




**Major-element based  
exercises**



## 8.5: Generalized mixing (mjr)

*Table contains compositions of three ideal rock-forming minerals making up a model olivine gabbro:*

| wt. % | SiO <sub>2</sub> | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | FeOt  | MgO   | CaO   | Na <sub>2</sub> O |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| Pl    | 50.54            | 31.70                          | 0.00  | 0.00  | 14.36 | 3.40              |
| Ol    | 39.19            | 0.00                           | 18.75 | 42.06 | 0.00  | 0.00              |
| Di    | 55.49            | 0.00                           | 0.00  | 18.61 | 25.90 | 0.00              |

 `gabbro_modal.data`

- Calculate whole-rock geochemical composition of gabbro that contains 50 % Pl, 30 % Ol and 20 % Di.



## 8.5: Generalized mixing (mjr)

This is a simple calculation leading to a matrix multiplication of a vector with mineral proportions by a matrix of mineral compositions read from the datafile.

$$\overrightarrow{C}_S = \begin{pmatrix} C_S^{SiO_2} \\ C_S^{Al_2O_3} \\ \vdots \\ C_S^{Na_2O} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overline{\overline{C}}_C = \begin{pmatrix} C_{Pl}^{SiO_2} & C_{Ol}^{SiO_2} & C_{Di}^{SiO_2} \\ C_{Pl}^{Al_2O_3} & C_{Ol}^{Al_2O_3} & C_{Di}^{Al_2O_3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ C_{Pl}^{Na_2O} & C_{Ol}^{Na_2O} & C_{Di}^{Na_2O} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{m} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{Pl} \\ m_{Ol} \\ m_{Di} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{C}_S = \overline{\overline{C}}_C \times \overrightarrow{m} \sim \text{Eq. [6.14]}$$

For matrix multiplication in R, use the `%*%` operator.



## 8.2: Fractional crystallization (direct mjr)

*Table contains analyses of Sázava tonalite (Janoušek et al. 2004) and some of its rock-forming minerals (Janoušek et al. 2000):*

| wt. %                          | Tonalite | Pl    | Bt    | Amp   |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 55.09    | 53.41 | 35.32 | 45.35 |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 0.75     | 0     | 2.11  | 1.39  |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 17.59    | 29.48 | 15.31 | 9.47  |
| FeOt                           | 7.73     | 0.09  | 23.56 | 18.57 |
| MgO                            | 3.52     | 0     | 9.05  | 9.82  |
| CaO                            | 8.2      | 11.27 | 0.01  | 11.92 |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 2.83     | 5.05  | 0.1   | 1.08  |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 2.04     | 0.12  | 9.81  | 1.02  |



**sazava\_fc.data**

- Calculate the composition of residual melt after 20% fractional crystallization of a cumulate consisting of 50 % Pl, 30 % Bt and 20 % Amp.
- What is the composition of the cumulate?



## 8.2: Fractional crystallization (direct mjr)

From mass-balance equation [6.6] for each element  $j$ :

$$C_0^j = (1 - F_c) C_L^j + F_c C_S^j$$

$$F_c = (1 - F)$$

Where:

$$C_S^j = \sum_{i=1}^n (m_i c_i^j) \quad \text{Eq. [6.8]}$$

$$\vec{C}_S = \overline{\overline{C}}_C \times \vec{m}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n m_i = 1$$

$$C_L^j = \frac{C_0^j - C_S^j F_c}{(1 - F_c)} \quad \text{Eq. [8.2]}$$



## 9.4: “Normative” calculations (reversed Ex. 8.5)

| wt. %                          | gabbro | Pl    | Ol    | Di    |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 48.125 | 50.54 | 39.19 | 55.49 |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 15.85  | 31.7  | 0     | 0     |
| FeO                            | 5.625  | 0     | 18.75 | 0     |
| MgO                            | 16.34  | 0     | 42.06 | 18.61 |
| CaO                            | 12.36  | 14.36 | 0     | 25.9  |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 1.7    | 3.4   | 0     | 0     |

 `gabbro_modal2.data`

- Given the analyses of a gabbro and its mineral constituents (Table), estimate the wt. % of individual minerals using the least-square method.





## 9.4: “Normative” calculations (reversed Ex. 8.5)

Defining:

$$\overrightarrow{C}_S = \begin{pmatrix} C_S^{SiO_2} \\ C_S^{Al_2O_3} \\ \vdots \\ C_S^{Na_2O} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overline{\overline{C}}_C = \begin{pmatrix} C_{Pl}^{SiO_2} & C_{Ol}^{SiO_2} & C_{Di}^{SiO_2} \\ C_{Pl}^{Al_2O_3} & C_{Ol}^{Al_2O_3} & C_{Di}^{Al_2O_3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ C_{Pl}^{Na_2O} & C_{Ol}^{Na_2O} & C_{Di}^{Na_2O} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{m} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{Pl} \\ m_{Ol} \\ m_{Di} \end{pmatrix}$$

Allows a matrix formulation of:

$$\overrightarrow{C}_S = \overline{\overline{C}}_C \times \overrightarrow{m} \sim \text{Eq. [6.14]}$$

And solve for  $\overrightarrow{m}$  e.g., by least-squares.



## 9.4: “Normative” calculations (reversed Ex. 8.5)

The least-square method in R is implemented by the function `lsfit` setting `intercept = FALSE`, so that the model passes through the origin.

Such ‘normative’ calculations by standard (unconstrained) least-squares and more sophisticated constrained least-square algorithms are obtained in *GCDkit* from menu *Calculations|Norms...|Mode*.

Unconstrained “modal” contents of minerals, both raw and recast to 100 %, are calculated by the function `Mode`; constrained solution is available via the function `ModeC`. Further details can be found on the relevant help page, see `?Mode`.

$$\overrightarrow{C}_s^* = \overline{\overline{C}}_c \times \overrightarrow{m}^*$$

$$R^2 = \left| \overrightarrow{C}_s^* - \overline{\overline{C}}_s \right|^2 = \min.$$





## 9.1: Fractional crystallization (mjr) (reversed Ex. 8.2)

| wt. %                          | tonalite | dif. magma | Pl    | Bt    | Amp   |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 55.09    | 57.270     | 53.41 | 35.32 | 45.35 |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 0.75     | 0.710      | 0     | 2.11  | 1.39  |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 17.59    | 16.681     | 29.48 | 15.31 | 9.47  |
| FeOt                           | 7.73     | 6.956      | 0.09  | 23.56 | 18.57 |
| MgO                            | 3.52     | 3.230      | 0     | 9.05  | 9.82  |
| CaO                            | 8.2      | 8.245      | 11.27 | 0.01  | 11.92 |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 2.83     | 2.845      | 5.05  | 0.1   | 1.08  |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 2.04     | 1.748      | 0.12  | 9.81  | 1.02  |



**sazava\_fc2.data**

- Given the compositions of the parental magma (tonalite), differentiated melt and crystallizing minerals (Table), estimate (by the least-square method) the degree of fractional crystallization and mineral proportions in the cumulate.



## 9.1: Fractional crystallization (mjr) (reversed Ex. 8.2)

Setting:

$$\overrightarrow{C_0} = \begin{pmatrix} C_0^{SiO_2} \\ C_0^{TiO_2} \\ \vdots \\ C_0^{K_2O} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overline{\overline{C}} = \begin{pmatrix} C_L^{SiO_2} & C_{Pl}^{SiO_2} & C_{Bt}^{SiO_2} & C_{Amp}^{SiO_2} \\ C_L^{TiO_2} & C_{Pl}^{TiO_2} & C_{Bt}^{TiO_2} & C_{Amp}^{TiO_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ C_L^{K_2O} & C_{Pl}^{K_2O} & C_{Bt}^{K_2O} & C_{Amp}^{K_2O} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{f'} = \begin{pmatrix} (F) \\ (1-F)m_{Pl} \\ (1-F)m_{Bt} \\ (1-F)m_{Amp} \end{pmatrix}$$

Allows a matrix formulation:

$$\overrightarrow{C_0} = \overline{\overline{C}} \times \overrightarrow{f'} \quad \text{Eq. [6.27]}$$

And solve for  $\overrightarrow{f'}$  e.g., by least-squares.