

Mass Conservation

Applying mass conservation on an elemental control volume for a constituent i :

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial t}}_{\text{Accumulation}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho_i u_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\rho_i v_i)}_{\text{Net mass flux}} = \underbrace{m_i'''}_{\text{Mass Generation } [\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}}]}$$

Note, we get all of our old results back if summing over all constituents and let $m''' = 0$.

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sum \rho_i u_i + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \sum \rho_i v_i = 0$$

\uparrow Has to be true for an equilibrium mixture

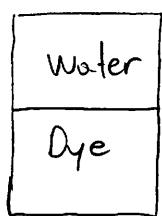
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\rho v) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Derived in 1'st part of class.}$$

So from this, we can say:

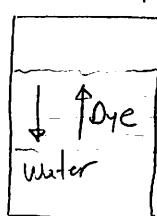
$$U = \frac{1}{\rho} \sum \rho_i u_i ; V = \frac{1}{\rho} \sum \rho_i v_i = \text{Mass averaged velocity}$$

Note, $U \neq u_i$ or $V \neq v_i$. Think of dye diffusing in water

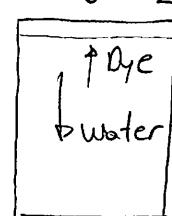
$$t_1 = 0$$



$$t_2 > t_1$$



$$t_3 > t_2$$



$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{dye}} &= V_1 > 0 \\ V_{\text{water}} &= V_2 < 0 \\ V &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

While the mass averaged velocity (V) is zero, the velocity of the constituents is not.

$(U_i - U)$ = Diffusion Velocity in x-direction
 $\rho_i(U_i - U)$ = Flow rate per unit area of i in x-direction relative to the bulk motion of the mixture.

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| $j_{x,i} = \rho_i(U_i - U)$ | = Diffusive Flux |
| $j_{y,i} = \rho_i(V_i - V)$ | |

Back substituting into our initial constituent mass conservation

$$\frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial j_{x,i}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial j_{y,i}}{\partial y} + m_i'''$$

Noting that $C_i = \rho_i$ and $\rho = \text{constant}$ (incompressible)

$$\frac{\partial C_i}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial j_{x,i}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial j_{y,i}}{\partial y} + m_i'''$$

or

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial C_i}{\partial t} = - \nabla \cdot j_i + m_i'''} \Rightarrow \text{Looks Familiar?}$$

The diffusion flux vector j_i is driven by ∇C_i , same as the heat flux vector q'' is driven by ∇T .

In 1855, Fick noticed this and mass transfer was born:
For a 2 component mixture: (dilute approximation, $\rho_{\text{TOT}} = \text{const}$, $[m^2/s]$)

$$\boxed{j_1 = - D_{12} \nabla C_1} ; D_{12} = D_{21} = \overset{\downarrow}{D} = \text{Mass Diffusivity of component 1 into component 2.}$$

Back substituting j_i into mass conservation above:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 C + m'''} = \text{Dropped the subscript } i$$

↳ Just like heat transfer

Note, in heat transfer we had:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \nabla^2 T + \frac{q'''}{\rho C_p} = \text{Energy Equation}$$

$$q''' = -k \nabla T$$

$$C \rightleftharpoons T, D \rightleftharpoons \alpha$$

So we can solve everything through analogy.

For cartesian

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2} \right) + \dot{m}'''$$

For mass fraction:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 \phi + \frac{\dot{m}'''}{\rho}$$

$$j = -\rho D \nabla \phi$$

For mole fraction:

$$\frac{\partial X}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 X + \frac{M_i}{M} \frac{\dot{m}'''}{\rho}$$

$$j = -\rho \frac{M_i}{M} D \nabla X$$

$\Rightarrow M_i$ is molar mass of constituent of interest, whose mole fraction is X .

Mass Diffusivities (Binary Mixtures)

See Table 11.1 of pg. 498 in Bejan for $D_{12} = D_{21} = D$ at T_0, P_0

$$\frac{D(T, P)}{D(T_0, P_0)} \approx \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)^{1.75} \frac{P_0}{P}$$

*Note, D for liquid mixtures is 10^4 to 10^5 smaller than for gases

Table 11.1 Mass diffusivities of binary gaseous mixtures at atmospheric pressure

| Gaseous Mixture | D (m^2/s) | T (K) |
|----------------------------|--|------------|
| Air-acetone | 1.09×10^{-5} | 273 |
| Air-ammonia | 2.80×10^{-5} | 298 |
| Air-benzene | 0.77×10^{-5} | 273 |
| Air-carbon dioxide | 1.42×10^{-5} 1.77×10^{-5} | 276 317 |
| Air-ethanol | 1.45×10^{-5} | 313 |
| Air-helium | 7.65×10^{-5} | 317 |
| Air- <i>n</i> -hexane | 0.80×10^{-5} | 294 |
| Air-methanol | 1.32×10^{-5} | 273 |
| Air-naphthalene | 5.13×10^{-6} | 273 |
| Air-water vapor | 2.60×10^{-5} 2.88×10^{-5} | 298 313 |
| Ammonia-hydrogen | 5.70×10^{-5} 1.10×10^{-4} | 263 358 |
| Argon-carbon dioxide | 1.33×10^{-5} | 276 |
| Argon-hydrogen | 8.29×10^{-5} | 295 |
| Benzene-hydrogen | 4.04×10^{-5} | 311 |
| Benzene-nitrogen | 1.02×10^{-5} | 311 |
| Carbon dioxide-nitrogen | 1.67×10^{-5} | 298 |
| Carbon dioxide-oxygen | 1.53×10^{-5} | 293 |
| Carbon dioxide-water vapor | 1.98×10^{-5} | 307 |
| Cyclohexane-nitrogen | 0.73×10^{-5} | 288 |
| Helium-methane | 6.76×10^{-5} | 298 |
| Hydrogen-nitrogen | 7.84×10^{-5} | 298 |
| Hydrogen-water vapor | 9.15×10^{-5} | 307 |
| Methane-water vapor | 3.56×10^{-5} | 352 |
| Nitrogen-water vapor | 3.59×10^{-5} | 352 |
| Oxygen-water vapor | 3.52×10^{-5} | 352 |

*Table adapted from Bejan, Convection Heat Transfer, 4th Edition, pp. 498

Table 11.2 Mass diffusivities of gases and organic solutes at low concentrations in water (dilute aqueous solutions)

| Solute | Solvent | D (m^2/s) | T (K) |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Acetone | Water | 1.16×10^{-9} | 293 |
| Air | Water | 2.5×10^{-9} | 293 |
| Aniline | Water | 0.92×10^{-9} | 293 |
| Benzene | Water | 1.02×10^{-9} | 293 |
| Carbon dioxide | Water | 1.92×10^{-9} | 298 |
| Chlorine | Water | 1.25×10^{-9} | 298 |
| Ethanol | Water | 0.84×10^{-9} | 298 |
| Ethylene glycol | Water | 1.04×10^{-9} | 293 |
| Glycerol | Water | 0.72×10^{-9} | 288 |
| Hydrogen | Water | 4.5×10^{-9} | 298 |
| Nitrogen | Water | 2.6×10^{-9} | 293 |
| Oxygen | Water | 2.1×10^{-9} | 298 |
| Propane | Water | 0.97×10^{-9} | 293 |
| Urea | Water | 1.2×10^{-9} | 293 |
| Vinyl chloride | Water | 1.34×10^{-9} | 298 |

*Table adapted from Bejan, Convection Heat Transfer, 4th Edition, pp. 499

Table 11.3 Henry's constant H for several gases in water at moderate pressures

| T (K) | H (bar) | | | | | |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Air | N_2 | O_2 | H_2 | CO_2 | CO |
| 290 | 6.2×10^4 | 7.6×10^4 | 3.8×10^4 | 6.7×10^4 | 1.3×10^3 | 5.1×10^4 |
| 300 | 7.4×10^4 | 8.9×10^4 | 4.5×10^4 | 7.2×10^4 | 1.7×10^3 | 6×10^4 |
| 320 | 9.2×10^4 | 1.1×10^5 | 5.7×10^4 | 7.6×10^4 | 2.7×10^3 | 7.4×10^4 |
| 340 | 1.04×10^5 | 1.24×10^5 | 6.5×10^4 | 7.6×10^4 | 3.7×10^3 | 8.4×10^4 |

*Table adapted from Bejan, Convection Heat Transfer, 4th Edition, pp. 501

Boundary Conditions

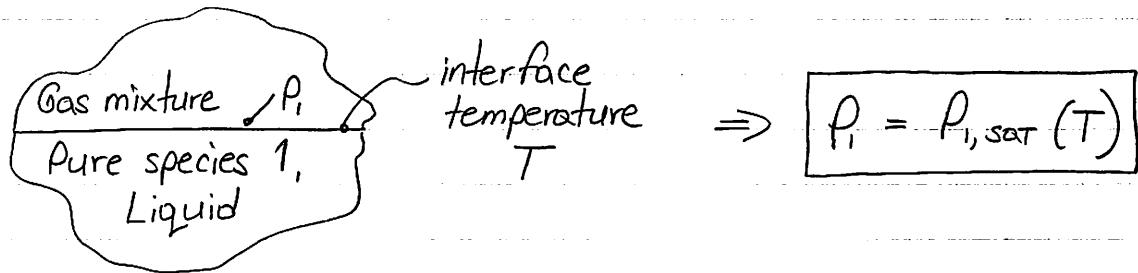
For mass transfer problems, B.C.'s are always applied on the inner side of boundaries facing the domain of mass transfer.

→ concentration

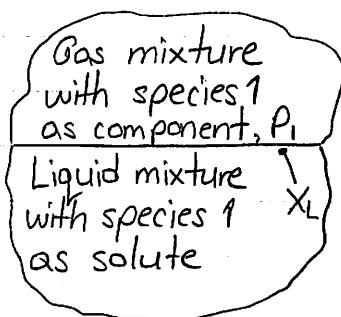
Unlike T, C does not vary continuously across an interface

We can have 3 separate cases to consider:

Case 1: Ideal gas mixture and liquid phase of one component



Case 2: Interface between a liquid mixture and gas mixture



x_L = mole fraction of species 1 on liquid side

$$x_L = \frac{P_i}{H}$$

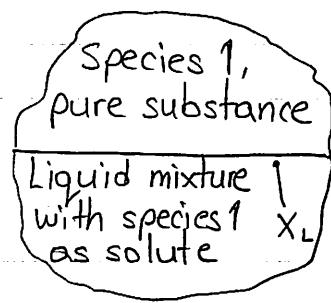
P_i = partial pressure of 1.
= Henry's Law

H = Henry's constant

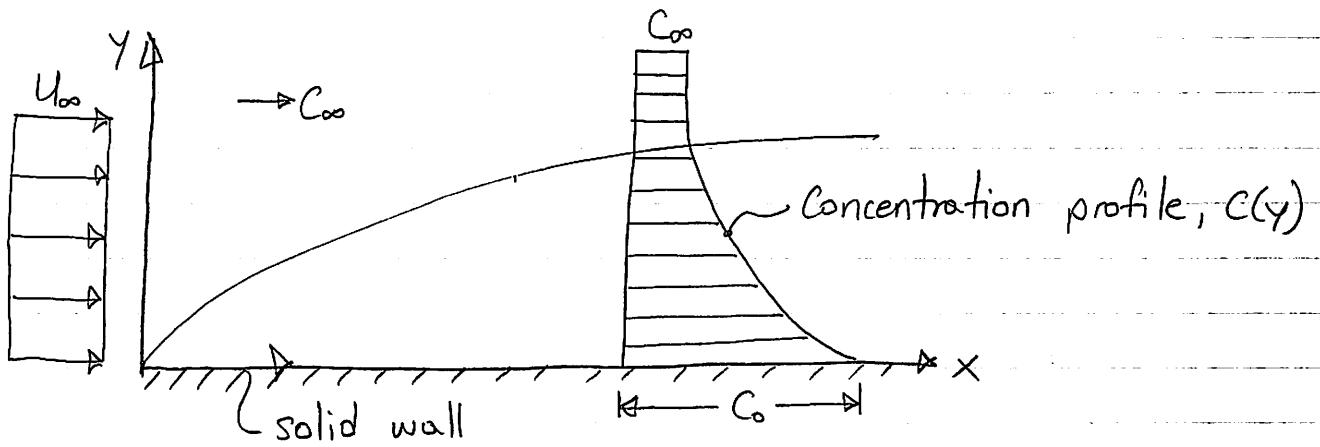
Look up H in Table 11.3 on pg. 188 of notes
Valid for dilute solutions only.

Henry's law also only valid at low pressures ($P_i < 1 \text{ atm}$). At higher pressures, $H = f(P_i)$.

Cases: Interface between a liquid mixture and a pure species 1 (liquid, solid)



⇒ x_L determined by assuming thermodynamic equilibrium at the interface and looking up the solubility of species 1 in the solvent.

Laminar Forced Convection Mass Transfer

Assuming we have a wet wall with humid air at C_∞ flowing past it. Assuming a slender b.l. with $\frac{\partial P_\infty}{\partial x} = 0$ and $T = \text{uniform}$ everywhere.

$$j_o = -D \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right) \Big|_{y=0}$$

$$U \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{B.C.'s: } & C = C_0 \text{ at } y=0 \\ & C \rightarrow C_\infty \text{ at } y \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \quad \left. \right\} \quad (2)$$

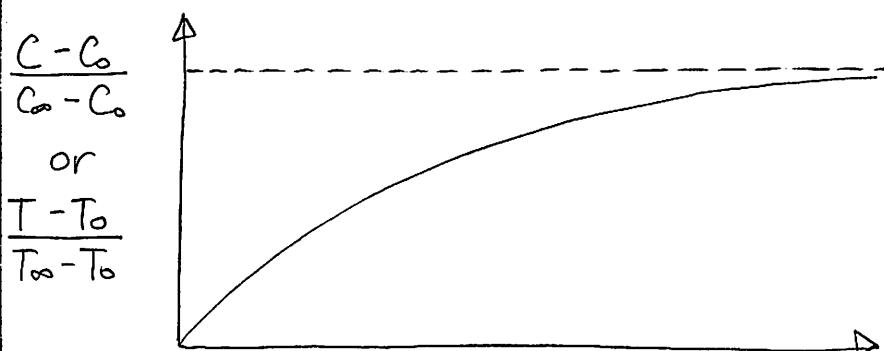
We know (U, V) from the Blasius solution (flow over a flat plate). The mass transfer problem (eq. ① & ②) is analogous to the Pohlhausen solution for heat transfer.

Noting that: $T \rightarrow C$ and $\alpha \rightarrow D$:

$$\left. \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = (C_\infty - C_0) \left(\frac{U_\infty}{Vx} \right)^{1/2} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \exp \left[-\frac{Vx}{2} \int f(B) dB \right] dy \right\}^{-1}$$

↳ See page 55 of notes to see how we got this.

Graphically, we can draw this.



$$\eta = \frac{y}{\sqrt{Dx}}, \quad \eta^* = \eta \Pr^{1/3}$$

$$\eta_m^* = \eta Sc^{1/3}$$

For the mass transfer solution:

$$\eta_m^* = \eta Sc^{1/3} \quad \text{where } \boxed{Sc = \frac{V}{D}} = \text{Schmidt \#} \quad V = \text{mixture viscosity}$$

For the thermal solution, we had $\eta^* = \eta \Pr^{1/3}$, so $Sc \leftrightarrow \Pr$. Everything else is analogous!

$$\boxed{h_m = \frac{j_o}{C_0 - C_\infty}} = \text{mass transfer coefficient}$$

All we need to do is replace \Pr with Sc , & h with h_m :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Nu &= \frac{hx}{k} = 0.332 Re_x^{1/2} \Pr^{1/3} \\ \overline{Nu}_L &= \frac{\overline{h}L}{k} = 0.664 Re_L^{1/2} \Pr^{1/3} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Heat Transfer}$$

\Downarrow Mass Transfer

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Sh &= \frac{h_m x}{D} = 0.332 Re_x^{1/2} Sc^{1/3} \\ \overline{Sh}_L &= \frac{\overline{h}_m L}{D} = 0.664 Re_L^{1/2} Sc^{1/3} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Mass Transfer}$$

$Sc > 0.5$

$Sh \equiv$ Sherwood # (Analogous to Nusselt #)

$Nu \rightarrow Sh ; \quad \Pr \rightarrow Sc ; \quad Re_x \rightarrow Re_x ; \quad h \rightarrow h_m ,$

Lastly, we want the mass transfer rate, \dot{m}' (kg of species per second per metered depth):

$$\boxed{\dot{m}' = \bar{h}_m L (C_0 - C_\infty)}$$

$$\boxed{\dot{m} = \bar{h}_m A (C_0 - C_\infty)}$$

$$\bar{h}_m = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L h_m dx$$

Impermeable Surface Model

Note, our previous solution relies on the Blasius model where we assumed $v|_{y=0} = 0$. For mass transfer problems, this may not be the case.

Let's try some scaling arguments:

$$j_o \sim (C_0 - C_\infty) \frac{D}{\rho} Re_x^{1/2} Sc^n ; \quad n = \frac{1}{3} \text{ if } Sc > 0.5$$

$$n = \frac{1}{2} \text{ if } Sc < 0.5$$

So the velocity scale v associated with the mass flux is:

$$v_o \sim \frac{j_o}{\rho} \quad ①$$

For our laminar boundary layer, the vertical (transverse) velocity leaving the boundary layer is:

$$v_\infty \sim U_\infty Re_x^{-1/2} \quad (\text{see page 48 of notes})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{v}{U_\infty} &= \frac{1}{2} Re_x^{-1/2} (nf^l - f) \\ \frac{v}{U_\infty} &= \frac{y}{g(x)} = 1 \quad (\text{at boundary}) \\ f' &= \frac{y}{U_\infty} = 1 \quad (\text{at boundary}) \end{aligned}$$

We can say that the solution is valid if $v_o < \sqrt{f_\infty}$ or $f_n \sim \frac{U^2}{D}$

$$\frac{v_o}{v_\infty} \sim \frac{(C_0 - C_\infty) \frac{D}{\rho} Re_x^{1/2} Sc^n}{U_\infty Re_x^{-1/2}} \sim \left(\frac{C_0 - C_\infty}{\rho} \right) \frac{D}{U_\infty x} \cdot Re_x \cdot \left(\frac{U}{D} \right)^n$$

$$\sim \left(\frac{C_0 - C_\infty}{\rho} \right) \frac{D^{1/2}}{U^{1/2}} \cdot \frac{U}{U_\infty x} \cdot Re_x \sim \left(\frac{C_0 - C_\infty}{\rho} \right) \cdot Sc^{-1/2} < 1$$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{C_0 - C_\infty}{\rho} \right) < Sc^{1/2} < 1}$$

\Rightarrow Valid for small concentration differences.