

Important Formulas in Mass Transfer Coefficient, Driving Force and Theories PDF



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Important Formulas in Mass Transfer Coefficient, Driving Force and Theories

1) Average Mass Transfer Coefficient by Penetration Theory Formula

Formula

$$k_L (\text{Avg}) = 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{D_{AB}}{\pi \cdot t_c}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0285 \text{ m/s} = 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{0.007 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}}{3.1416 \cdot 11 \text{ s}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2) Average Sherwood Number of Combined Laminar and Turbulent Flow Formula

Formula

$$\text{Sh} = \left(\left(0.037 \cdot \left(\text{Re}^{0.8} \right) \right) - 871 \right) \cdot \left(\text{Sc}^{0.333} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example

$$1074.7799 = \left(\left(0.037 \cdot \left(500000^{0.8} \right) \right) - 871 \right) \cdot \left(12^{0.333} \right)$$

3) Average Sherwood Number of Flat Plate Turbulent Flow Formula

Formula

$$\text{Sh} = 0.037 \cdot \left(\text{Re}^{0.8} \right)$$

Example

$$1340.8424 = 0.037 \cdot \left(500000^{0.8} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

4) Average Sherwood Number of Internal Turbulent Flow Formula

Formula

$$\text{Sh} = 0.023 \cdot \left(\text{Re}^{0.83} \right) \cdot \left(\text{Sc}^{0.44} \right)$$

Example

$$3687.3358 = 0.023 \cdot \left(500000^{0.83} \right) \cdot \left(12^{0.44} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

5) Convective Mass Transfer Coefficient Formula

Formula

$$k_L = \frac{m_a A}{\rho_{a1} - \rho_{a2}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.45 \text{ m/s} = \frac{9 \text{ kg/s/m}^2}{40 \text{ kg/m}^3 - 20 \text{ kg/m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 



6) Convective Mass Transfer Coefficient for Simultaneous Heat and Mass Transfer Formula

Formula

$$k_L = \frac{h_{\text{transfer}}}{c \cdot \rho_L \cdot \left(L_e^{0.67} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$4\text{E-}5 \text{ m/s} = \frac{13.2 \text{ W/m}^2\cdot\text{K}}{120 \text{ J/(kg}\cdot\text{K)} \cdot 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot \left(4.5^{0.67} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

7) Convective Mass Transfer Coefficient of Flat Plate in Combined Laminar Turbulent Flow Formula

Formula

$$k_L = \frac{0.0286 \cdot u_\infty}{\left(\text{Re}^{0.2} \right) \cdot \left(\text{Sc}^{0.67} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0041 \text{ m/s} = \frac{0.0286 \cdot 10.5 \text{ m/s}}{\left(500000^{0.2} \right) \cdot \left(12^{0.67} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

8) Convective Mass Transfer Coefficient of Flat Plate Laminar Flow using Drag Coefficient Formula

Formula

$$k_L = \frac{C_D \cdot u_\infty}{2 \cdot \left(\text{Sc}^{0.67} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$29.8009 \text{ m/s} = \frac{30 \cdot 10.5 \text{ m/s}}{2 \cdot \left(12^{0.67} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

9) Convective Mass Transfer Coefficient of Flat Plate Laminar Flow using Friction Factor Formula

Formula

$$k_L = \frac{f \cdot u_\infty}{8 \cdot \left(\text{Sc}^{0.67} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.1565 \text{ m/s} = \frac{0.63 \cdot 10.5 \text{ m/s}}{8 \cdot \left(12^{0.67} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

10) Convective Mass Transfer Coefficient of Flat Plate Laminar Flow using Reynolds Number Formula

Formula

$$k_L = \frac{u_\infty \cdot 0.322}{\left(\text{Re}^{0.5} \right) \cdot \left(\text{Sc}^{0.67} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0009 \text{ m/s} = \frac{10.5 \text{ m/s} \cdot 0.322}{\left(500000^{0.5} \right) \cdot \left(12^{0.67} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

11) Convective Mass Transfer Coefficient through Liquid Gas Interface Formula

Formula

$$k_L = \frac{m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot H}{\left(m_1 \cdot H \right) + \left(m_2 \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0068 \text{ m/s} = \frac{0.3 \text{ m/s} \cdot 0.7 \text{ m/s} \cdot 0.023}{\left(0.3 \text{ m/s} \cdot 0.023 \right) + \left(0.7 \text{ m/s} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 



12) Fractional Resistance Offered by Gas Phase Formula

Formula

$$FR_g = \frac{\frac{1}{k_y}}{\frac{1}{K_y}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.8497 = \frac{\frac{1}{90 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2}}{\frac{1}{76.46939 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

13) Fractional Resistance Offered by Liquid Phase Formula

Formula

$$FR_l = \frac{\frac{1}{k_x}}{\frac{1}{K_x}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.1837 = \frac{\frac{1}{9.2 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2}}{\frac{1}{1.689796 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

14) Gas Phase Mass Transfer Coefficient by Two Film Theory Formula

Formula

$$K_y = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{k_y}\right) + \left(\frac{H}{k_x}\right)}$$

Example with Units

$$73.4694 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2 = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{90 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2}\right) + \left(\frac{0.023}{9.2 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2}\right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

15) Gas Phase Mass Transfer Coefficient using Fractional Resistance by Gas Phase Formula

Formula

$$k_y = \frac{K_y}{FR_g}$$

Example with Units

$$90 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2 = \frac{76.46939 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2}{0.84966}$$

Evaluate Formula 

16) Heat Transfer Coefficient for Simultaneous Heat and Mass Transfer Formula

Formula

$$h_{\text{transfer}} = k_L \cdot \rho_L \cdot c \cdot \left(L_e^{0.67}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$3122.8939 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K} = 9.5\text{e-}3 \text{ m/s} \cdot 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 120 \text{ J/(kg} \cdot \text{K)} \cdot \left(4.5^{0.67}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

17) Liquid Phase Mass Transfer Coefficient by Two Film Theory Formula

Formula

$$K_x = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{k_y \cdot H}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{k_x}\right)}$$

Example with Units

$$1.6898 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2 = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{90 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2} \cdot 0.023\right) + \left(\frac{1}{9.2 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2}\right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 



18) Liquid Phase Mass Transfer Coefficient using Fractional Resistance by Liquid Phase

Formula

Formula

$$k_x = \frac{K_x}{FR_l}$$

Example with Units

$$9.2 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2 = \frac{1.689796 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2}{0.183673}$$

Evaluate Formula 

19) Local Sherwood Number for Flat Plate in Laminar Flow Formula

Formula

$$Sh_x = 0.332 \cdot \left(Re_l^{0.5} \right) \cdot \left(Sc^{0.333} \right)$$

Example

$$0.5632 = 0.332 \cdot \left(0.55^{0.5} \right) \cdot \left(12^{0.333} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

20) Local Sherwood Number for Flat Plate in Turbulent Flow Formula

Formula

$$Sh_x = 0.0296 \cdot \left(Re_l^{0.8} \right) \cdot \left(Sc^{0.333} \right)$$

Example

$$0.042 = 0.0296 \cdot \left(0.55^{0.8} \right) \cdot \left(12^{0.333} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

21) Logarithmic Mean of Concentration Difference Formula

Formula

$$C_{bm} = \frac{C_{b2} - C_{b1}}{\ln \left(\frac{C_{b2}}{C_{b1}} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$12.3315 \text{ mol/L} = \frac{10 \text{ mol/L} - 15 \text{ mol/L}}{\ln \left(\frac{10 \text{ mol/L}}{15 \text{ mol/L}} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

22) Logarithmic Mean Partial Pressure Difference Formula

Formula

$$P_{bm} = \frac{P_{b2} - P_{b1}}{\ln \left(\frac{P_{b2}}{P_{b1}} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$10748.0617 \text{ Pa} = \frac{10500 \text{ Pa} - 11000 \text{ Pa}}{\ln \left(\frac{10500 \text{ Pa}}{11000 \text{ Pa}} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

23) Mass Transfer Boundary Layer Thickness of Flat Plate in Laminar Flow Formula

Formula

$$\delta_{mx} = \delta_{hx} \cdot \left(Sc^{-0.333} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$3.7158 = 8.5 \text{ m} \cdot \left(12^{-0.333} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

24) Mass Transfer Coefficient by Film Theory Formula

Formula

$$k_L = \frac{D_{AB}}{\delta}$$

Example with Units

$$1.4 \text{ m/s} = \frac{0.007 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}}{0.005 \text{ m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



25) Mass Transfer Coefficient by Surface Renewal Theory Formula

Formula

$$k_L = \sqrt{D_{AB} \cdot s}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0092 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{0.007 \text{ m}^2/\text{s} \cdot 0.012 \text{ 1/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

26) Mass Transfer Stanton Number Formula

Formula

$$St_m = \frac{k_L}{u_\infty}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0009 = \frac{9.5\text{e-}3 \text{ m/s}}{10.5 \text{ m/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

27) Overall Gas Phase Mass Transfer Coefficient using Fractional Resistance by Gas Phase Formula

Formula

$$K_y = k_y \cdot FR_g$$

Example with Units

$$76.4694 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2 = 90 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot 0.84966$$

Evaluate Formula 

28) Overall Liquid Phase Mass Transfer Coefficient using Fractional Resistance by Liquid Phase Formula

Formula

$$K_x = k_x \cdot FR_l$$

Example with Units

$$1.6898 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2 = 9.2 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot 0.183673$$

Evaluate Formula 

29) Sherwood Number for Flat Plate in Laminar Flow Formula

Formula

$$Sh = 0.664 \cdot \left(Re^{0.5} \right) \cdot \left(Sc^{0.333} \right)$$

Example

$$1074.04 = 0.664 \cdot \left(500000^{0.5} \right) \cdot \left(12^{0.333} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Important Formulas in Mass Transfer Coefficient, Driving Force and Theories above

- **c** Specific Heat (Joule per Kilogram per K)
- **C_{b1}** Concentration of Component B in Mixture 1 (Mole per Liter)
- **C_{b2}** Concentration of Component B in Mixture 2 (Mole per Liter)
- **C_{bm}** Logarithmic Mean of Concentration Difference (Mole per Liter)
- **C_D** Drag Coefficient
- **D_{AB}** Diffusion Coefficient (DAB) (Square Meter Per Second)
- **f** Friction Factor
- **FR_g** Fractional Resistance Offered by Gas Phase
- **FR_l** Fractional Resistance Offered by Liquid Phase
- **H** Henry's Constant
- **h_{transfer}** Heat Transfer Coefficient (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **k_L (Avg)** Average Convective Mass Transfer Coefficient (Meter per Second)
- **k_L** Convective Mass Transfer Coefficient (Meter per Second)
- **k_x** Liquid Phase Mass Transfer Coefficient (Mole per Second Square Meter)
- **K_x** Overall Liquid Phase Mass Transfer Coefficient (Mole per Second Square Meter)
- **k_y** Gas Phase Mass Transfer Coefficient (Mole per Second Square Meter)
- **K_y** Overall Gas Phase Mass Transfer Coefficient (Mole per Second Square Meter)
- **L_e** Lewis Number
- **m₁** Mass Transfer Coefficient of Medium 1 (Meter per Second)
- **m₂** Mass Transfer Coefficient of Medium 2 (Meter per Second)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Important Formulas in Mass Transfer Coefficient, Driving Force and Theories above

- **constant(s):** pi, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288 Archimedes' constant
- **Functions:** ln, ln(Number)
The natural logarithm, also known as the logarithm to the base e, is the inverse function of the natural exponential function.
- **Functions:** sqrt, sqrt(Number)
A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.
- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Time** in Second (s)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Pressure** in Pascal (Pa)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Specific Heat Capacity** in Joule per Kilogram per K (J/(kg*K))
Specific Heat Capacity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Heat Transfer Coefficient** in Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin (W/m²*K)
Heat Transfer Coefficient Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Molar Concentration** in Mole per Liter (mol/L)
Molar Concentration Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Mass Flux** in Kilogram per Second per Square Meter (kg/s/m²)
Mass Flux Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m³)
Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Diffusivity** in Square Meter Per Second (m²/s)
Diffusivity Unit Conversion 



- **m_a** **A** Mass Flux of Diffusion Component A
(Kilogram per Second per Square Meter)
- **P_{b1}** Partial Pressure of Component B in Mixture 1 (Pascal)
- **P_{b2}** Partial Pressure of Component B in Mixture 2 (Pascal)
- **P_{bm}** Logarithmic Mean Partial Pressure Difference (Pascal)
- **Re** Reynolds Number
- **Re_l** Local Reynolds Number
- **s** Surface Renewal Rate (1 Per Second)
- **Sc** Schmidt Number
- **Sh** Average Sherwood Number
- **Sh_x** Local Sherwood Number
- **St_m** Mass Transfer Stanton Number
- **t_c** Average Contact Time (Second)
- **u_∞** Free Stream Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **δ** Film Thickness (Meter)
- **δ_{mx}** Mass Transfer Boundary Layer Thickness at x
- **ρ_{a1}** Mass Concentration of Component A in Mixture 1 (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **ρ_{a2}** Mass Concentration of Component A in Mixture 2 (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **ρ_L** Density of Liquid (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **δ_{hx}** Hydrodynamic Boundary Layer Thickness (Meter)

- **Measurement: Molar Flux of Diffusing Component** in Mole per Second Square Meter (mol/s*m²)
Molar Flux of Diffusing Component Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Time Inverse** in 1 Per Second (1/s)
Time Inverse Unit Conversion 



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