SPECTROSCOPY

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Every honest researcher I know admits he's just a professional amateur. He's doing whatever he's doing for the first time. That makes him an amateur. He has sense enough to know that he's going to have a lot of trouble, so that makes him a professional.

— Charles F. Kettering (1876-1958) (Holder of 186 patents)

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Part I EXPERIMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO INFRA RED AND ULTRA
VIOLET - VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY

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For this session, both IR and UV-visible spectroscopy techniques were demonstrated to us in groups of two.

1.1 THEORY: BASIC CONCEPT

To find the presence of elements and/or compounds within a given substance, we can use spectroscopy techniques, specially when their concentrations are small and they satisfy certain requirements. The essential idea behind this measurement comes from the fact that elements/compounds absorb lights of certain frequencies to get to a higher energy state. These frequencies are mostly discrete as they correspond to quantized energy levels. This energy could be absorbed for, say, changing the rotational energy (IR Spectroscopy) or for exciting an electron in the substance to a higher energy level (UV-vis Spectroscopy). We note here that these quantized energy levels are properties of individual substances and are, for most practical purposes, unique.

For the analysis to be possible, the first condition is that the substance must *absorb* light incident to it. Granted this, we can obtain an absorption spectrum for the given substance, which behaves like a fingerprint of the substance. This can thus be used to not only identify the compound, but also to quantify it. For identification, in the simplest case, we simply need to observe the frequency corresponding to the peaks in the absorption spectrum and match it with the known/expected substance(s). Quantification harnesses a rather "obvious" law, termed *Beer-Lambert's Law*. In the simplest form, the law quantifies the intuitive notion; higher the concentration of the analyte, higher is the absorption. The relation is given as

$$T = \frac{I}{I_0} = 10^{-\alpha l} = 10^{-\epsilon lc}$$
 (1)

where I is intensity of incident light, I_0 is intensity of transmitted light, ϵ is molar absorbtivity, I is the optical path length, and c is molar concentration.

How much absorption, well, the limit comes from the sensitivity of the experimental setup and concentration of substance given.

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Compatibility with the (Spanish) babel Package

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Compatibility with the pdfsync Package

Using the pdfsync package leads to linebreaking problems with the graffito command

1.4 FUTURE WORK

So far, this is a quite stable version that served a couple of people

1.5 BEYOND A THESIS

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1.6 LICENSE

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Part II

THE SHOWCASE

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