



# ANDHRA UNIVERSITY

## TRANS-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH HUB

### ADVANCED SEPARATION PROCESSES

**Introduction: Classification of separation processes; Equilibrium** – Based separations General properties operation and complexities of separations that involve mass separating agents and energy separating agents. Review of vapor liquid and energy separating agents. Review of vapor liquid equilibrium and other equilibrium. Thermodynamic consistency test for VLE data phase rule and degrees of freedom estimations. Equilibrium ratio concept and its estimation from Deffoster's charts; Bubble and Dew-Point calculations, Flash calculation estimation of state of the mixture

#### **Unit-II**

Binary separation process: Common approach for process design estimation of feed location, product qualities and theoretical stages of equilibrium based separations: single stage-single component and Multistage single component separation processes involving absorption stripping liquid-liquid immiscible extraction adsorption and distillation Kremser equation and its limitation process design (estimation of feed location, product qualities and theoretical stages) of multistage multiple feeds and side stream process.

#### **Unit III**

Multi component separation process: Multi component Distillation Introduction. Key components; Estimation of minimum theoretical stages (Fenske equation) Distribution of non-key components in airhead and bottom products at total reflux; Determination of minimum reflux ratio (under wood's method), Approximate calculation for multi component, multistage distillation estimation of actual reflux ratio and theoretical stages (Kirks-Bridge equation) distribution of non-key components at actual reflux.

#### **Unit-IV**

Capacity and efficiency of contacting devices energy requirements of separation process case studies in the selection of separation process

#### **Unit –V**

Membrane separation process principle, characteristics and classification of membrane separation process, membrane materials, structure preparation of techniques, membrane modules, Membrane characterization pore size, pore distribution. Factors affecting retentively, Concentration polarization, gel polarization, fouling, cleaning and regeneration of membranes. Mechanisms of separation processes membrane, dense membranes and liquid membranes science and Technology of micro filtration reverse osmosis ultra filtration,

Nan filtration dialysis and electro dialysis perspiration, liquid membrane permeation, gas permeation membrane reactor: polymeric, ceramic metal and Bio membranes

**TEXT / REFERENCE BOOKS:**

1. R.E. Treybal, Mass Transfer operation, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition MC Graw – Hill 1980
2. G.J. Geankoplis, Transport Process and separation process Principles, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, Prentice Hall of India, 2007
3. P.H. Mankat, Equilibrium Stays Separation, Elsevier publication, 1988.



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Max.Marks: 100

Time: 3Hours

Answer any **FIVE** of the following  
All questions carry equal marks

- 1) Explain and derive the Mass transfer flux equation for molecular diffusion in gases for the case of (i) Equimolar counter diffusion and (ii) A is diffusing through stagnant non diffusing B.
- 2) a) Explain the diffusion through a varying cross sectional area and derive the equation for mass transfer flux.  
b) A sphere of naphthalene having a radius of 2.00 mm is suspended in a large volume of still air at 318 K and  $1.01325 \times 10^5$  Pa. The surface temperature of the naphthalene can be assumed to be at 318 K and its vapor pressure at that temperature is 0.555 mm Hg. The  $D_{AB}$  of naphthalene in air at 318 K is  $6.92 \times 10^{-6}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s. Calculate the rate of evaporation of naphthalene from the surface.
- 3) A semi-infinite slab is initially at a concentration of a  $C_0$  and at  $y=0$  suddenly raised to the concentration  $C_1$  and maintained constant. Derive the expression for the concentration distribution in the solid as a function of time and distance.
- 4) (a) Explain briefly about the diffusivities in gases  
(b) Explain briefly about the diffusivities in liquids
- 5) a) Explain the Prandtl Analogy  
b) Explain the mass transfer between a gas phase and a falling liquid film
- 6) Explain (a) The two film theory and (b) The penetration theory.
- 7) Explain the mass transfer in the laminar boundary layer when the fluid is in laminar flow over a flat plate.
- 8) Explain the following briefly.
  - a) Individual and overall mass transfer coefficients.
  - b) Reynolds analogy.