



Instructions: Answer all questions. **Closed book, closed notes examination. Formulae sheet is provided with this question paper.** Assume any missing data suitably. State all assumptions clearly and explicitly. All symbols carry their usual meaning. Use the four step problem solving methodology. **For all questions, draw a schematic and show all known and unknown quantities clearly.**

1. (12 marks) We wish to extract a solute (A) from its aqueous solution using an organic solvent. The feed rate is 20 kg/h which contains 5% A. The aqueous and organic phases are essentially immiscible and the distribution coefficient of the solute is given by:
 $K_d = \text{kg A per kg water/kg A per kg organic phase} = 0.12$
 - (a) (4 marks) Derive the mass balance equation in solute free co-ordinate to relate various flow rates and concentrations.
 - (b) (4 marks) If 10 kg of pure organic solvent is used in a single stage extraction, obtain the fractional recovery of the solute.
 - (c) (4 marks) If 10 kg of pure organic solvent is used in each stage of a two stage cross current extractor, calculate the improvement in fractional recovery.
2. (12 marks) A gas permeation system with cellulose acetate membrane will be used to purify a mixture of CO_2 and CH_4 . The permeabilities are: $P_{\text{CO}_2} = 15\text{E-}10$ and $P_{\text{CH}_4} = 0.48\text{E-}10$ in $[\text{cc(STP) cm}]/[\text{cm}^2 \text{ s cm Hg}]$. The effective membrane thickness $t_{\text{ms}} = 1\mu\text{m}$ and the pressure of the retentate and permeate side are 12 atm and 0.2 atm respectively. The feed is 15 mol% CO_2 .
 - (a) (6 marks) Find out the permeate and retentate mol fraction of CO_2 if a single stage well mixed module is to be operated with 30% cut. Use graphical method of solution and explore the effect of the variable θ .
 - (b) (6 marks) Obtain the membrane area required and amount of permeate and retentate for 1 kmol/h feed.
3. (12 marks) A cellulose acetate membrane is being used for RO of aqueous sucrose solution. For dilute sucrose solution, the solution density is given by $\rho = 0.997 + 0.4x$ and the osmotic pressure is given by $\pi = 60x$. Here x is wt fraction sucrose and π is in atm. This experiment was conducted in a stirred tank. At 1000 rpm, with 3 wt% sucrose solution and $p_r = 75$ atm, $p_p = 2$ atm, we obtain $J'_{\text{solv}} = 4.625 \text{ g}/(\text{m}^2\text{s})$. The mass transfer coefficient $k = 6.94\text{E-}5 \text{ m/s}$. The measurements show $x_r = 0.054$ and $x_p = 3.6\text{E-}4$.
 - (a) (6 marks) Balance the convective and diffusive flux towards the membrane to show that the concentration polarization factor can be written as:
$$M = \exp [(J'_{\text{solv}}/\rho_{\text{solv}})/k]$$
 - (b) (2 marks) Calculate the concentration polarization modulus M .
 - (c) (4 marks) Calculate selectivity α' , $K'_{\text{solv}}/t_{\text{ms}}$, K'_A/t_{ms}
4. (12 marks) A 60 cm long experimental adsorption column contains activated carbon. The column is initially clean when we start to feed it with a dilute (0.01 kmol/ m^3) solution of a solute. The superficial velocity of the feed is 0.2 m/s.

- (a) (4 marks) Plot the breakthrough curve for this column using the non-linear theory.
- (b) (4 marks) Derive the expression for the front velocity using solute movement theory.
- (c) (4 marks) Compare the results from non-linear theory with the solute movement theory and discuss the results.

Data: Linear isotherm: $w = 0.09c$ where w is in kmol/kg carbon and c is in kmol/m³. Density of fluid and solid are 1000 and 1820 kg/m³ respectively. $\epsilon_e=0.434$, $\epsilon_p=0.57$, $K_c a=10 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

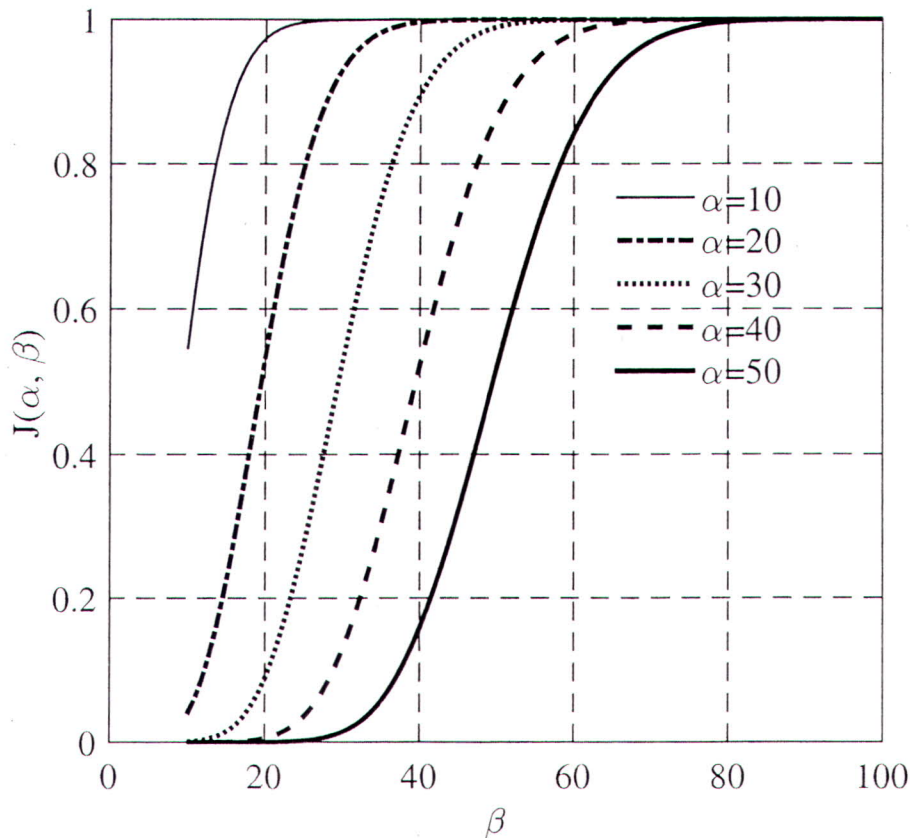
Solution for transient concentration in the bed:

$$X(t, z) = \frac{c(t, z)}{c_0} = J(N, NT)$$

$$N = \frac{K_c a z}{u_0}$$

$$T = \frac{u_0(t - \frac{z\epsilon}{u_0})}{\rho_p(1 - \epsilon)z\kappa}$$

$$J(\alpha, \beta) = 1 - \exp(-\beta) \int_0^\alpha \exp(-x) I_0(2\sqrt{\beta x}) dx$$



Description	Equation
Gas permeation flux	$J_i = \frac{P_i}{t_{ms}}(p_{tr}y_{ri} - p_{tp}y_{pi})$
Rate transfer equation (Gas permeation)	$y_r = \frac{y_p [1 + (\alpha - 1)(1 - y_p)(p_p/p_r)]}{[\alpha - (\alpha - 1)y_p]}$
Mass Balance (Gas permeation)	$y_p = -\frac{1 - \theta}{\theta}y_r + \frac{y_{in}}{\theta}$
Reverse Osmosis (Solvent flux)	$J'_{Solv} = \frac{K'_{solv}}{t_{ms}}(\Delta P - \Delta \pi)$
Reverse Osmosis (Solute flux)	$J'_A = \frac{K'_A}{t_{ms}}(x_w - x_p)$
RO: Osmotic Pressure vs conc.	$\pi = a'x_w$
Concentration polarization (M)	$M = \frac{x_w}{x_r}$
Rate transfer equation (RO)	$x_r = \frac{x_p [\alpha' a' - 1] + \alpha' (p_r - p_p) + 1}{M [1 + (\alpha' a' - 1)x_p]}$
Rejection coefficient	$R = 1 - \frac{x_p}{x_r} \quad R_0 = 1 - \frac{x_p}{x_w}$