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CHE 362

Exam #1

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**Part II – Open Notes**

#5 (50 pts) Water in a fish hatchery is to be oxygenated by bubbling air through the water. For a bubble of gas rising through a liquid, the mass transfer coefficient on the liquid side has been correlated with the following equation:

$$Sh_L = 2 + 0.6 Re_L^{1/2} Sc_L^{1/3}$$

where the characteristic length is the bubble diameter.

For the gas side, the correlation is  $Sh_G = 10$ , where the characteristic length is the bubble diameter.

Estimate the liquid phase and gas phase mass transfer coefficient for a 1 cm bubble of air rising at a rate of 0.2 m/s through water at a temperature of 298 K and pressure of 1 atm.

Properties of the liquid and gas:

	<b>Liquid</b>	<b>Gas</b>
Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1000	1.184
Viscosity (kg/m sec)	$9.227 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.845 \cdot 10^{-5}$
Diffusivity (m <sup>2</sup> /sec)	$2.10 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$2.10 \cdot 10^{-5}$
Molecular weight (gm/mol)	18	29

$$R = 8.206 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3 \text{ atm /mol K}$$

$$k_x = 2.5 \text{ mol/m}^2 \cdot \text{s}$$

$$k_y = 0.859 \text{ mol/m}^2 \cdot \text{s}$$

#6 (36 pts) In a tank used to absorb  $O_2$  from air into water, the following mass transfer coefficients have been predicted:

$$k_x = 3 \text{ mol/m}^2 \text{ sec}$$

$$k_y = 1 \text{ mol/m}^2 \text{ sec}$$

At one point in the column, the mole fraction of  $O_2$  in the water is  $10^{-6}$  and in the gas is 0.2. The column is operated at 1 atm pressure and the Henry's Law ( $p_p = H x$ ) coefficient for  $O_2$  in water is  $H = 43,800 \text{ atm}$ . You can assume a low mass transfer rate.

a) Find the mole fraction of  $O_2$  in each phase at the interface.

$$x_i = 4.566 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$y_i = 0.1999$$

b) Calculate the flux of  $O_2$  from the gas to the liquid.

$$N_A = 1.07 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ mol/m}^2 \text{ sec}$$

c) Find the % resistance to mass transfer in each phase.

$$K_x = 3 \text{ mol/m}^2 \cdot \text{s}$$

$$K_y = 6.85 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ mol/m}^2 \text{ sec}$$

Liquid phase = 99.993% resistant      Gas phase = 0.007% resistance