Rightarrow Sh = \frac{k_g \cdot RT \cdot l}{D_{AB}}$

Relation b/w k_g & k_c ; Gas phase M.T.C

$$\boxed{k_g = k_c \cdot P = \frac{k_c \cdot P}{RT}} \Rightarrow k_g = \frac{k_c}{RT}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Sh = \frac{k_c \cdot l}{D_{AB}}}$$



$$Sh = \frac{k_c \cdot L}{D_{AB}}$$

where

L = characteristic length

→ The role of Sherwood number in mass transfer is analogous to the role of Nusselt no. in heat transfer. $(Nu = \frac{h \cdot D}{k_e})$

→ If $Sh = 1$ then mass transfer is by molecular diffusion

$$[\text{convective M.T} = \text{molecular M.T} + \text{Bulk}]$$

2.) Reynolds Number (Re)

It is a measure of relative importance of inertia force over viscous force

$$Re = \frac{\text{Inertia force}}{\text{viscous force}}$$

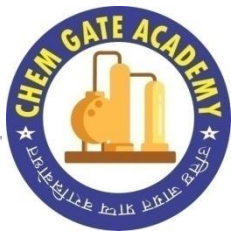
$$Re = \frac{\rho u \cdot L_c}{\mu}$$

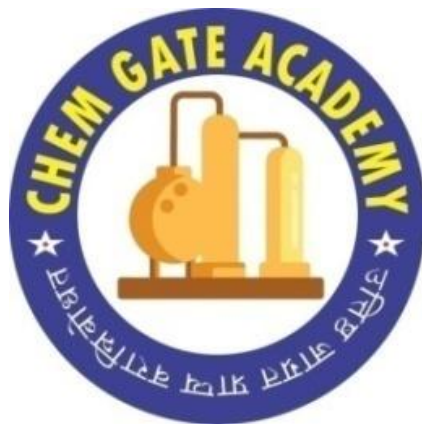
3.) Schmidt Number (Sc) :-

It is a measure of relative importance of momentum diffusivity over mass diffusivity.

$$Sc = \frac{\text{momentum diffusivity}}{\text{mass diffusivity}} = \frac{\mu/\rho}{D_{AB}}$$

$$Sc = \frac{\mu}{\rho \cdot D_{AB}} \Rightarrow \boxed{Sc = \frac{\nu}{D_{AB}}} ; \nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$$





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