

Important Formulas in Liquid-Liquid Extraction PDF



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List of 23 Important Formulas in Liquid-Liquid Extraction

1) Distribution Coefficient of Carrier Liquid from Activity Coefficients Formula

Formula

$$K_{\text{CarrierLiq}} = \frac{Y_{aR}}{Y_{aE}}$$

Example

$$1.5 = \frac{1.8}{1.2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2) Distribution Coefficient of Carrier Liquid from Mass Fraction Formula

Formula

$$K_{\text{CarrierLiq}} = \frac{y_A}{x_A}$$

Example

$$1.4978 = \frac{0.674}{0.45}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3) Distribution Coefficient of Solute from Activity Coefficient Formula

Formula

$$K_{\text{Solute}} = \frac{Y_{cR}}{Y_{cE}}$$

Example

$$2.6 = \frac{4.16}{1.6}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4) Distribution Coefficient of Solute from Mass Fractions Formula

Formula

$$K_{\text{Solute}} = \frac{y_C}{x_C}$$

Example

$$2.7238 = \frac{0.3797}{0.1394}$$

Evaluate Formula 

5) Extraction Factor at Feed Point Slope of Equilibrium Curve Formula

Formula

$$\varepsilon = m_F \cdot \frac{S'}{F'}$$

Example with Units

$$2.1988 = 3.721 \cdot \frac{65 \text{ kg/s}}{110 \text{ kg/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6) Extraction Factor at Mean Slope of Equilibrium Curve Formula

Formula

$$\varepsilon = m \cdot \frac{S'}{F'}$$

Example with Units

$$2.1994 = 3.722 \cdot \frac{65 \text{ kg/s}}{110 \text{ kg/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



7) Extraction Factor based on Raffinate Point Slope Formula

Formula

$$\varepsilon = m_R \cdot \frac{S'}{F'}$$

Example with Units

$$2.2 = 3.723 \cdot \frac{65 \text{ kg/s}}{110 \text{ kg/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

8) Feed Solute Concentration for N-number of Ideal Stage Extraction Formula

Formula

$$z_C = \frac{X_N}{\left(\frac{F'}{F' + (E' \cdot K_{\text{Solute}})} \right)^N}$$

Example with Units

$$0.5005 = \frac{0.0334}{\left(\frac{110 \text{ kg/s}}{110 \text{ kg/s} + (62 \text{ kg/s} \cdot 2.6)} \right)^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

9) Feed Solute Concentration for Single Ideal Stage Extraction Formula

Formula

$$z_C = \frac{X_1}{\frac{F'}{F' + (E' \cdot K_{\text{Solute}})}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.5 = \frac{0.2028}{\frac{110 \text{ kg/s}}{110 \text{ kg/s} + (62 \text{ kg/s} \cdot 2.6)}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

10) Geometric Mean of Equilibrium Line Slope Formula

Formula

$$m = \sqrt{m_F \cdot m_R}$$

Example

$$3.722 = \sqrt{3.721 \cdot 3.723}$$

Evaluate Formula 

11) Mass Ratio of Solute in Extract Phase Formula

Formula

$$Y = \frac{y_C}{y_A + y_C}$$

Example

$$0.3603 = \frac{0.3797}{0.674 + 0.3797}$$

Evaluate Formula 

12) Mass Ratio of Solute in Raffinate Phase Formula

Formula

$$X = \frac{x_C}{x_A + x_C}$$

Example

$$0.2365 = \frac{0.1394}{0.45 + 0.1394}$$

Evaluate Formula 

13) Mass Ratio of Solvent in Extract Phase Formula

Formula

$$Z = \frac{y_B}{y_A + y_C}$$

Example

$$0.4081 = \frac{0.43}{0.674 + 0.3797}$$

Evaluate Formula 



14) Mass Ratio of Solvent in Raffinate Phase Formula

Formula

$$z = \frac{x_B}{x_A + x_C}$$

Example

$$0.9162 = \frac{0.5}{0.45 + 0.1394}$$

Evaluate Formula 

15) Number of Extraction Stages by Kremser Equation Formula

Formula

$$N = \frac{\log_{10} \left(\left(\frac{z_C - \left(\frac{y_s}{K_{\text{Solute}}} \right)}{\left(\frac{x_C - y_s}{K_{\text{Solute}}} \right)} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \right) \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \right) \right)}{\log_{10}(\epsilon)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example

$$2.6502 = \frac{\log_{10} \left(\left(\frac{0.5 - \left(\frac{0.05}{2.6} \right)}{\left(\frac{0.1394 - 0.05}{2.6} \right)} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2.2} \right) \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2.2} \right) \right)}{\log_{10}(2.2)}$$

16) Number of Ideal Equilibrium Extraction Stages Formula

Formula

$$N = \frac{\log_{10} \left(\frac{z_C}{x_N} \right)}{\log_{10} \left(\left(\frac{K_{\text{Solute}} \cdot E'}{F'} \right) + 1 \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$2.9988 = \frac{\log_{10} \left(\frac{0.5}{0.0334} \right)}{\log_{10} \left(\left(\frac{2.6 \cdot 62 \text{ kg/s}}{110 \text{ kg/s}} \right) + 1 \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

17) Number of Stages for Extraction Factor equal to 1 Formula

Formula

$$N = \left(\frac{z_C - \left(\frac{y_s}{K_{\text{Solute}}} \right)}{x_C - \left(\frac{y_s}{K_{\text{Solute}}} \right)} \right) - 1$$

Example

$$3.0008 = \left(\frac{0.5 - \left(\frac{0.05}{2.6} \right)}{0.1394 - \left(\frac{0.05}{2.6} \right)} \right) - 1$$

Evaluate Formula 



18) Raffinate Phase Solute Concentration for N Number of Ideal Stage Extraction Formula

Formula

$$X_N = \left(\left(\frac{F'}{F' + (E' \cdot K_{\text{Solute}})} \right)^N \right) \cdot z_C$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$0.0334 = \left(\left(\frac{110 \text{ kg/s}}{110 \text{ kg/s} + (62 \text{ kg/s} \cdot 2.6)} \right)^3 \right) \cdot 0.5$$

19) Raffinate Phase Solute Concentration for Single Ideal Stage Extraction Formula

Formula

$$X_1 = \left(\frac{F'}{F' + (E' \cdot K_{\text{Solute}})} \right) \cdot z_C$$

Example with Units

$$0.2028 = \left(\frac{110 \text{ kg/s}}{110 \text{ kg/s} + (62 \text{ kg/s} \cdot 2.6)} \right) \cdot 0.5$$

Evaluate Formula 

20) Recovery of Solute in Liquid-Liquid Extraction Formula

Formula

$$R_{\text{solute}} = 1 - \left(\frac{x_C \cdot R}{z_C \cdot F} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.8885 = 1 - \left(\frac{0.1394 \cdot 40 \text{ mol/s}}{0.5 \cdot 100 \text{ mol/s}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

21) Selectivity of Solute based on Distribution Coefficients Formula

Formula

$$\beta_{C,A} = \frac{K_{\text{Solute}}}{K_{\text{CarrierLiq}}}$$

Example

$$1.7333 = \frac{2.6}{1.5}$$

Evaluate Formula 

22) Selectivity of Solute based on Activity Coefficients Formula

Formula

$$\beta_{C,A} = \frac{\frac{y_{C,R}}{y_{C,E}}}{\frac{y_{A,R}}{y_{A,E}}}$$

Example

$$1.7333 = \frac{\frac{4.16}{1.6}}{\frac{1.8}{1.2}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

23) Selectivity of Solute based on Mole Fractions Formula

Formula

$$\beta_{C,A} = \frac{\frac{y_C}{y_A}}{\frac{x_C}{x_A}}$$

Example

$$1.8186 = \frac{\frac{0.3797}{0.674}}{\frac{0.1394}{0.45}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Important Formulas in Liquid-Liquid Extraction above

- **E'** Solute Free Extract Phase Flowrate in LLE (Kilogram per Second)
- **F** Feed Flowrate in Liquid-Liquid Extraction (Mole per Second)
- **F'** Solute Free Feed Flowrate in Extraction (Kilogram per Second)
- **K_{CarrierLiq}** Distribution Coefficient of Carrier Liquid
- **K_{Solute}** Distribution Coefficient of Solute
- **m** Mean Slope of Equilibrium Curve
- **m_F** Feed Point Slope of Equilibrium Curve
- **m_R** Raffinate Point Slope of Equilibrium Curve
- **N** Number of Equilibrium Extraction Stages
- **R** Raffinate Phase Flowrate in LLE (Mole per Second)
- **R_{solute}** Recovery of Solute in Liquid-Liquid Extraction
- **S'** Solute Free Solvent Flowrate in Extraction (Kilogram per Second)
- **X** Mass Ratio of Solute in Raffinate Phase
- **X₁** Single Stage Mass Fraction of Solute in Raffinate
- **x_A** Mass Fraction of Carrier Liquid in the Raffinate
- **x_B** Mass Fraction of Solvent in the Raffinate
- **x_C** Mass Fraction of Solute in the Raffinate
- **X_N** N Stages Mass Fraction of Solute in Raffinate
- **Y** Mass Ratio of Solute in Extract Phase
- **y_A** Mass Fraction of Carrier Liquid in the Extract
- **y_B** Mass Fraction of Solvent in the Extract
- **y_C** Mass Fraction of Solute in the Extract
- **y_s** Mass Fraction of Solute in the Solvent
- **z** Mass Ratio of Solvent in Raffinate Phase
- **Z** Mass Ratio of Solvent in Extract Phase

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Important Formulas in Liquid-Liquid Extraction above

- **Functions: log10**, log10(Number)
The common logarithm, also known as the base-10 logarithm or the decimal logarithm, is a mathematical function that is the inverse of the 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: Mass Flow Rate** in Kilogram per Second (kg/s)
Mass Flow Rate Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Molar Flow Rate** in Mole per Second (mol/s)
Molar Flow Rate Unit Conversion ↻



- z_C Mass Fraction of Solute in the Feed
- $\beta_{C,A}$ Selectivity
- ϵ Extraction Factor
- Y_{aE} Activity Coefficient of Carrier Liquid in Extract
- Y_{aR} Activity Coefficient of Carrier Liq in Raffinate
- Y_{cE} Activity Coefficient of Solute in Extract
- Y_{cR} Activity Coefficient of Solute in Raffinate



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