

① Fick's law

$$J_A \propto \frac{dc_A}{dx}$$

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

$J_A \rightarrow$ Diffusional flux w.r.t an observer moving with molar avg. velocity

$D_{AB} \rightarrow$ Diffusivity of A in a mixture A, B.

The -ve sign is incorporated as diffusion occurs spontaneously in the direction of decreasing conc.

$$\text{WKT, } U = \frac{1}{C} (N_A + N_B)$$

$$N_A = C_A U_A \quad N_B = C_B U_B$$

$$J_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dx}, \quad J_A = C_A (U_A - U)$$

$$= C_A U_A - C_A U$$

$$J_A = N_A - \frac{C_A}{C} (C_A U_A + C_B U_B)$$

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

$$\therefore N_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dx} + \frac{C_A}{C} (N_A + N_B)$$

$N_A \rightarrow$ Total flux of comp. A

$$N_B = -D_{BA} \frac{dc_B}{dx} + \frac{C_B}{C} (N_A + N_B)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ From Fick's law, } D_{AB} = -\frac{J_A}{(dc_A/dx)}$$

$$J_A = [N][L]^{-2}[S]^{-1}$$

$$C_A = [N][L]^{-3}$$

$$x = [L]$$

$$[D_{AB}] = \frac{[N][L]^{-2}[S]^{-1}}{\frac{[N][L]^{-3}}{[L]}}$$

$$\therefore [D_{AB}] = [L]^2[S]^{-1}$$

Dimensions of $D_{AB} \rightarrow [L]^2 [t]^{-1}$

S.I unit of D_{AB} (diffusivity) is m^2/s

③ From q1,

$$N_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dz} + \frac{C_A}{C} (N_A + N_B) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$N_B = -D_{BA} \frac{dC_B}{dz} + \frac{C_B}{C} (N_A + N_B) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

Adding ①, ②,

$$(N_A + N_B) = -\left(D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dz} + D_{BA} \frac{dC_B}{dz}\right) + \frac{C_A + C_B}{C} (N_A + N_B)$$

Considering a closed binary system,
(conc. is constant)

$$\Rightarrow -\left(D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dz} + D_{BA} \frac{dC_B}{dz}\right) = 0$$

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