



Physico-Chemical Analysis Techniques

Exercise Series 1

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Problem 1

We study the sedimentation of a red blood cell in blood (Plasma) under the effect of gravity.

1. Draw the diagram and analyze all the forces acting on the red blood cell.
2. Calculate the sedimentation velocity (v_1) in the blood.
3. What is the time (t) required for the red blood cell to travel 10 cm?

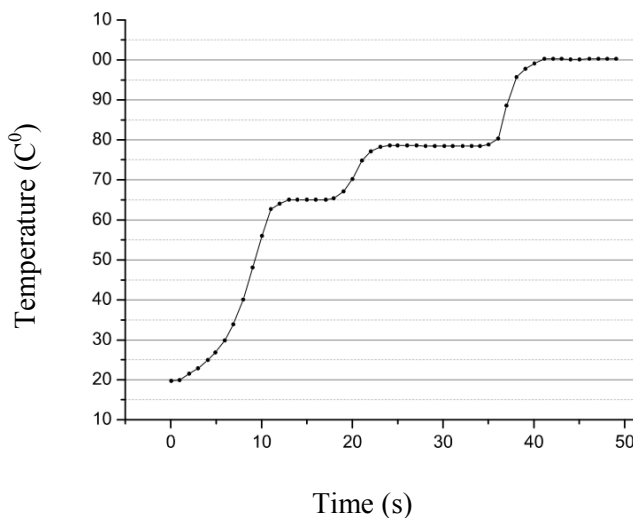
Now we study the sedimentation of a red blood cell in blood through centrifugation.

4. Provide the expression for the sedimentation velocity v_2 of the red blood cell as a function of acceleration (γ).
5. Given that the average radius of centrifugation is $r = 10$ cm, and the rotation speed of the centrifuge is ($\omega = 15000$ revolutions/min), calculate the centrifugal acceleration, then the sedimentation velocity v_2 of the red blood cell.
6. Compare quantitatively v_1 and v_2 .

Given: $\rho_{GR} = 1.30 \cdot 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$, $r_{GR} = 2 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$, $\rho_{Plasma} = 1.06 \cdot 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$, $\eta_{Plasma} = 10^{-3} \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$ and $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

Problem 2:

During the distillation of a mixture of unknown components, the graph below was obtained. It represents the variation of the temperature at the top of the column as a function of time. Determine the components of this mixture using the table and the graph below.



SUBSTANCES:
Acetone
Benzene
Chloroform
Water
Ethanol
Methanol,
Carbon Tetrachloride (Tetra chlorométhane : francais)

Problem 3:

The partition coefficient of iodine (I_2) between two immiscible solvents, tetrachloromethane and water, is equal to 100 at 25°C. To 10 ml of an aqueous iodine solution at 10 g/L, 10 ml of tetrachloromethane (CCl_4) is added.

- Determine the concentration of iodine in tetrachloromethane and in water after decantation.

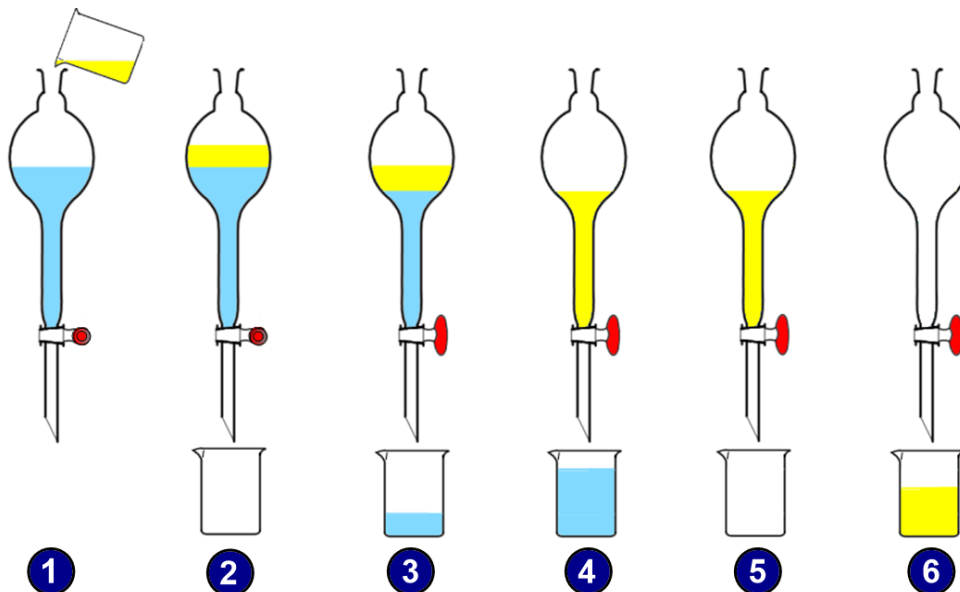
Given: I_2 is more soluble in tetrachloromethane than in water.

Problem 4:

We want to extract benzoic acid from a beverage using a solvent. We have three solvents available: dichloromethane, ethanol, and diethyl ether.

Solvent	Eau	Dichloromethane	ethanol	diethyl ether
Solubility (benzoic acid)	Poor	Average	Good	Good
Density	1	1.3	0.8	0.6
Miscibility in water	/	Immiscible	miscible	Immiscible

- 2- Which solvent is suitable for this operation (extraction)?
- 3- In a separatory funnel, we introduce a volume $V_0=40$ of the solution S_0 of benzoic acid with an initial concentration of solute $C_0=10^{-2}$ mol/L. What is the amount of substance of benzoic acid?
- 4- We add a volume $V=10$ ml of dichloromethane. The funnel is sealed, shaken, and the mixture is allowed to settle. Describe what is observed, providing justification.
- 5- We collect $V_1=40$ ml of the aqueous phase and titrate the benzoic acid it contains using a sodium hydroxide solution. The concentration of benzoic acid in this aqueous phase is $C_{aq}=10^{-3}$ mol/L. What is the amount of benzoic acid remaining in this aqueous phase? Deduce the amount transferred into the organic phase and its concentration.
- 6- Calculate the partition coefficient k and the extraction yield.



Polar Solvents

Name	Molecular Formula	Dipole Moment (D)	Boiling Point (°C)	Density (g/mL)	Appearance
Methanol	CH ₃ OH	1.70	64.7	0.79	Colorless
Ethanol	C ₂ H ₅ OH	1.69	78.37	0.79	Colorless
Acetone	(CH ₃) ₂ CO	2.88	56.05	0.79	Colorless
Water	H ₂ O	1.85	100	1.00	Colorless
Acetonitrile	CH ₃ CN	3.92	81.6	0.79	Colorless
Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)	(CH ₃) ₂ SO	3.96	189	1.10	Colorless
Tetrahydrofuran (THF)	C ₄ H ₈ O	1.63	66	0.89	Colorless
Dimethylformamide (DMF)	C ₃ H ₇ NO	3.82	153	0.95	Colorless
Isopropanol	C ₃ H ₈ O	1.66	82.6	0.79	Colorless
Ethylene Glycol	C ₂ H ₆ O ₂	2.30	197.3	1.11	Colorless
Glycerol	C ₃ H ₈ O ₃	2.60	290	1.26	Colorless
Formamide	CH ₃ NO	3.73	210	1.13	Colorless
N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP)	C ₅ H ₉ NO	4.09	202	1.03	Colorless
Methoxyethanol	C ₃ H ₈ O ₂	1.80	124	0.96	Colorless
Pyridine	C ₅ H ₅ N	2.19	115.2	0.98	Colorless to Yellow
Propylene carbonate	C ₄ H ₆ O ₃	4.94	242	1.20	Colorless
Nitrobenzene	C ₆ H ₅ NO ₂	4.22	210.9	1.20	Pale Yellow
Acetic Acid	CH ₃ COOH	1.74	118.1	1.05	Colorless
Butanol	C ₄ H ₁₀ O	1.66	117.7	0.81	Colorless
Cyclohexanol	C ₆ H ₁₂ O	1.67	161.1	0.96	Colorless

Non-Polar Solvents

Name	Molecular Formula	Dipole Moment (D)	Boiling Point (°C)	Density (g/mL)	Appearance
Hexane	C ₆ H ₁₄	0.00	68.7	0.66	Colorless
Toluene	C ₇ H ₈	0.36	110.6	0.87	Colorless
Benzene	C ₆ H ₆	0.00	80.1	0.88	Colorless
Diethyl Ether	C ₄ H ₁₀ O	1.15	34.6	0.71	Colorless
Chloroform	CHCl ₃	1.04	61.2	1.48	Colorless
Carbon Tetrachloride	CCl ₄	0.00	76.7	1.59	Colorless
Cyclohexane	C ₆ H ₁₂	0.00	80.7	0.78	Colorless
Petroleum Ether	C ₅ H ₁₂ (variable)	0.00	36-60	0.64-0.66	Colorless
n-Heptane	C ₇ H ₁₆	0.00	98.4	0.68	Colorless
n-Octane	C ₈ H ₁₈	0.00	125.6	0.70	Colorless
Dichloromethane (DCM)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1.60	39.6	1.33	Colorless
Carbon Disulfide	CS ₂	0.00	46.3	1.26	Colorless
Tetrafluoromethane	CF ₄	0.00	-128	1.96 (gas at STP)	Colorless
Ethylbenzene	C ₆ H ₅ C ₂ H ₅	0.60	136.2	0.87	Colorless
Decane	C ₁₀ H ₂₂	0.00	174.1	0.73	Colorless
Pentane	C ₅ H ₁₂	0.00	36.1	0.63	Colorless
Nonane	C ₉ H ₂₀	0.00	150.8	0.72	Colorless
Cyclopentane	C ₅ H ₁₀	0.00	49.2	0.75	Colorless
Isooctane	C ₈ H ₁₈	0.00	99.2	0.69	Colorless
1,2-Dichloroethane	C ₂ H ₄ Cl ₂	1.80	83.5	1.25	Colorless

1. Aqueous phase

The aqueous phase refers to the part of a system in which water is the main solvent. It typically contains solutes dissolved in water and is characterized by its hydrophilic properties. For example, in a liquid mixture, the aqueous phase is the part where water is predominant.

2. Organic phase

The organic phase refers to the part of a system where an organic solvent (non-aqueous) is used, such as hydrocarbons, alcohols, or ethers. This phase often contains organic compounds and is hydrophobic, meaning it does not mix well with water.

3. Solution

A solution is a homogeneous mixture of two or more substances in which one substance (the solute) is dissolved in another (the solvent). For example, salt dissolved in water constitutes a saline solution.

4. Suspension

A suspension is a heterogeneous mixture in which small solid particles are dispersed in a liquid but are not completely dissolved. The particles will eventually settle at the bottom if the suspension is left to rest. For example, a mixture of water and sand is a suspension.

5. Colloid

A colloid is a dispersed system in which particles of one material (colloidal) are dispersed in another material (usually a liquid) and have a size between that of a solution and that of a suspension. Colloidal particles do not easily settle and can remain suspended for long periods. A common example of a colloid is milk.

6. Homogeneous solution

A homogeneous solution is a solution in which the solute is evenly distributed throughout the solvent, such that the entire mixture has a uniform composition. For example, a solution of sugar dissolved in water, where the sugar is completely dissolved.

7. Heterogeneous solution

A heterogeneous solution is a mixture whose components are not uniformly distributed. In a heterogeneous solution, it is possible to visually distinguish or physically separate the different phases or components. For example, vinaigrette containing oil and vinegar is a heterogeneous solution.