

Prediction of Couscous Moisture Diffusivity and Dryer Operating Conditions

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Problem:

Develop a working algorithm (detailed calculation process) using Math Lab to determine the diffusivity of moisture of a couscous product as a function of temperature, moisture, and porosity based on equilibrium moisture.

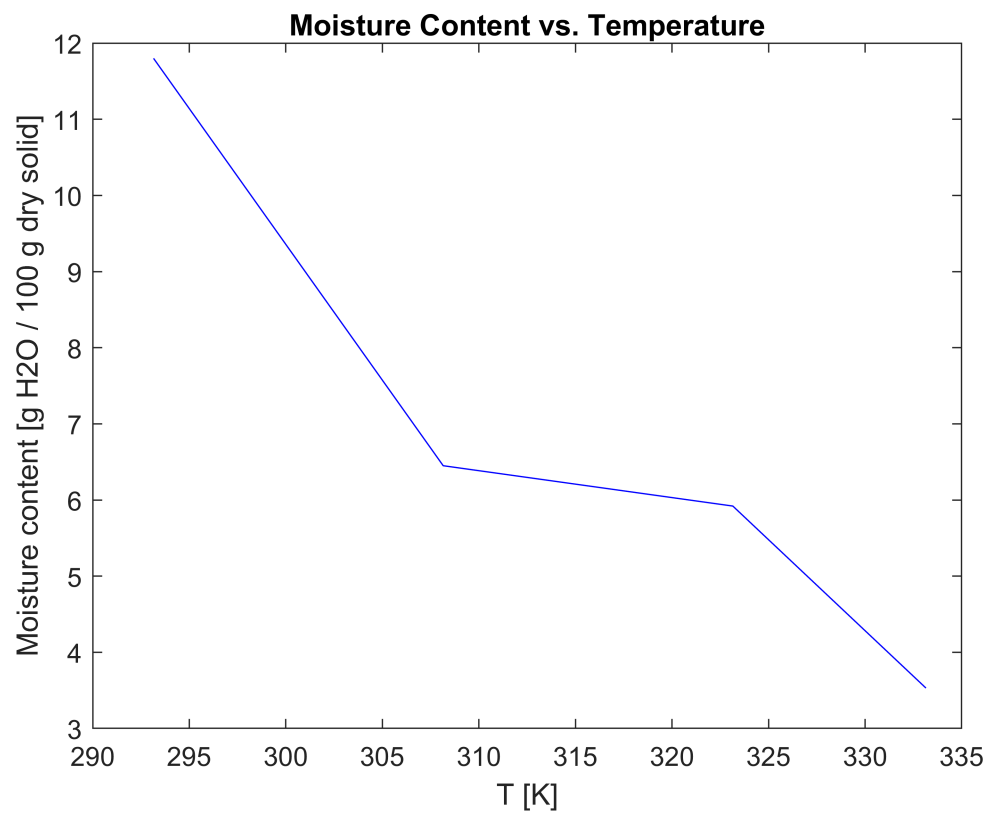
GAB model coefficients for couscous flour at various temperatures:

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Temp = [20, 35, 50, 60]+273.15;  
Mo = [11.8, 6.45, 5.92, 3.53];  
K = [0.65, 0.71, 0.72, 0.76];  
C = [4.21, 8.77, 10.01];
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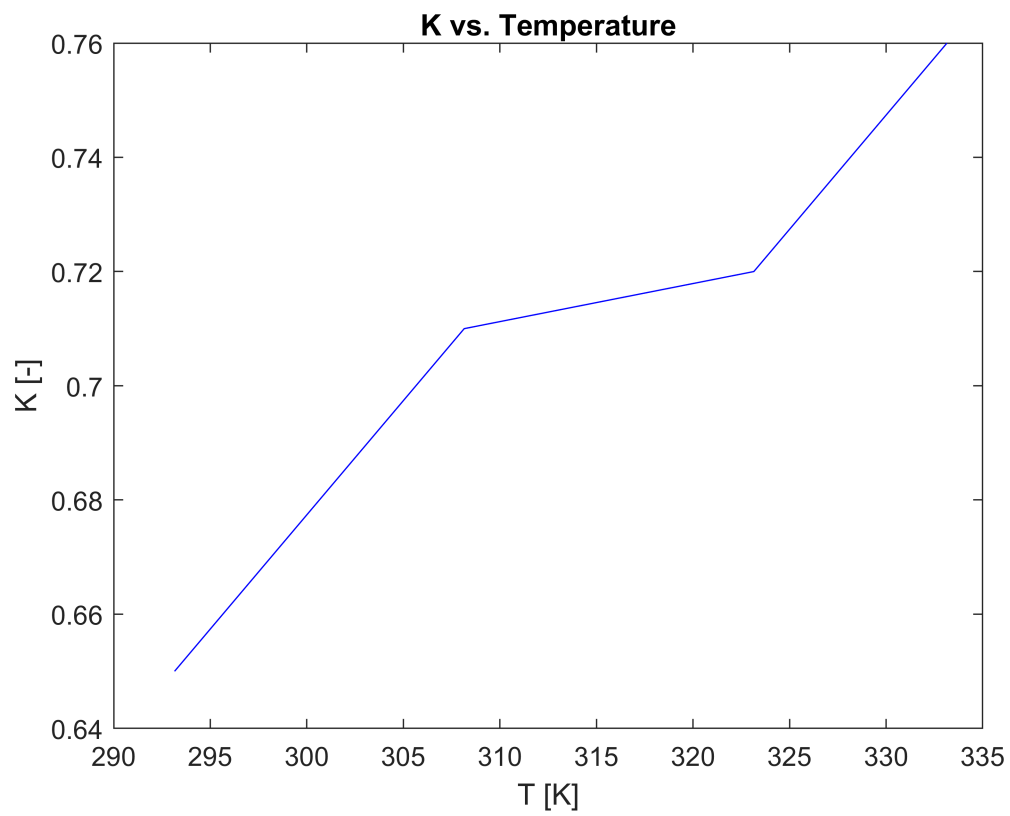
Part A: Determine the relation for moisture diffusion as a function of temperature and moisture.

Develop a GAB equation with X_m , C_g , and K as a function of temperature for your product. Plot X_m , C_g and K vs temperature. Provide a plot of X vs a_w at various temperatures for your product and compare with data given above.

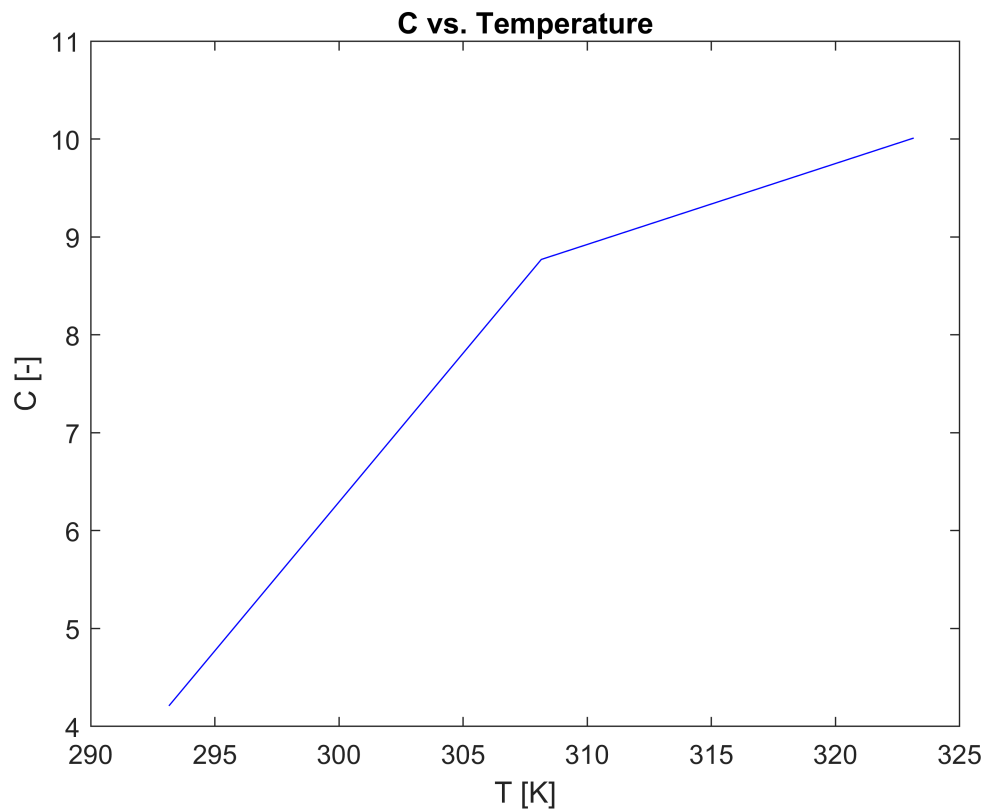
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figure  
plot(Temp, Mo);  
title('Moisture Content vs. Temperature')  
xlabel('T [K]')  
ylabel('Moisture content [g H2O / 100 g dry solid]')
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figure
plot(Temp, K);
title('K vs. Temperature')
xlabel('T [K]')
ylabel('K [-'])
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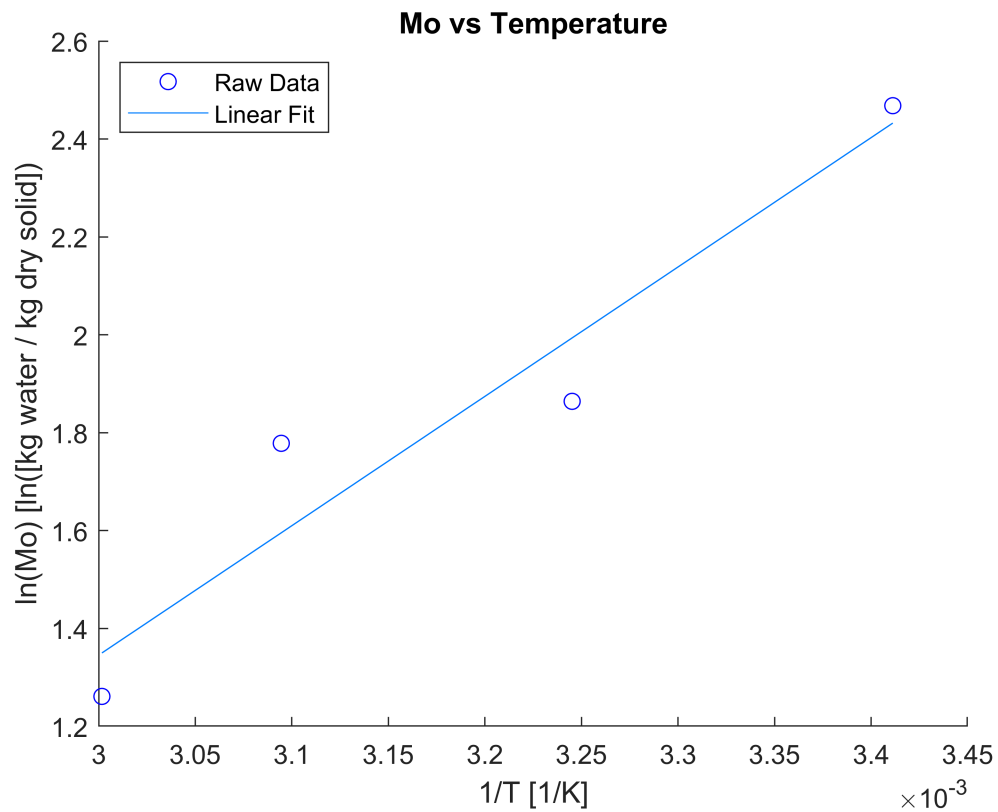
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figure
plot(Temp(:,1:3), C);
title('C vs. Temperature')
xlabel('T [K]')
ylabel('C [-]')
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Equation 1: $m = m_0 e^{\frac{-\Delta H_m}{RT}}$

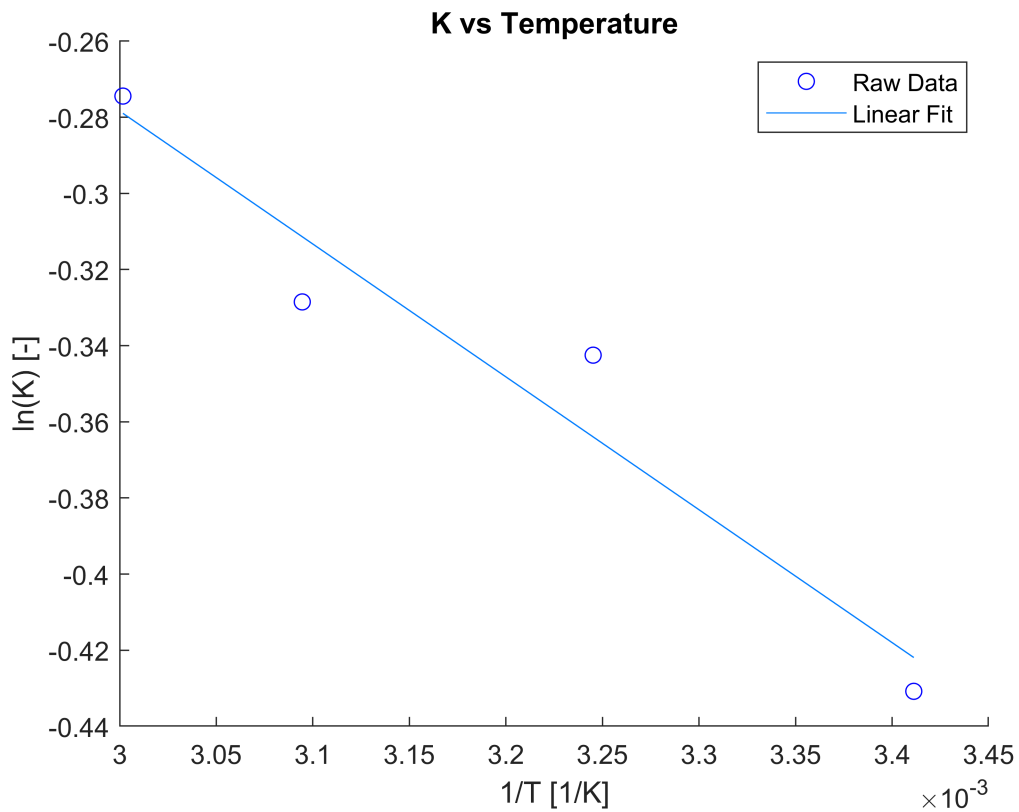
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R = 8.314; %universal gas constant J/mol*K

figure()
hold on
scatter(1./Temp, log(Mo), 'DisplayName', 'Raw Data');
X = [1./Temp; ones(1, length(1./Temp))];
linear_coef_mo = polyfit(1./Temp, (log(Mo)), 1);
plot(1./Temp, linear_coef_mo(2) + linear_coef_mo(1).*(1./Temp), 'DisplayName', 'Linear Fit')
legend('show', 'Location', 'northwest');
title('Mo vs Temperature')
xlabel('1/T [1/K]');
ylabel('ln(Mo) [ln([kg water / kg dry solid])]');
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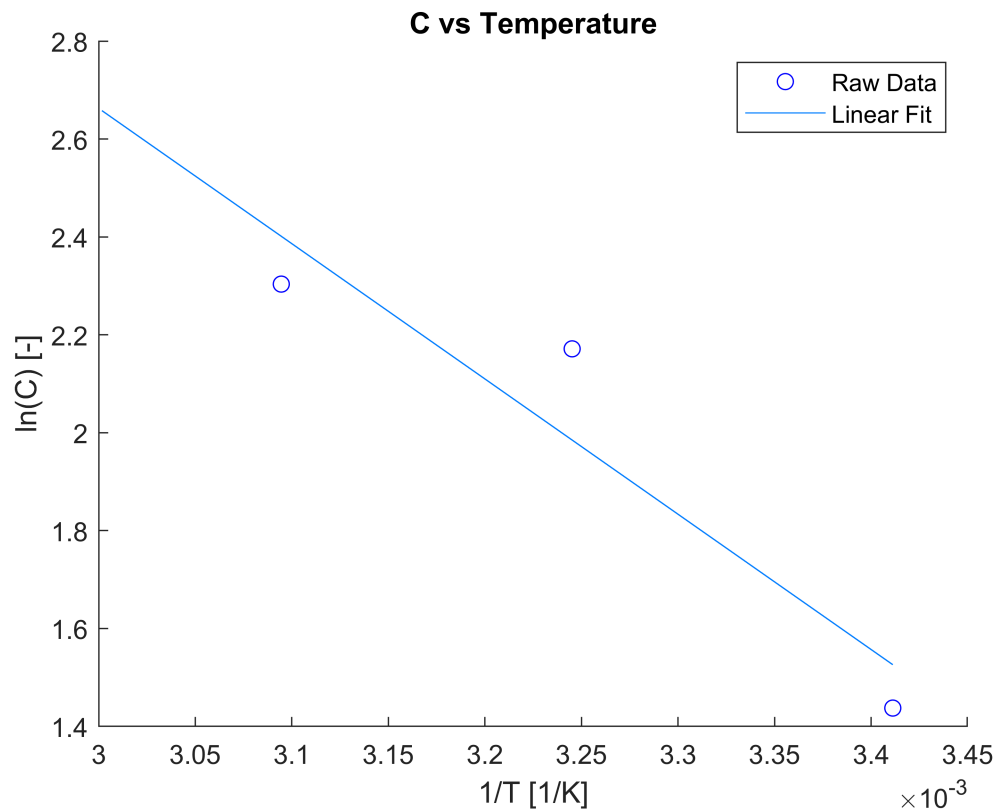
Equation 2: $k = k_0 e^{\frac{-\Delta H_k}{RT}}$

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figure()
hold on
scatter(1./Temp, log(K), 'DisplayName', 'Raw Data');
X = [1./Temp; ones(1, length(1./Temp))];
linear_coef_K = polyfit((1./Temp), (log(K)), 1);
plot(1./Temp, linear_coef_K(2) + linear_coef_K(1).*(1./Temp), 'DisplayName', 'Linear Fit')
legend('show');
title('K vs Temperature')
xlabel('1/T [1/K]');
ylabel('ln(K) [-]');
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Equation 3: $c = c_0 e^{\frac{-\Delta H_c}{RT}}$

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figure()
hold on
scatter(1./Temp(1:3), log(C), 'DisplayName', 'Raw Data');
X = [1./Temp; ones(1, length(1./Temp))];
linear_coef_C = polyfit((1./Temp(1:3)), (log(C)), 1);
plot(1./Temp, linear_coef_C(2) + linear_coef_C(1).*(1./Temp), 'DisplayName', 'Linear Fit')
legend('show');
title('C vs Temperature')
xlabel('1/T [1/K]');
ylabel('ln(C) [-]');
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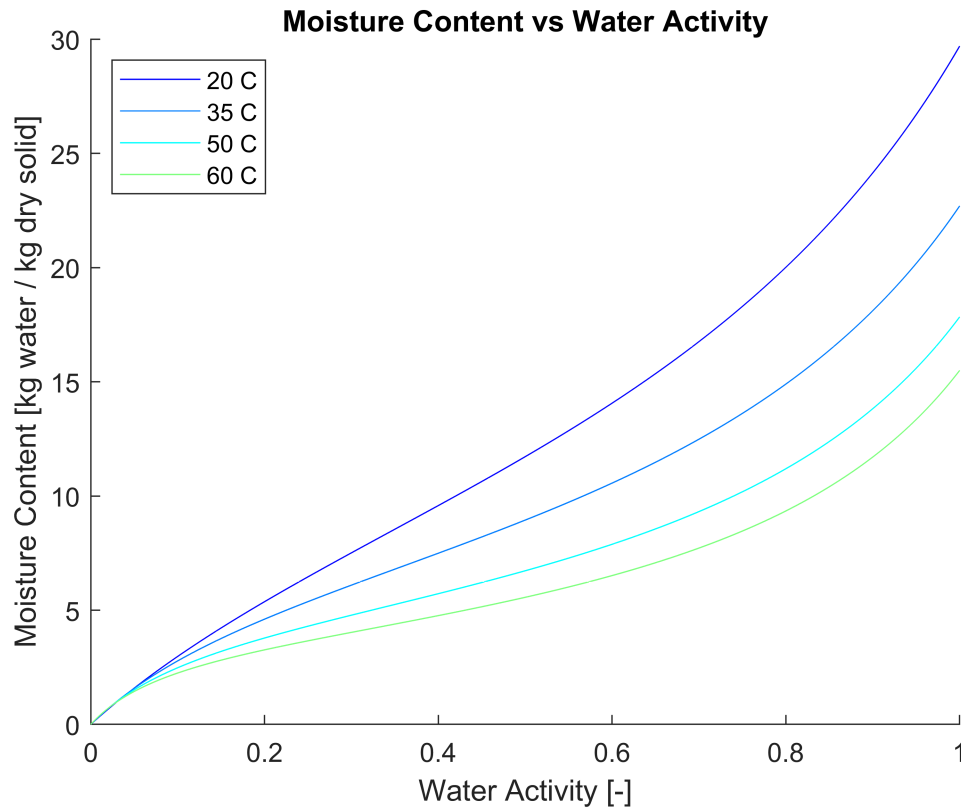


Equation 4:
$$\frac{m}{m_0} = \frac{c \cdot k \cdot \alpha_w}{(1 - k \cdot \alpha_w)(1 + (c - 1)k \cdot \alpha_w)}$$

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step = 0.00001;
aw = 0:step:1;
M_major = [];
figure()
hold on
for i = 1:length(Temp)
    Mo_new = exp(linear_coef_mo(2))*exp(linear_coef_mo(1)/Temp(i));
    C_new = exp(linear_coef_C(2))*exp(linear_coef_C(1)/Temp(i));
    K_new = exp(linear_coef_K(2))*exp(linear_coef_K(1)/Temp(i));
    for j = 1:length(aw)
        M(j) = (Mo_new*C_new*K_new*aw(j))/((1-K_new*aw(j))*(1+(C_new-1)*K_new*aw(j)));
        M_major(i,j) = M(j);
    end
    plot(aw,M)
end
title('Moisture Content vs Water Activity')
xlabel('Water Activity [-]');
ylabel('Moisture Content [kg water / kg dry solid]');
legend('20 C', '35 C', '50 C', '60 C', 'Location', 'northwest')

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Determine E_b as a function of moisture content and temperature. Plot E_b vs moisture at various temperatures.

Equation 5:
$$E_b = \ln \left(\frac{\alpha_{w2}}{\alpha_{w1}} \right) \frac{R}{\left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right)_M}$$

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Temperature = (5+273.15):(56+273.15);
M_test = 5.6:0.1:30;
aw_isotherm = [];
Eb_major = [];
for i = 1:length(M_test)
    for j = 1:length(Temperature)
        Mo_temp = exp(linear_coef_mo(2))*exp(linear_coef_mo(1)/Temperature(j));
        C_temp = exp(linear_coef_C(2))*exp(linear_coef_C(1)/Temperature(j));
        K_temp = exp(linear_coef_K(2))*exp(linear_coef_K(1)/Temperature(j));
        aw_isotherm(i,j) = (2 + ((Mo_temp/M_test(i))-1)*C_temp - ((2+(Mo_temp/M_test(i))-1)*C_t
    end
end
for i = 1:length(M_test)
    for j = 1:length(Temperature)-1
        Eb(j) = log(aw_isotherm(i,j+1)/aw_isotherm(i,j))*R/((1/Temperature(j)) - (1/Temperature
        Eb_major(i,j) = Eb(j);
    end
end
end

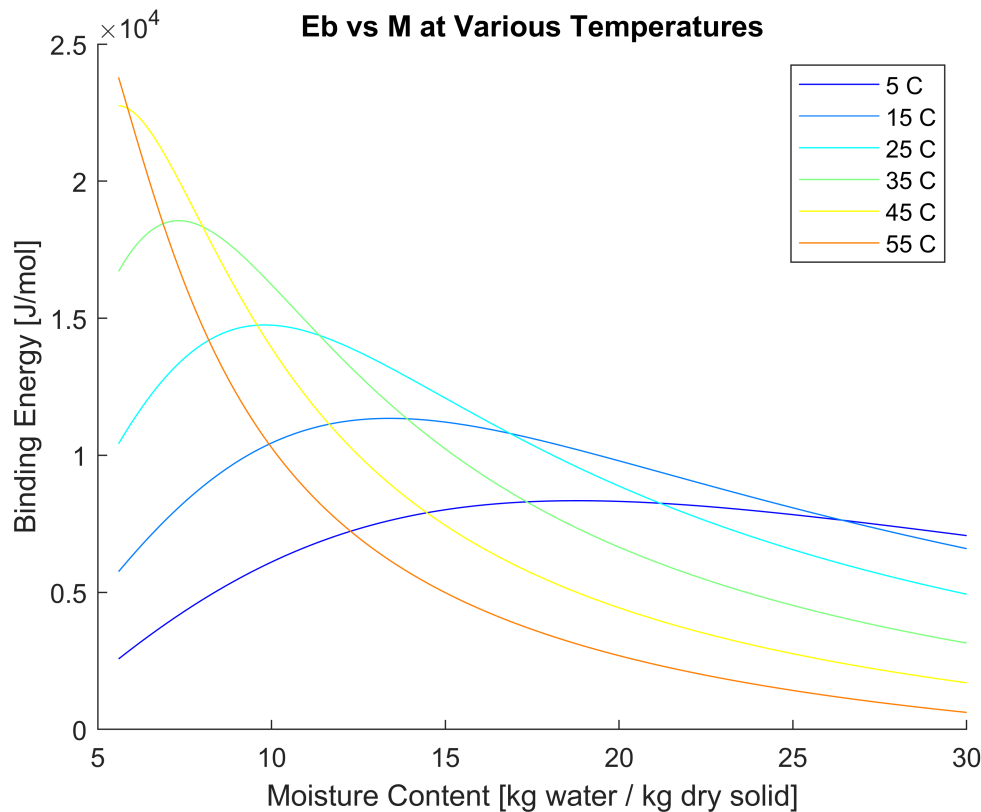
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figure()
hold on
plot(M_test,Eb_major(:,1))
plot(M_test,Eb_major(:,11))
plot(M_test,Eb_major(:,21))
plot(M_test,Eb_major(:,31))
plot(M_test,Eb_major(:,41))
plot(M_test,Eb_major(:,51))
title('Eb vs M at Various Temperatures')
xlabel('Moisture Content [kg water / kg dry solid]');
ylabel('Binding Energy [J/mol]')
legend('5 C','15 C','25 C','35 C','45 C','55 C')

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Determine D_{eff} from Eq 48 of the Food Dehydration chapter (10). Calculate E_a , D_o (liquid water), D_o (vapor water), from Diffusivity data at different temperatures given Geankoplis or other literature. Use K as given in Chp 10 p 661. Compare calculated D_{eff} with D_{eff} values found in literature. Plot D_{eff} vs. moisture at various temperatures and plot D_{eff} vs. moisture at various porosities. Compare with data given in Chp 10 Table 10.7.

$$\text{Equation 6: } D_{AVeff} = \frac{\varepsilon}{\tau} D_{AV} = \frac{\varepsilon}{\tau} \left(D_{AVD} e^{\frac{-E_c}{RT}} \right) = \frac{\varepsilon}{\tau} \left(D_{AVO} e^{\frac{-E_A}{RT}} \right) \frac{K e^{\frac{-E_b}{RT}}}{1 + K e^{\frac{-E_b}{RT}}}$$

Equation 7:
$$D_{ALeff} = \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\tau} D_{AL} = \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\tau} \left(D_{ALD} e^{\frac{-E_A}{RT}} \right) = \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\tau} \left(D_{ALO} e^{\frac{-E_A}{RT}} \right) \frac{K e^{\frac{-E_b}{RT}}}{1 + K e^{\frac{-E_b}{RT}}}$$

Equation 8:
$$D_{eff,series} = \frac{\varepsilon}{\tau} D_V + \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\tau} D_L$$

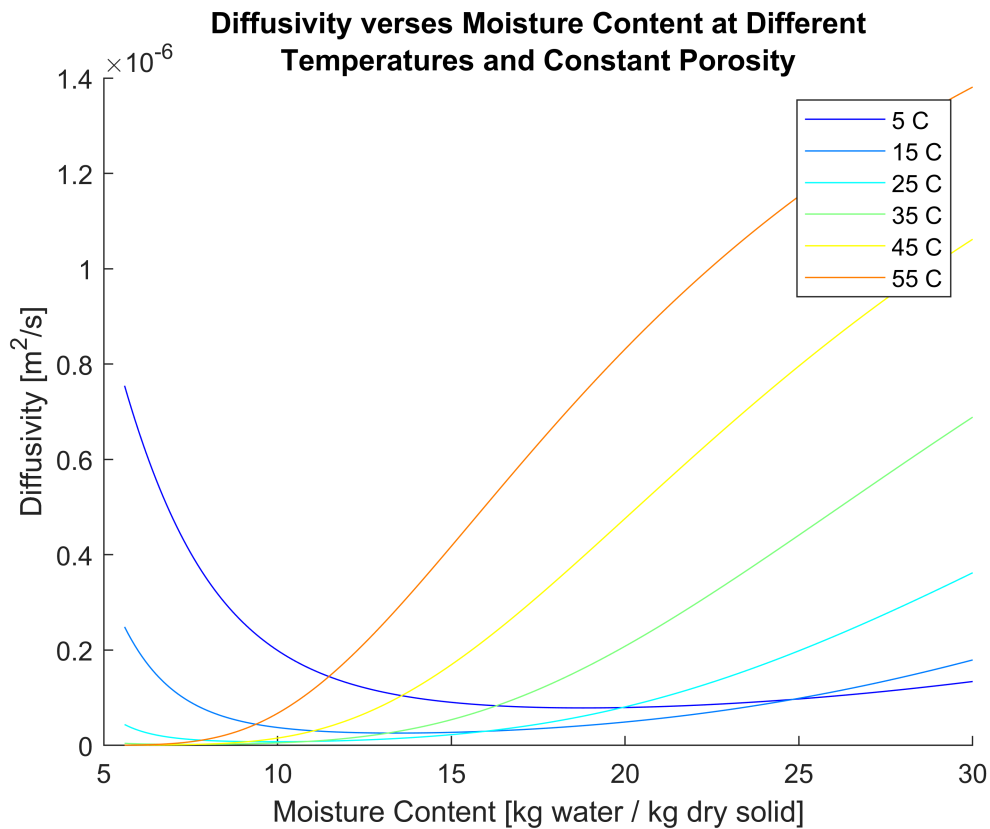
Equation 9:
$$\frac{1}{D_{eff,perpendicular}} = \frac{1}{\frac{\varepsilon}{\tau} D_V} + \frac{1}{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{\tau} D_L}$$

Equation 10:
$$D_{eff} = \varphi D_{eff,series} + (1 - \varphi) D_{eff,perpendicular}$$

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porosity = 0.5;
tau = 1.5;
phi = 0.5;
Davo = 2*10^-5;
Dalo = 1*10^-9;
Ea = 5.2*4.184;
K = 0.9;
for i = 1:length(M_test)
    for j = 1:length(Temperature)-1
        DAVEff(i,j) = Davo*(exp(-Ea/(R*Temperature(j))))*(K*(exp(-Eb_major(i,j)/(R*Temperature(j)))));
        DALeff(i,j) = (Dalo*exp(-Ea/(R*Temperature(j))))*(K*exp(-Eb_major(i,j)/(R*Temperature(j)))));
        Dserieseff(i,j) = (porosity/tau)*DAVEff(i,j) + ((1-porosity)/tau)*DALeff(i,j);
        Dperpeff(i,j) = ((1/((porosity/tau)*DAVEff(i,j)))) + (1/(((1-porosity)/tau)*DALeff(i,j))))^-1;
        Deff(i,j) = phi*Dserieseff(i,j) + (1-phi)*Dperpeff(i,j);
    end
end
figure()
hold on
plot(M_test,Deff(:,1),M_test,Deff(:,11),M_test,Deff(:,21),M_test,Deff(:,31),M_test,Deff(:,41),M_test,Deff(:,51));
title({'Diffusivity versus Moisture Content at Different', 'Temperatures and Constant Porosity'})
xlabel('Moisture Content [kg water / kg dry solid]')
ylabel('Diffusivity [m^2/s]')
legend('5 C', '15 C', '25 C', '35 C', '45 C', '55 C')

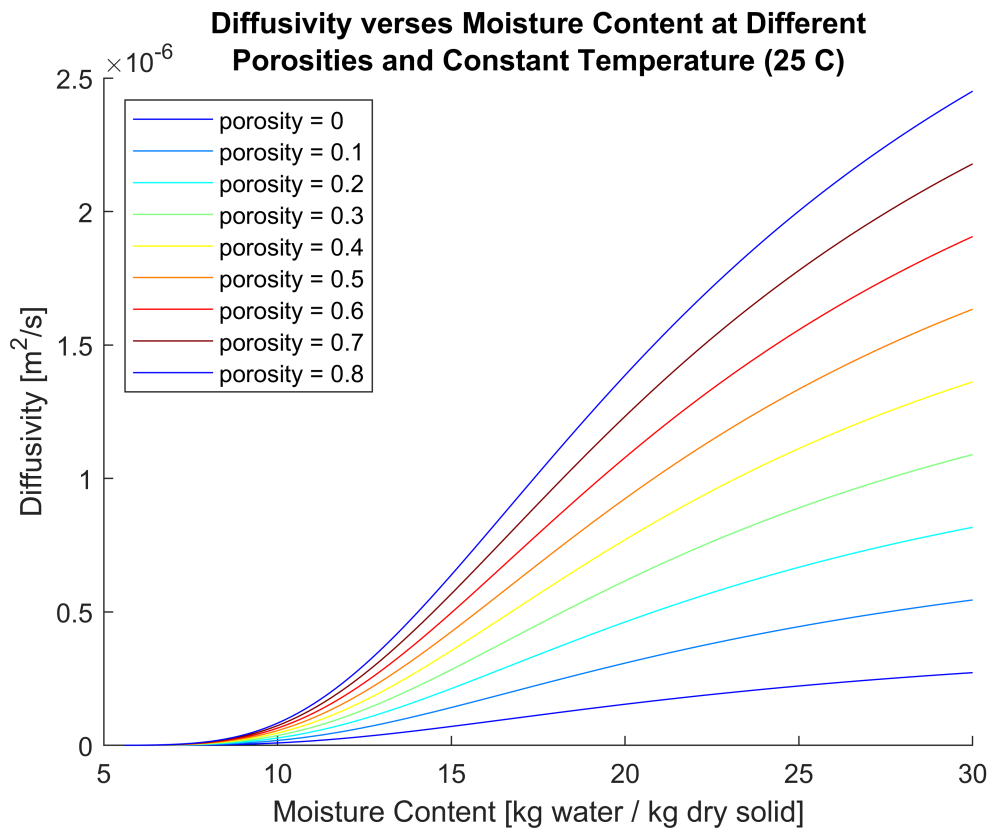
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Temp_constant = 25+273.15;
Eb_at_temp_const = Eb_major(:,51).';
porosities = 0.1:0.1:0.9;
for i = 1:length(M_test)
    for j = 1:length(porosities)
        p_DAVEff(i,j) = Davo*exp(-Ea/(R*Temp_constant))*((K*exp(-Eb_at_temp_const(i)/(R*Temp_constant)))/(1-exp(-Eb_at_temp_const(i)/(R*Temp_constant)))) + ((1-porosities(j))/tau)*p_DALeff(i,j);
        p_DALeff(i,j) = (Dalo*exp(-Ea/(R*Temp_constant)))*((K*exp(-Eb_at_temp_const(i)/(R*Temp_constant)))/(1-exp(-Eb_at_temp_const(i)/(R*Temp_constant)))) + ((porosities(j))/tau)*p_Dperpeff(i,j);
        p_Dserieseff(i,j) = (porosities(j)/tau)*p_DAVEff(i,j) + ((1-porosities(j))/tau)*p_DALeff(i,j);
        p_Dperpeff(i,j) = ((1/((porosities(j)/tau)*p_DAVEff(i,j)))) + (1/(((1-porosities(j))/tau)*p_DALeff(i,j)));
        p_Deff(i,j) = phi*p_Dserieseff(i,j) + (1-phi)*p_Dperpeff(i,j);
    end
end
figure()
hold on
plot(M_test,p_Deff(:,1),M_test,p_Deff(:,2),M_test,p_Deff(:,3),M_test,p_Deff(:,4),M_test,p_Deff(:,5))
%axis([5 15 0.5E-6 5E-6])
title({'Diffusivity versus Moisture Content at Different', 'Porosities and Constant Temperature'})
xlabel('Moisture Content [kg water / kg dry solid]')
ylabel('Diffusivity [m²/s]')
legend('porosity = 0','porosity = 0.1','porosity = 0.2','porosity = 0.3','porosity = 0.4', 'porosity = 0.5')

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Part B: Determine the dryer operating conditions (temperature and humidity) maximize shrinkage to dehydrate the soy product form 60% H₂O wb to 10% H₂O wb.

Plot T_g as a function of moisture content using the Fox equation and determine the temperature and humidity for one stage of the dryer. T_g of the soy solid is 410K and T_g of water is 134 K.

Single-Stage Dryer:

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Tg_solid = 410; %Kelvin
Tg_water = 134; %Kelvin
M_range = 0:0.001:0.9;
Tman = 150:500;
for i = 1:length(M_range)
    Tg_original(i) = ((M_range(i)/Tg_water) + ((1-M_range(i))/Tg_solid))^-1;
end
Tg_30 = Tg_original + 30;
Tg_10 = Tg_original + 10;
Mc_initial = 0.6;
Mc_desired = 0.1;
Mc_final = 0.6;
Tg_initial = Tg_original;
stages = [1 0.6;0 0];
i = 2;
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temp_change = Tg_10(Mc_desired*1000+1) - Tg_10(Mc_initial*1000+1);
Tg_op = Tg_original + temp_change;
Operating_Temperature = Tg_op(Mc_desired*1000+1);
Mo_temp = exp(linear_coef_mo(2))*exp(linear_coef_mo(1)/Operating_Temperature);
C_temp = exp(linear_coef_C(2))*exp(linear_coef_C(1)/Operating_Temperature);
K_temp = exp(linear_coef_K(2))*exp(linear_coef_K(1)/Operating_Temperature);
RH = (2 + ((Mo_temp/10)-1)*C_temp - ((2+(Mo_temp/10)-1)*C_temp)^2 - 4*(1-C_temp))^0.5)/(2*K_temp);
RH = RH*100;
fprintf('For a one stage dryer, the operating temperature must be %.2f K and the RH must be %..

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For a one stage dryer, the operating temperature must be 496.57 K and the RH must be 90.98%.

Multi-Stage Dryer

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while Mc_final > 0.1
    Op_Temp = Tg_30(Mc_final*1000+1);

    Mo_temp = exp(linear_coef_mo(2))*exp(linear_coef_mo(1)/Op_Temp);
    C_temp = exp(linear_coef_C(2))*exp(linear_coef_C(1)/Op_Temp);
    K_temp = exp(linear_coef_K(2))*exp(linear_coef_K(1)/Op_Temp);

    Mc_final = round(Tg_water*(Tg_solid - Tg_30(Mc_final*1000+1))/(Tg_30(Mc_final*1000+1)*(Tg_...
    stages(i,1) = i;
    stages(i,2) = Mc_final;

    RH_stage = (2 + ((Mo_temp/(Mc_final*100))-1)*C_temp - ((2+(Mo_temp/(Mc_final*100))-1)*C_temp...
    RH_stage = RH_stage*100;

    stages(i-1,3) = RH_stage;
    i = i+1;
end

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The drying process is to be designed to produce a dense product by maintaining the surface conditions at least 10C above the Tg.

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op_temp_range = (round(Tg_original(Mc_initial*1000+1),0)+10)+1:0.1:(round(Tg_original(Mc_initia...
mc_in = [];
mc_out = [];
final_mc_values = [0 0;0 0];
RH_values = [];
stage_op_temps = [];
for i = 1:length(op_temp_range)
    final_mc_values(i,1) = op_temp_range(i);
    Tg_op_temp = Tg_original + (op_temp_range(i)-Tg_original(Mc_initial*1000+1));
    Mc_final = Mc_initial;
    stages_temp = [1 0.6;0 0];
    j = 2;
    while Mc_final > 0.1
        mc_in(i,j) = Mc_final;
        Op_temp_index = Mc_final*1000+1;

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Op_Temp = Tg_op_temp(Op_temp_index);
stage_op_temps(i,j-1) = Op_Temp;
Mo_temp = exp(linear_coef_mo(2))*exp(linear_coef_mo(1)/Op_Temp);
C_temp = exp(linear_coef_C(2))*exp(linear_coef_C(1)/Op_Temp);
K_temp = exp(linear_coef_K(2))*exp(linear_coef_K(1)/Op_Temp);
Mc_final = round(Tg_water*(Tg_solid - Op_Temp + 10)/((Op_Temp-10)*(Tg_solid - Tg_water));
stages_temp(j,1) = j;
stages_temp(j,2) = Mc_final;
mc_out(i,j) = Mc_final;
RH_stage = (2 + ((Mo_temp/(Mc_final*100))-1)*C_temp - ((2+(Mo_temp/(Mc_final*100))-1)*C_temp)/K_temp)*100;
RH_stage = RH_stage*100;
RH_values(i,j) = round(RH_stage);
stages_temp(j-1,3) = RH_stage;
j = j+1;
end
final_mc_values(i,2) = stages_temp(length(stages_temp),2);
final_mc_values(i,3) = j-2;
end
optimal_temp_values(1,:) = op_temp_range(find(final_mc_values(:,2)==0.1));
optimal_temp_values(2,:) = final_mc_values(find(final_mc_values(:,2) == 0.1),3);
optimal_temperature_index = find(op_temp_range == optimal_temp_values(1,length(optimal_temp_values)));
mc_in_final = mc_in(optimal_temperature_index,:);
mc_out_final = mc_out(optimal_temperature_index,:);
optimal_op_temp_values = stage_op_temps(optimal_temperature_index,:);
optimal_RH_values = RH_values(optimal_temperature_index,:);
fprintf('Multi-Stage Dryer Operating Conditions:\n');

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Multi-Stage Dryer Operating Conditions:

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for i = 1:optimal_temp_values(2,length(optimal_temp_values))
    fprintf('Stage %d Operating Temperature: %.2f K RH: %d percent MC_in = %.2f MC_out = %.2f\n', i, optimal_temp_values(1,i), optimal_RH_values(i), mc_in_final(i), mc_out_final(i));
end

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Stage 1 Operating Temperature: 213.00 K RH: 99 percent MC_in = 0.60 MC_out = 0.49
Stage 2 Operating Temperature: 232.64 K RH: 83 percent MC_in = 0.49 MC_out = 0.41
Stage 3 Operating Temperature: 252.16 K RH: 75 percent MC_in = 0.41 MC_out = 0.34
Stage 4 Operating Temperature: 271.64 K RH: 76 percent MC_in = 0.34 MC_out = 0.28
Stage 5 Operating Temperature: 291.37 K RH: 84 percent MC_in = 0.28 MC_out = 0.22
Stage 6 Operating Temperature: 310.97 K RH: 91 percent MC_in = 0.22 MC_out = 0.18
Stage 7 Operating Temperature: 330.54 K RH: 94 percent MC_in = 0.18 MC_out = 0.14
Stage 8 Operating Temperature: 349.90 K RH: 93 percent MC_in = 0.14 MC_out = 0.10

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figure()
hold on
plot(M_range,Tg_original,M_range,Tg_original+10,M_range, Tg_original+30,M_range, Tg_original+(Tg_optimal-Tg_original), 'b');
for i = 1:optimal_temp_values(2,length(optimal_temp_values))
    plot([mc_out_final(i+1),mc_in_final(i+1)],[optimal_op_temp_values(i),optimal_op_temp_values(i)], 'r');
end
title('Multi-Stage Dryer Conditions')
xlabel('Moisture Content [kg water / kg dry solid]')
ylabel('Operating Temperature [K]')
legend('Original Tg', 'Tg + 10', 'Tg + 30', 'Tg optimal', 'Stage 1', 'Stage 2', 'Stage 3', 'Stage 4', 'Stage 5', 'Stage 6', 'Stage 7', 'Stage 8')

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