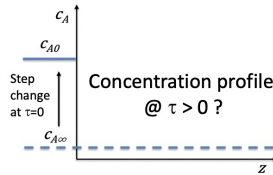


Øving 7

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Unsteady diffusion into a semi-infinite slab



Consider the following problem:

- a large volume of solution that starts at an interface $z=0$ and extends a relatively very long distance away from the interface $z \rightarrow \infty$
- first the concentration is constant all-over the system $C_A = C_{A\infty}$ for all z
- at initial time $\tau = 0$ the concentration at the interface suddenly (step change) increases to a higher constant value $C_A(0) = C_{A0}$ and the solute starts to diffuse into the system of lower concentration
- we observe the system for relatively short enough times for the concentration far away from the interface ($z \rightarrow \infty$) to remain un-affected by the diffusion of A equal to the initial concentration for all times ($C_A(\infty) = C_{A\infty}$)
- this corresponds to the conceptual idea of infinitely thick slab

1. Derive the differential equation describing the system and formulate the boundary and initial conditions

Massebalanse

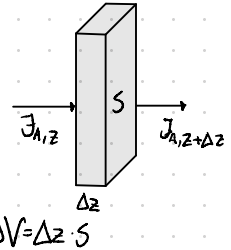
Inn - Ut + Generert = Akkumulert vi ser på diffusjon. Anta tynt volumelement

Før

$$J_{A,z} \cdot S - J_{A,z+\Delta z} \cdot S = \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \tau} S \Delta z$$

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \tau} \Delta z = J_{A,z} - J_{A,z+\Delta z} = J_{A,z} - \cancel{J_{A,z}} - \Delta J_{A,z}$$

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \tau} = - \frac{J_{A,z}}{\Delta z} \quad \text{Anta at } \Delta z \text{ er veldig liten} \\ \Delta z \rightarrow 0$$



$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \tau} = - \frac{\partial J_{A,z}}{\partial z} \quad \text{Fick's lov}$$

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \tau} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(-D \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \tau} = D \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial z^2}$$

Boundary og initial conditions

$$\tau = 0 \quad \forall z, \quad C_A = C_{A\infty}$$

$$\tau > 0 \quad z = 0, \quad C_A = C_{A0}$$

$$\tau > 0 \quad z \rightarrow \infty, \quad C_A = C_{A\infty}$$

2. Introduce new combined variable $\xi = \frac{z}{\sqrt{4D\tau}}$ and transform the problem. How did the equation and the conditions simplify?

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \tau} = D \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial z^2}$$

kjernerregel: $\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \tau}$ og $\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial z}$

$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \tau} = \frac{z}{\sqrt{4D\tau}} \frac{d}{d\tau} \tau^{-1/2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{z}{\sqrt{4D\tau}} \tau^{-3/2} = -\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\frac{z}{\sqrt{4D\tau}}}_{=\xi} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau} = -\frac{\xi}{2\tau} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \xi} \cdot \left(-\frac{\xi}{2\tau}\right)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4D\tau}} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \xi} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{4D\tau}}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial z} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \xi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4D\tau}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4D\tau}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \xi} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4D\tau}} \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial \xi \partial \xi} = \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial \xi^2} \frac{1}{4D\tau}$$

Theorem: $\frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial z^2 \partial \xi} = \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial \xi \partial z^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial z^2} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4D\tau}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \xi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4D\tau}} \right) = \frac{1}{4D\tau} \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial \xi^2}}$$

Den transformerte likningen blir:

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \xi} \cdot \left(-\frac{\xi}{2\tau}\right) = D \cdot \frac{1}{4D\tau} \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial \xi^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial \xi^2} + 2\xi \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \xi} = 0}}$$

Med BC:

$$\xi = 0 \Rightarrow C_A = C_{A0}$$

$$\xi \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow C_A = C_{A\infty}$$

3. Solution to this diffusion problem is an error function.
- Find out about the properties of error function.
 - Find the relations describing the concentration profile and the flux
 - Discuss how this problem differ from the steady-state diffusion through a thin film

a) Errorfunksjonen er en odde funksjon

b) Løser uttrykket fra 2.:

$$\text{La } u = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \xi} \Rightarrow \frac{du}{d\xi} + 2\xi u = 0$$

$$\frac{du}{d\xi} = -2\xi u$$

$$\frac{1}{u} du = -2\xi d\xi \quad / \text{int}$$

$$\ln(u) = -\xi^2 + k_0$$

$$u = e^{\underset{\parallel}{k_1}} \cdot e^{-\xi^2}$$

$$u = K_1 e^{-\xi^2} \quad / u = \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \xi}, \text{int}$$

$$\int \partial C_A = \int K_1 e^{-\xi^2} d\xi$$

$$\Rightarrow C_A = K_1 \underbrace{\int_0^\xi e^{-\xi^2} d\xi}_{= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \text{erf}(\xi)} + K_2$$

Insert BC

$$\xi = 0, \text{erf}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_A = K_2 = C_{A_0} \Rightarrow K_2 = C_{A_0}$$

$$\xi \rightarrow \infty, \text{erf}(\infty) = 1 \Rightarrow C_A = K_1 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \text{erf}(\infty) + C_{A_0} = C_{A_{\infty}}$$

$$C_A = K_1 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} + C_{A_0} = C_{A_{\infty}}$$

$$K_1 = \frac{C_{A_{\infty}} - C_{A_0}}{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_A = (C_{A_{\infty}} - C_{A_0}) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\xi e^{-\xi^2} d\xi + C_{A_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{C_A - C_{A_0}}{C_{A_{\infty}} - C_{A_0}} = \text{erf}(\xi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_{A,z} &= -D \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial z} = -D \frac{d}{dz} \left[(C_{A_{\infty}} - C_{A_0}) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\xi e^{-\xi^2} d\xi + C_{A_0} \right] \\ &= -D (C_{A_{\infty}} - C_{A_0}) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4Dt}} \frac{d}{dz} \int_0^\xi e^{-\frac{z^2}{4Dt}} d\xi \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\underline{J_{A,z} = \sqrt{\frac{D}{\pi t}} (C_{A_0} - C_{A_{\infty}}) e^{-\frac{z^2}{4Dt}}}}$$

Subst. $z = \xi \sqrt{4Dt}$

$$\frac{dz}{d\xi} = \sqrt{4Dt}$$

$$d\xi = \frac{dz}{\sqrt{4Dt}}$$

c) Ved å sette $z=0$,

$$J_{A,z=0} = \sqrt{\frac{D}{\pi \tau}} (C_{A0} - C_{A\infty})$$

steady-state film

$$J_A = -D \frac{C_{AL} - C_{A0}}{L} = D \frac{C_{A0} - C_{AL}}{L}$$

Får tilsvarende drivkraft, men ulike koeffisienter.

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A) Equimolar counter-diffusion of compounds A and B

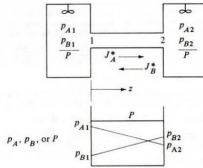


FIGURE 6.2-1. Equimolar counterdiffusion of gases A and B.

Consider the following problem:

- Two gases A and B in two large chambers at constant total pressure
 - Concentrations in chambers are uniform
 - The chambers are connected with a tube where molecules of A diffuse into the right, since the total P is constant, equal net moles of B must diffuse into the left.
- Derive the relation between the fluxes of A and B and the diffusion coefficients D_{AB} and D_{BA}
 - How will that simplify the relation for total flux of A?

$$1) N = N_A + N_B = 0 \Rightarrow N_A = -N_B$$

$$dc_A = -dc_B$$

Fick's lov:

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

$$\Rightarrow N_A = J_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz}$$

$$N_B = J_B = -D_{BA} \frac{dc_B}{dz} = D_{BA} \frac{dc_A}{dz}$$

$$N_A = -N_B$$

$$-D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz} = -D_{BA} \frac{dc_A}{dz}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{D_{AB} = D_{BA}}}$$

2) Total flux of A:

$$N_A = -c D_{AB} \frac{dx_A}{dz} + \frac{c_A}{c} N \quad \text{with } N=0$$

$$N_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz}, \quad c_A = \frac{n_A}{V} = \frac{P_A}{RT}$$

$$N_A = -\frac{D_{AB}}{RT} \frac{dP_A}{dz}$$

$$N_A = -\frac{D_{AB}}{RT} \cdot \frac{P_{A2} - P_{A1}}{z_2 - z_1}$$

B) Diffusion of compound A through stagnant non diffusing compound B

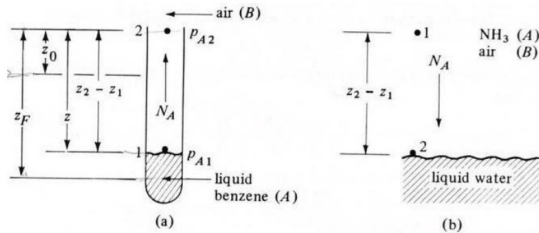


FIGURE 6.2-2. Diffusion of A through stagnant, nondiffusing B: (a) benzene evaporating into air, (b) ammonia in air being absorbed into water.

Consider the 2 examples of this type of problem:

- Pure liquid evaporates from the bottom of a narrow tube where a large amount of inert is passed at the top. The inert B is not soluble in the liquid and so it is not diffusing to/from the interface.
 - A compound is absorbed into water from a gas mixture. The other compounds in the gas phase are not soluble in water and so they are not diffusing to/from the interface.
- Derive relation for the total flux.
 - Derive general relation for the total flux of A for diffusion of compound A through stagnant non diffusing compound B
 - Derive a relation for the total flux of A if the solution is very dilute.

$$1) J_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz} + \frac{c_A}{c} N$$

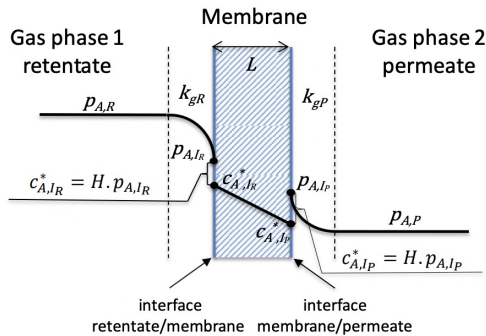
No diffusion of B

$$2) N = N_A + N_B \Rightarrow J_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz} + \frac{c_A}{c} (N_A + N_B) \quad \downarrow \quad = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz} + \frac{c_A}{c} N_A$$

$$3) \text{ dilute } \Rightarrow c_A \ll c, \quad \frac{c_A}{c} \approx 0$$

$$\Rightarrow J_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dc_A}{dz}$$

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Consider the following mass transfer problem:

- 1) Two gases are separated by a membrane of the thickness L
 - 2) Solute A diffuses from gas phase 1 through the membrane into gas phase 2
 - 3) Assume steady state and equilibrium at the interfaces where the solubility of A in the membrane is described by Henry's law
1. Derive an expression for the overall mass transfer coefficient
 2. Derive an expression for the flux of solute A through the membrane in terms of the overall mass transfer coefficient

Fluxes

To retentate through film

$$N_{A,R} = k_{gR} (P_{A,R} - P_{A,I,R})$$

$$N_{A,M} = \frac{D_A}{L} (C_{A,I,R}^* - C_{A,I,P}^*)$$

$$N_{A,P} = k_{gP} (P_{A,I,P} - P_{A,P})$$

$$N_{A,R} = k_{gR} (P_{A,R} - P_{A,I,R})$$

$$N_{A,M} = \frac{D_A}{L} (C_{A,I,R}^* - C_{A,I,P}^*)$$

$$N_{A,P} = k_{gP} (P_{A,I,P} - P_{A,P})$$

$$N_A = N_{A,R} = N_{A,M} = N_{A,P}$$

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$$\Rightarrow N_A \left(\frac{1}{k_{gR}} + \frac{1}{D_A H} + \frac{1}{k_{gP}} \right) = P_{A,R} - P_{A,P}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_A = \frac{P_{A,R} - P_{A,P}}{\frac{1}{k_{gR}} + \frac{1}{D_A H} + \frac{1}{k_{gP}}} = \frac{P_{A,R} - P_{A,P}}{\frac{1}{k_{gR}} + \frac{1}{D_A H} + \frac{1}{k_{gP}}}$$

membrane permeability
 $P_A^* = D_A H$

Henry's law: $C = HP$

$$\Rightarrow N_{A,M} = \frac{D_A H}{L} (P_{A,I,R} - P_{A,I,P})$$

$$N_{A,R} = k_{gR} (P_{A,R} - P_{A,I,R}) \Rightarrow \frac{N_{A,R}}{k_{gR}} = P_{A,R} - P_{A,I,R}$$

$$N_{A,M} = \frac{D_A H}{L} (P_{A,I,R} - P_{A,I,P}) \Rightarrow \frac{N_{A,M}}{L/D_A H} = P_{A,I,R} - P_{A,I,P}$$

$$N_{A,P} = k_{gP} (P_{A,I,P} - P_{A,P}) \Rightarrow \frac{N_{A,P}}{k_{gP}} = P_{A,I,P} - P_{A,P}$$

Sum up, Steady state: $N_{A,R} = N_{A,I} = N_{A,P} = N_A$

$$\Rightarrow N_A \left(\frac{1}{k_{gR}} + \frac{1}{D_A H} + \frac{1}{k_{gP}} \right) = P_{A,R} - P_{A,P}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_A = \frac{P_{A,R} - P_{A,P}}{\frac{1}{k_{gR}} + \frac{L}{D_{AH}} + \frac{1}{k_{gP}}}$$

K_g : Overall mass transfer coefficient

$$K_g = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{k_{gR}} + \frac{L}{D_{AH}} + \frac{1}{k_{gP}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{N_A = K_g (P_{A,R} - P_{A,P})}$$