



## **280.371 Process Engineering Operations**

### **Membrane Separation Processes Model Answers to Tutorial Problems**

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## MEMBRANE SEPARATION PROCESSES

### Model Answers

#### **Problem 1.**

Feed side pressure drop =  $P_f - P_r = 0.5 \text{ bar}$

Transmembrane pressure = 1.65 bar

#### **Problem 2**

$$J = \frac{P}{A \times t}$$

$$\text{Permeate flow rate needed} = 0.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \quad \left( \frac{1440}{8 \times 3600} \right)$$

$$\text{Area} = 83.333 \text{ m}^2$$

#### **Problem 3**

$$J = \frac{\Delta P}{\mu(R_m + R_c)}$$

When  $R_c=0$

$$R_m = 4.46 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}^{-1}$$

For the yeast slurry  
 $J = 8.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Then

$$R_c = 3.57 \times 10^{13} \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Thickness of cake} = \frac{R_c}{\text{specific cake resistance}} = 23.8 \mu\text{m}$$

#### **Problem 4.**

$$\text{SRC} = 1 - \frac{C_p}{C_f} = 0.999$$

#### **Problem 5.**

3 wt % soln

$$\frac{3g}{100ml} = \frac{30g}{l} = \frac{30,000g}{m^3}$$

(a) NaCl MW = 58.5 g/mol

$$n = \frac{30,000}{58.5} = 512.8 \text{ mol m}^{-3} \quad \beta = 2$$

$$\pi = \beta nRT = 2 \times 512.8 \times 8.314 \times (273 + 30)$$

$$\pi = 2.58 \text{ MPa}$$

check units

(b) glucose MW = 180 g/mol

$$n = \frac{30,000}{180} = 166.7 \text{ mol m}^{-3} \quad \beta = 1$$

$$\pi = 1 \times 166.7 \times 8.314 \times 303 = 0.42 \text{ MPa}$$

(c) albumin protein MW = 65,000 g/mol

$$n = 0.46 \text{ mol m}^{-3} \quad \beta = 1$$

$$\pi = 1 \times 0.46 \times 8.314 \times 303 = 1158 \text{ Pa}$$

Estimate  $\Delta\pi$  across the membrane

Assume  $c_p = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta\pi = \pi_{feed}$

$$5000 \text{ ppm} = 5000 \text{ gm}^{-3}$$

$$n = \frac{5000}{58.5} = 85.5 \text{ mol m}^{-3}$$

$$\pi = \beta nRT = 2 \times 85.5 \times 8.314 \times (273 + 35) = 4.38 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

Estimate flux

$$A = 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ bar}^{-1} = 5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$$

$$J = A(\Delta P - \Delta\pi) = 5 \times 10^{-11} (2.5 \times 10^6 - 4.38 \times 10^5)$$

$$J = 1.03 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$SRC = \frac{J}{J+B} = \frac{1.03 \times 10^{-4}}{1.03 \times 10^{-4} + 5 \times 10^{-7}} = 0.995$$

## Problem 6.

$$J = 25 \text{ LMH} = 25 \frac{l}{m^2 h} \times \frac{m^3}{1000l} \times \frac{1h}{3600s}$$

$$= 6.94 \times 10^{-6} m^3 m^{-2} s^{-1}$$

$$\Delta P = 20 bar = 20 \times 10^5 Pa$$

$$\pi_{feed} = \beta nRT \quad \beta = 3$$

$$n = 2 \times 10^3 \frac{g}{m^3} \times \frac{1}{136.4 g mol^{-1}}$$

$$= 14.66 mol m^{-3}$$

$$\pi_{feed} = 3 \times 14.66 \times 8.314 \times 298 = 1.09 \times 10^5 Pa$$

$$SRC = 0.95$$

$$SRC = 1 - \frac{c_p}{c_b} \Rightarrow c_p = c_b(1 - SRC)$$

$$c_p = 2 kg m^{-3} \times (1 - 0.95) = 0.1 kg m^{-3}$$

$$\pi_{permeate} = 5.46 \times 10^3 Pa$$

$$\therefore \Delta \pi = 109 - 5.46 = 103.54 kPa = 1.035 \times 10^5 Pa$$

$$J = A(\Delta P - \Delta \pi)$$

$$A = \frac{J}{(\Delta P - \Delta \pi)} = \frac{6.94 \times 10^{-6}}{(20 \times 10^5 - 1.035 \times 10^5)}$$

$$= 3.66 \times 10^{-12} ms^{-1} Pa^{-1} = 3.66 \times 10^{-7} ms^{-1} bar^{-1}$$

$$SRC = \frac{J}{J + B}$$

$$B = \frac{J}{SRC} - J$$

$$= \frac{6.94 \times 10^{-6}}{0.95} - 6.94 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= 3.65 \times 10^{-7} ms^{-1}$$

**Problem 7.**

$$SRC = 1 - \frac{c_p}{c_b}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1,000}{10,000} = 0.9$$

$$\Delta c = 10,000 - 1,000 mgl^{-l} \times \frac{g}{1000 mg} \times \frac{1000 l}{m^3} = 9000 \text{ gm}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta n = 9000 \text{ gm}^{-3} \times \frac{\text{mol}}{58.5 \text{ g}} = 153.8 \text{ mol m}^{-3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \pi &= 2 \times 153.8 \times 8.314 \times 303 \\ \therefore &= 7.75 \text{ bar}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}SRC &= \frac{J}{J + B} & SRC \cdot J + SRC \cdot B &= J \\ && SRC \cdot B &= J \cdot (1 - SRC) \\ J &= \frac{SRC \cdot B}{(1 - SRC)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}J &= \frac{0.9 \times (7 \times 10^{-7})}{(1 - 0.9)} \\ J &= 6.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ ms}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{6.3 \times 10^{-6}}{9 \times 10^{-7}} + 7.75 = 14.75 \text{ bar}$$

**Problem 8.**

$\text{NaCl} = 1.5\%$ , MW = 58.5 g/mol  
 $\text{CaCl}_2 = 2.5\%$ , MW = 111 g/mol

$$\begin{aligned}\text{NaCl} \\ 1.5\% \text{ w/v} &= 1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ g/m}^3 \\ &\div 58.5 = 256 \text{ mol/m}^3\end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_{feed} = 2 \times 256 \times 8.314 \times 313 = 13.3 \text{ bar} = 13.3 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\text{SRC} = 0.99$$

$$SRC = 1 - \frac{c_p}{c_b} \Rightarrow c_p = 0.015\%$$

$$\pi_p = 2 \times 2.56 \times 8.316 \times 313 = 0.133 \text{ bar} = 13.3 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\Delta\pi = 13.17 \text{ bar}$$

$$J = A(\Delta P - \Delta\pi) \Rightarrow A = \frac{J}{(\Delta P - \Delta\pi)} = \frac{40}{(60 - 13.17)} = 0.854 \text{ l m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ bar}^{-1}$$

$$= 2.37 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^3 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$$

$\text{CaCl}_2$   
 $2.5\% \text{ w/v} = 225 \text{ mol/m}^3$

$$c_p = (1 - 0.98)2.5 = 0.05\%$$

$$\pi_{feed} = 3 \times 225 \times 8.314 \times 313 = 17.56 \text{ bar}$$

$$\pi_p = 3 \times 4.5 \times 8.314 \times 313 = 0.35 \text{ bar}$$

$$\Delta\pi = 17.56 - 0.35 = 17.21 \text{ bar}$$

$$J = A(\Delta P - \Delta\pi) \Rightarrow \Delta P = \frac{J}{A} + \Delta\pi = \frac{35}{0.854} + 17.21 = 58.19 \text{ bar} = 5.819 \text{ MPa}$$

**Problem 9.**

$$\text{NaCl } 2\% \text{w/v} = 20 \times 10^3 \text{ gm}^{-3}, \text{ MW} = 58.5$$

For NaCl feed,  $n = 20 \times 10^3 \div 58.5 = 342 \text{ mol m}^{-3}$

$$\pi_{\text{feed}} = \beta nRT = 2 \cdot 342 \cdot 8.314 \cdot 298$$

$$\pi_{\text{feed}} = 16.9 \text{ bar}$$

$$\text{SRC} = 0.98$$

$$c_p = (1 - \text{SRC})c_b = 400 \text{ gm}^{-3}$$

$$\therefore n = 6.8 \text{ mol m}^{-3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{\text{permeate}} &= 2 \cdot 6.8 \cdot 8.314 \cdot 298 \\ &= 0.34 \text{ bar}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\pi &= 16.9 - 0.34 \\ &= 16.6 \text{ bar}\end{aligned}$$

$$J = 32 \text{ LMH} = 8.9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$J = A(\Delta P - \Delta\pi)$$

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \frac{8.9 \times 10^{-6}}{(20 - 16.6)} = 2.6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ bar}^{-1} = 2.6 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ Pa}^{-1} \\ &= 9.41 \text{ LMH bar}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{SRC} = \frac{J}{J + B}$$

$$\text{SRC} \cdot J + \text{SRC} \cdot B = J$$

$$\text{SRC} \cdot B = J(1 - \text{SRC})$$

$$B = \frac{J(1 - \text{SRC})}{\text{SRC}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}B &= \frac{8.9 \times 10^{-6} (1 - 0.98)}{0.98} = 1.8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^3 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \\ &= 0.65 \text{ LMH}\end{aligned}$$

For a 3%w/v NaCl solution, and  $\Delta P = 40 \text{ bar}$

$$\pi_{\text{feed}} = \frac{30 \times 10^3}{58.5} \times 2 \times 8.314 \times 298 = 25.4 \text{ bar}$$

As  $\Delta P \uparrow$  then  $\text{SRC} \uparrow$

Assume SRC = 0.98 (at least)

$$\pi_{permeate} = \frac{600}{58.5} \times 2 \times 8.314 \times 298 = 0.05 \text{ bar}$$

As  $\pi_{permeate} \ll \pi_{feed}$  then  $\Delta\pi \approx \pi_{feed} = 25.4 \text{ bar}$

We will also assume SRC  $\approx 1$

$$\begin{aligned} J &= A(\Delta P - \Delta\pi) = 2.6 \times 10^{-6} (40 - 25.4) = 3.76 \times 10^{-5} \text{ } m^3 m^{-2} s^{-1} \\ &= 136 \text{ LMH} \end{aligned}$$

$$SRC = \frac{J}{J + B} = \frac{3.76 \times 10^{-5}}{3.76 \times 10^{-5} + 1.8 \times 10^{-7}} = 0.995$$

close to SRC = 1, hence initial assumption OK

## Ultrafiltration

### 10.

#### Design of UF Plants for Whey Concentration

The flux obtained during UF concentration of acid casein whey is described in Table 1 :

<b>Table 1: Flux data for UF of whey (from Matthews 1980)</b>	
VCF	Flux(LMH)
1.0	45.0
1.19	43.0
1.45	41.0
1.83	38.5
2.42	35.5
3.41	32.5
5.29	28.2
9.42	22.5
20.0	15.0

Calculate the area required to process 7,500 l/hr whey to VCF=20 for:

- A batch plant, i.e. to process 7,500 l in 1 hour (Note: in a preliminary batch experiment 100 l whey was concentrated to VCF=20 in 1.36 h with 2m<sup>2</sup> plant)
- A single-stage continuous plant
- A two-stage plant if the membrane areas in each stage are to be approximately equal

#### 1. Batch Operation:

##### (1) Estimate the average flux

From the data, for whey concentration to VCF=20, i.e., the retentate has a concentration which is 20 times that of the initial solution. For 100 litres of the process fluid, we would have 5 litres of retentate, or 95 litres of permeate.

$$J_{avg} = \frac{\text{Permeate removed}}{\text{Area} \times \text{time}} = \frac{95 \text{ litres}}{1.36 \text{ h} \times 2\text{m}^2} = 34.9 \text{ LMH}$$

- (2) Calculate the required area:

For VCF=20, the final retentate volume =  $7500/20 = 375$  litres

The permeate volume removed =  $7500 - 375 = 7125$  litres

$$\begin{aligned}\text{The required area} &= (\text{permeate removed}) / (\text{time}) (J_{\text{avg}}) \\ &= 7125 / (1) (35) \\ &= 203.6 \text{ m}^2\end{aligned}$$

## 2. Single-stage Continuous System

- (1) Determine flux that plant will operate at:

For VCF=20, the required flux,  $J = 15 \text{ LMH}$  (from Table 1)

- (2) Calculate the required area:

For processing 7,500 litres per hour, the required permeate removal = 7125 l/h

$$\therefore \text{The area required} = \frac{7125 \text{ l/h}}{15 \text{ LMH}} = 475 \text{ m}^2$$

## 3. Two-stage Continuous System

As required here, in multi-stage systems the VCF for each stage is usually chosen so as to give an equal area for each stage. This is convenient and also gives a total area very close to the minimum area. The VCF for all but the last stage must be selected on a trial and error basis.

Before starting the flux data must be plotted (preferably on semi-log paper).

- (1) Select VCF values and determine the corresponding flux values for each stage. VCF of the final stage must be 20, i.e.  $VCF_2 = 20$  and  $J_2 = 15 \text{ LMH}$

Select  $VCF_1 = 2.42$ , then  $J_1 = 35.5 \text{ LMH}$

(2) Calculate the flowrates at each stage and the area required:

**Table 2: Flowrates and module areas for two-stage system, Trial 1**

Stage	VCF	Feed flow l/hr	Retentate flow, l hr	Permeate flow, l hr	Flux Um <sup>2</sup> hr	Area m <sup>2</sup>
1	2.42	7500	3099	4401	35.5	124
2	20	3099	375	2724	15	182

(3) Adjust the estimates and recalculate:

with the semi-log plot, take  $VCF_1 = 3.0$ ,  $J_1 = 33.8 \text{ LMH}$

$$VCF_2 = 20, J_2 = 15 \text{ LMH}$$

**Table 3: Flowrates and module areas for two-stage system, Trial 2**

Stage	VCF	Feed flow l/hr	Retentate flow, l hr	Permeate flow, l hr	Flux l/m <sup>2</sup> hr	Area m <sup>2</sup>
1	3.0	7500	2500	5000	33.8	148
2	20	2500	375	2125	15	142

Aim to have membrane areas for both stages  $\pm 5 \text{ m}^2$

**Total membrane area is  $148 + 142 = 290 \text{ m}^2$**

**Problem 11.**

$$F = 7.5 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$$

$$VCF = \frac{F}{R} = 20$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{F}{VCF} = \frac{7.5}{20} = 0.375 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$$

$$F = P + R$$

$$\therefore P = F - R = 7.5 - \left( \frac{7.5}{20} \right) = 7.125 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$$

From the batch run data

$$R_{\text{batch}} = F_{\text{batch}} - P_{\text{batch}} = 0.1 - \frac{0.1}{VCF} = 0.095 \text{ m}^3$$

$$J_{\text{avbatch}} = \frac{P_{\text{batch}}}{A_{\text{batch}} \times t_{\text{batch}}} = \frac{0.095}{2 \times 1.36} = 0.035 \text{ m}^3 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$J_{\text{avcontinuous}} = J_{\text{avbatch}} = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{7.125}{A} = 0.035 \text{ m}^3 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore A = \frac{7.125}{0.035} = \underline{\underline{203.6 \text{ m}^2}}$$

**Problem 12.**

Using data from Worked Example

$$VCF = \frac{V_{\text{feed}}}{V_{\text{retentate}}} \quad \text{also} \quad V_{\text{feed}} \cdot c_{\text{feed}} = V_{\text{retentate}} \cdot c_{\text{retentate}}$$

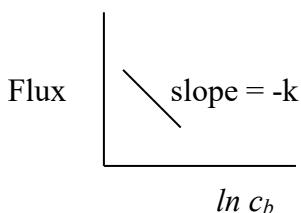
$$\Rightarrow VCF = \frac{V_{\text{feed}}}{V_{\text{retentate}}} = \frac{c_{\text{retentate}}}{c_{\text{feed}}}$$

If SRC = 1 then  $c_p = 0$  all solutes are retained in retentate

Let  $c_{\text{retentate}} = c_b$

We know  $c_{\text{feed}} = 6 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

$$\left[ 0.6 \text{ wt\%} = \frac{0.6 \text{ g}}{100 \text{ ml}} = \frac{6 \text{ kg}}{\text{m}^3} \right]$$



$$\begin{array}{ll} VCF = 3.41 & J = 32.5 \text{ LMH} \\ VCF = 9.42 & J = 22.5 \text{ LMH} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} c_b = 3.41 \times 6 = 20.5 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \\ c_b = 9.42 \times 6 = 56.5 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \end{array}$$

$$\text{slope} = \frac{22.5 - 32.5}{[(\ln 56.5) - (\ln 20.5)]} = -\frac{10}{1.014} = -9.86 \text{ LMH}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 9.86 \text{ LMH}$$

$$J = k \ln \left( \frac{c_g}{c_b} \right)$$

$$@ \text{VCF} = 20 \quad c_b = 20 \times 6 \text{ kgm}^{-3} = 120 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 15 = 9.86 \ln \left( \frac{c_g}{120} \right)$$

$$c_g = 120 \times \exp^{15/9.86} = 549 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

Check.      @ VCF = 10     $c_b = 60 \text{ kgm}^{-3} \Rightarrow J = 9.86 \ln \left( \frac{549}{60} \right) = 21.8 \text{ LMH}$   
*cf* 21.7 LMH from graph, OK.

### Problem 13.

Stage	VCF	Feed flow ( $lh^{-1}$ )	Retentate flow ( $lh^{-1}$ )	Permeate flow ( $lh^{-1}$ )	Flux (LMH)	Area ( $m^2$ )
1	1.8	10,000	5,556	4,444		
2	3.5	5,556	2,857	2,699		
3	10.0	2,857	1,000	1,857	18.57	100

### Problem 14

$$\frac{C_m}{C_b} = \exp \left( \frac{J}{k} \right)$$

$$\therefore J = k \ln C_m - k \ln C_b$$

Plot  $J$  (flux) versus  $\ln C_b$ .

Slope of plot =  $-k$ ;  $y$ -intercept of plot =  $k \ln C_m$ .

Need to calculate  $C_m$ .

From the regression line,  
 $y\text{-intercept} = 249.1 \text{ L}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\text{h}^{-1}$  and slope = -76.1

$\therefore k = 76.1 \text{ L}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\text{h}^{-1}$  and

$$C_m = \exp\left(\frac{249.1}{76.1}\right) = \underline{\underline{26.4 \text{ wt.\%}}}$$

### Problem 15.

(i)  $J_i = 40 \text{ LMH}$

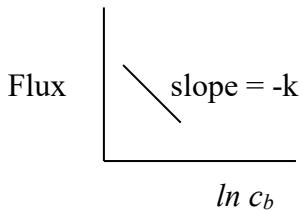
$$J_{ave} = \frac{\text{Permeate volume}}{\text{area} \times \text{time}} = \frac{2000 - 250}{10 \times 5} = 35 \text{ LMH}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_{ave} &= J_f + \frac{2}{3}(J_i - J_f) \\ \Rightarrow J_{ave} &= J_f + \frac{2}{3}J_i - \frac{2}{3}J_f \\ \Rightarrow J_{ave} - \frac{2}{3}J_i &= J_f(1 - \frac{2}{3}) \\ \Rightarrow J_f &= 3(J_{ave} - \frac{2}{3}J_i) \\ J_f &= 3(35 - \frac{2}{3} \times 40) = 25 \text{ LMH} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$VCF = \frac{2000}{250} = 8 \quad c_{final} = 8 \times c_{feed} = 24 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$$

Estimate k



$$\text{slope} = \frac{25 - 40}{[\ln 24 - \ln 3]} = -7.2 \text{ LMH} \quad \therefore k = 7.2 \text{ LMH}$$

$$c_m = c_b \exp^{(J_k)} = 3 \exp^{(40/7.2)} = 776 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} k \text{ increased by } 30\% \quad \therefore k &= 9.36 \text{ LMH} \\ c_m &= 776 \text{ kgm}^{-3} \text{ (constant)} \end{aligned}$$

$$J_i = k \ln\left(\frac{c_m}{c_b}\right) = 9.36 \ln\left(\frac{776}{3}\right) = 52 \text{ LMH}$$

$$J_f = 9.36 \ln\left(\frac{776}{24}\right) = 32.5 \text{ LMH}$$

$$J_{ave} = J_f + \frac{2}{3}(J_i - J_f) = 32.5 + \frac{2}{3}(52 - 32.5) = 45.5 \text{ LMH}$$

$$\text{Processing time} = \frac{\text{Permeate volume}}{J \times A} = \frac{1750}{45.5 \times 10} = 3.85 \text{ hours}$$

### Problem 16.

(i)

$$J_{ave} = \frac{\text{Permeate volume}}{\text{area} \times \text{time}} = \frac{12}{4 \times 0.1} = 30 \text{ LMH}$$

$$J_{final} = 18 \text{ LMH}$$

$$J_{ave} = J_f + \frac{2}{3}(J_i - J_f)$$

$$\Rightarrow J_{ave} = J_f + \frac{2}{3}J_i - \frac{2}{3}J_f$$

$$\Rightarrow J_{ave} - \frac{1}{3}J_f = \frac{2}{3}J_i$$

$$\Rightarrow J_i = \frac{3}{2}(J_{ave} - \frac{1}{3}J_f)$$

$$J_i = \frac{2}{3}(30 - \frac{1}{3} \times 18) = 36 \text{ LMH}$$

$$VCF = \frac{15}{3} = 5$$

$$J_i = 36 \text{ LMH}; c_{b, initial} = 1.5 \%$$

$$J_f = 18 \text{ LMH}; c_{b, final} = 1.5 \times 5 = 7.5 \%$$

$$-k = slope = \frac{36 - 18}{[\ln 1.5 - \ln 7.5]} = -11.2 \text{ LMH} \therefore k = 11.2 \text{ LMH}$$

$$c_g = c_b \exp^{(J/k)} = 1.5 \exp^{(36/11.2)} = 37.3 \%$$

(ii)

$$VCF = 5$$

$$\text{Feed} = 4,000 \text{ litres} \quad \therefore \text{Retentate} = \frac{4,000}{5} = 800 \text{ litres}$$

$$\text{Processing time} = 8 \text{ hours}$$

$$k = \frac{2}{3} \times 11.2 = 7.46 \text{ LMH}$$

$$J_i = 7.46 \ln\left(\frac{37.3}{1.5}\right) = 23.97 \text{ LMH}$$

$$J_{ave} = J_f + \frac{2}{3}(J_i - J_f)$$

$$J_f = 7.46 \ln\left(\frac{37.3}{7.5}\right) = 11.97 \text{ LMH}$$

$$J_{ave} = 11.97 + \frac{2}{3}(23.97 - 11.97) = 19.97 \text{ LMH}$$

$$\text{Membrane area} = \frac{4000 - 800}{19.97 \times 8} = 20 \text{ m}^2$$

**Problem 17.**

$$VCF = 4$$

$$V_{\text{retentate}} = 500 \text{ litres}$$

$$V_{\text{feed}} = 4 \times 500 = 2000 \text{ litres}$$

$$V_{\text{permeate}} = 1500 \text{ litres}$$

$$c_f = 34 \text{ g l}^{-1}$$

$$c_{\text{retentate}} = 136 \text{ g l}^{-1}$$

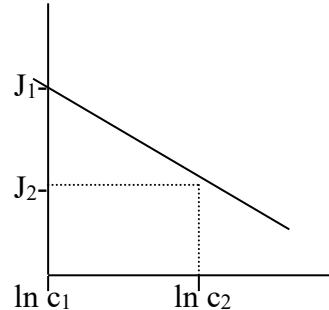
$$J_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1500}{5 \times 10} = 30 \text{ LMH}$$

$$J_{\text{avg}} = J_f + \frac{2}{3}(J_i - J_f) \rightarrow J_f = 3 \left( J_{\text{avg}} - \frac{2}{3} J_i \right)$$

$$J_f = 3 \left( 30 - \frac{2}{3} \times 42 \right) = 6 \text{ LMH}$$

$$J_1 = k \ln \left( \frac{c_m}{c_1} \right) = k \ln c_m - k \ln c_1$$

$$J_2 = k \ln \left( \frac{c_m}{c_2} \right) = k \ln c_m - k \ln c_2$$



slope =  $-k$

$$J_1 - J_2 = k(\ln c_2 - \ln c_1)$$

$$k = \frac{J_1 - J_2}{(\ln c_2 - \ln c_1)} = \frac{42 - 6}{(\ln 136 - \ln 34)} = 26 \text{ LMH}$$

For  $J_1$

$$J_1 = k \ln \left( \frac{c_m}{c_1} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_m &= \exp \left( \frac{J_1}{k} \right) c_1 \\ &= \exp \left( \frac{42}{26} \right) \times 34 = 171 \text{ gl}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 18**

$$d_h = \frac{4 \times \text{cross sectional area for flow}}{\text{wetted perimeter}}$$

$$= \frac{4(0.002 \times 0.15)}{2(0.002 + 0.15)} = 3.95 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$u = \frac{\text{volume flow rate}}{10 \times \text{cross sectional area of channel}}$$

$$= \frac{4 \times 10^{-3}}{10(0.002 \times 0.15)} = 1.33 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

Is flow turbulent? (i.e. is Reynolds number > 2400)

$$\text{Re} = \frac{\rho d_h u}{\mu} = \frac{1010 \times 3.95 \times 10^{-3} \times 1.33}{1.2 \times 10^{-3}} = 4421.7$$

$$\alpha = 0.023 \text{ (turbulent flow)}$$

$$b = 1.0 \text{ (turbulent flow)}$$

$$k = 0.023 \times 4421.7 \times \left( \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-3}}{1010 \times 6.81 \times 10^{-11}} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{6.81 \times 10^{-11}}{3.95 \times 10^{-3}} \right) \\ = 4.55 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

Thickness of gel layer

$$k = \frac{D}{\delta}$$

$$\therefore \delta = \frac{D}{k} = \frac{6.81 \times 10^{-11}}{4.55 \times 10^{-5}} = 14.96 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m or } 1.5 \mu\text{m}$$

**Problem 19**

$$J = 0.1 \text{ m}^3 \text{m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$$

$$A = 12 \text{ m}^2$$

$$-\frac{dV_f}{dt} = JA$$

$$-\frac{V_f}{V_{f0}} = JA \int_0^t dt$$

$$V_{f0} - V_f = JAt$$

Concentration from 10 m<sup>3</sup> to 1 m<sup>3</sup>

$$\therefore V_{f0} = 10 \text{ m}^3 \text{ and } V_f = 1 \text{ m}^3$$

$$t = \frac{(V_{f0} - V_f)}{JA} = \frac{(10-1)}{0.1 \times 12} = \underline{\underline{7.5 \text{h}}}$$