

Important Formulas in Gas Absorption & Stripping PDF



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with Units

List of 24 Important Formulas in Gas Absorption & Stripping

1) Absorption Factor Formula ↻

Formula

$$A = \frac{L_s}{\alpha \cdot G_s}$$

Example with Units

$$1.7037 = \frac{23 \text{ mol/s}}{1.5 \cdot 9 \text{ mol/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2) Absorption Factor given Stripping Factor Formula ↻

Formula

$$A = \frac{1}{S}$$

Example

$$0.7143 = \frac{1}{1.4}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

3) Corrected Murphree Efficiency Percentage for Liquid Entrainment Formula ↻

Formula

$$E_{MGE} = \left(\frac{\frac{E_{MG}}{100}}{1 + \left(\left(\frac{E_{MG}}{100} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{E}{1-E} \right) \right)} \right) \cdot 100$$

Example

$$55.914 = \left(\frac{\frac{65}{100}}{1 + \left(\left(\frac{65}{100} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{0.2}{1-0.2} \right) \right)} \right) \cdot 100$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

4) Gas Flowrate for Absorption Column on Solute Free Basis Formula ↻

Formula

$$G_s = \frac{L_s}{\frac{Y_{N+1} - Y_1}{X_N - X_0}}$$

Example with Units

$$9.5319 \text{ mol/s} = \frac{23 \text{ mol/s}}{0.8 - 0.1} \cdot 0.0099$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



5) Gas Flowrate on Solute Free Basis for Inlet Conditions by Mole Fraction Formula

Formula

$$G_s = G_{N+1} \cdot (1 - y_{N+1})$$

Example with Units

$$18.9 \text{ mol/s} = 27 \text{ mol/s} \cdot (1 - 0.3)$$

Evaluate Formula 

6) Gas Flowrate on Solute Free Basis for Inlet Conditions by Solute Free Mole Fraction Formula

Formula

$$G_s = \frac{G_{N+1}}{1 + Y_{N+1}}$$

Example with Units

$$15 \text{ mol/s} = \frac{27 \text{ mol/s}}{1 + 0.8}$$

Evaluate Formula 

7) Liquid Flowrate for Absorption Column on Solute Free basis Formula

Formula

$$L_s = G_s \cdot \frac{Y_{N+1} - Y_1}{X_N - X_0}$$

Example with Units

$$21.7166 \text{ mol/s} = 9 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \frac{0.8 - 0.1}{0.3 - 0.0099}$$

Evaluate Formula 

8) Liquid Flowrate on Solute Free Basis for Inlet Conditions by Solute Free Mole Fraction Formula

Formula

$$L_s = \frac{L_0}{1 + X_0}$$

Example with Units

$$24.7549 \text{ mol/s} = \frac{25 \text{ mol/s}}{1 + 0.0099}$$

Evaluate Formula 

9) Liquid Flowrate on Solute Free Basis for Inlet Conditions using Mole Fraction Formula

Formula

$$L_s = L_0 \cdot (1 - x_1)$$

Example with Units

$$23.75 \text{ mol/s} = 25 \text{ mol/s} \cdot (1 - 0.05)$$

Evaluate Formula 

10) Maximum Gas Rate for Absorption Column Formula

Formula

$$G_{s\max} = \frac{L_s}{\frac{Y_{N+1} - Y_1}{\left(\frac{Y_{N+1}}{\alpha}\right) - X_0}}$$

Example with Units

$$17.1985 \text{ mol/s} = \frac{23 \text{ mol/s}}{\left(\frac{0.8}{1.5}\right) - 0.0099}$$

Evaluate Formula 

11) Minimum Liquid Rate for Absorption Column Formula

Formula

$$L_{s\min} = G_s \cdot \frac{Y_{N+1} - Y_1}{\left(\frac{Y_{N+1}}{\alpha}\right) - X_0}$$

Example with Units

$$12.0359 \text{ mol/s} = 9 \text{ mol/s} \cdot \frac{0.8 - 0.1}{\left(\frac{0.8}{1.5}\right) - 0.0099}$$

Evaluate Formula 



12) Minimum Operating Line Slope for Absorption Column Formula

Formula

$$LsGs_{\min} = \frac{Y_{N+1} - Y_1}{\left(\frac{Y_{N+1}}{\alpha}\right) - X_0}$$

Example

$$1.3373 = \frac{0.8 - 0.1}{\left(\frac{0.8}{1.5}\right) - 0.0099}$$

Evaluate Formula 

13) Murphree Efficiency of Absorption Operation Based on Point Efficiency for Plug Flow Formula

Formula

$$E_{MG} = \left(A \cdot \left(\exp\left(\frac{E_{OG}}{A \cdot 100}\right) - 1 \right) \right) \cdot 100$$

Example

$$90.9983 = \left(2 \cdot \left(\exp\left(\frac{75}{2 \cdot 100}\right) - 1 \right) \right) \cdot 100$$

Evaluate Formula 

14) Murphree Tray Efficiency of Absorption Operation Formula

Formula

$$E_{MG} = \left(\frac{y_n - y_{n+1}}{y_n^* - y_{n+1}} \right) \cdot 100$$

Example

$$53.5 = \left(\frac{0.557 - 0.45}{0.65 - 0.45} \right) \cdot 100$$

Evaluate Formula 

15) Number of Absorption Stages by Kremser Equation Formula

Formula

$$N = \log_{10} \frac{\left(\frac{Y_{N+1} - (\alpha \cdot X_0)}{Y_1 - (\alpha \cdot X_0)} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{A} \right) \right) + \left(\frac{1}{A} \right)}{\log_{10}(A)}$$

Example

$$2.3534 = \log_{10} \frac{\left(\frac{0.8 - (1.5 \cdot 0.0099)}{0.1 - (1.5 \cdot 0.0099)} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}{\log_{10}(2)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

16) Number of Stages for Absorption Factor Equal to 1 Formula

Formula

$$N = \frac{Y_{N+1} - Y_1}{Y_1 - (\alpha \cdot X_0)}$$

Example

$$8.2208 = \frac{0.8 - 0.1}{0.1 - (1.5 \cdot 0.0099)}$$

Evaluate Formula 



17) Number of Stripping Stages by Kremser Equation Formula

Formula

$$N = \frac{\log_{10} \left(\frac{X_{0(\text{Stripping})} - \left(\frac{Y_{N+1(\text{Stripping})}}{\alpha} \right)}{X_{N(\text{Stripping})} - \left(\frac{Y_{N+1(\text{Stripping})}}{\alpha} \right)} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{S} \right) \right) + \left(\frac{1}{S} \right)}{\log_{10}(S)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example

$$6.0205 = \frac{\log_{10} \left(\frac{0.225 - \left(\frac{0.001}{1.5} \right)}{0.01 - \left(\frac{0.001}{1.5} \right)} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{1.4} \right) \right) + \left(\frac{1}{1.4} \right)}{\log_{10}(1.4)}$$

18) Operating Line Slope for Absorption Column Formula

Formula

$$LG_{\text{ratio}} = \frac{Y_{N+1} - Y_1}{X_N - X_0}$$

Example

$$2.413 = \frac{0.8 - 0.1}{0.3 - 0.0099}$$

Evaluate Formula 

19) Overall Tray Efficiency for Absorption Column given Murphree Efficiency Formula

Formula

$$E_O = \left(\frac{\ln \left(1 + \left(\frac{E_{MG}}{100} \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{1}{A} \right) - 1 \right) \right)}{\ln \left(\frac{1}{A} \right)} \right) \cdot 100$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example

$$56.7041 = \left(\frac{\ln \left(1 + \left(\frac{65}{100} \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - 1 \right) \right)}{\ln \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)} \right) \cdot 100$$

20) Point Efficiency of Absorption Operation Formula

Formula

$$E_{OG} = \left(\frac{Y_{N, \text{Local}} - Y_{N+1, \text{Local}}}{Y_{\text{local, eqm}} - Y_{N+1, \text{Local}}} \right) \cdot 100$$

Example

$$75 = \left(\frac{0.35 - 0.41}{0.33 - 0.41} \right) \cdot 100$$

Evaluate Formula 

21) Solute Free Mole Fraction of Gas in Inlet based on Mole Fraction Formula

Formula

$$Y_{N+1} = \frac{Y_{N+1}}{1 - Y_{N+1}}$$

Example

$$0.4286 = \frac{0.3}{1 - 0.3}$$

Evaluate Formula 



22) Solute Free Mole Fraction of Liquid in Inlet based on Mole Fraction Formula

Formula

$$X_0 = \frac{x_1}{1 - x_1}$$

Example

$$0.0526 = \frac{0.05}{1 - 0.05}$$

Evaluate Formula 

23) Stripping Factor Formula

Formula

$$S = \frac{\alpha \cdot G_s(\text{Stripping})}{L_s(\text{Stripping})}$$

Example with Units

$$1.3948 = \frac{1.5 \cdot 25.2 \text{ mol/s}}{27.1 \text{ mol/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

24) Stripping Factor given Absorption Factor Formula

Formula

$$S = \frac{1}{A}$$

Example

$$0.5 = \frac{1}{2}$$


Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Important Formulas in Gas Absorption & Stripping above

- **A** Absorption Factor
- **E** Fractional Entrainment
- **E_{MG}** Murphree Efficiency of Absorption Column
- **E_{MGE}** Corrected Murphree Efficiency for Absorption
- **E_O** Overall Tray Efficiency of Absorption Column
- **E_{OG}** Point Efficiency of Absorption Column in Percent
- **G_{N+1}** Inlet Gas Flowrate (Mole per Second)
- **G_S** Gas Flowrate on Solute Free Basis (Mole per Second)
- **G_S(Stripping)** Gas Flowrate on Solute Free Basis for Stripping (Mole per Second)
- **G_{Smax}** Maximum Gas Flowrate on Solute Free Basis (Mole per Second)
- **L₀** Inlet Liquid Flowrate (Mole per Second)
- **L_S** Liquid Flowrate on Solute Free Basis (Mole per Second)
- **L_S(Stripping)** Liquid Flowrate on Solute Free Basis for Stripping (Mole per Second)
- **L_{Smin}** Minimum Liquid Flowrate on Solute Free Basis (Mole per Second)
- **L_{Gratio}** Operating Line Slope of Absorption Column
- **L_SG_{Smin}** Minimum Operating Line Slope of Absorption Column
- **N** Number of Stages
- **S** Stripping Factor
- **X₀** Solute Free Mole Fraction of Liquid in Inlet
- **X₀(Stripping)** Solute Free Mole Frac of Liquid in Stripping Inlet
- **x₁** Liquid Inlet Mole Fraction
- **X_N** Solute Free Mole Fraction of Liquid in Outlet

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Important Formulas in Gas Absorption & Stripping above

- **Functions: exp**, exp(Number)
n an exponential function, the value of the function changes by a constant factor for every unit change in the independent variable.
- **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: 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.
- **Measurement: Molar Flow Rate** in Mole per Second (mol/s)
Molar Flow Rate Unit Conversion 




- $X_{N(\text{Stripping})}$ Solute Free Mole Frac of Liquid in Stripping Out
- Y_1 Solute Free Mole Fraction of Gas in Outlet
- $y_{\text{local, eqm}}$ Local Eqm Mole Fraction of Vapor on Nth Plate
- y_n Average Mole Fraction of Vapour on Nth Plate
- $Y_{N, \text{Local}}$ Local Mole Fraction of Vapor Leaving Nth Plate
- y_{n+1} Average Mole Fraction of Vapour at N+1 Plate
- y_{N+1} Gas Inlet Mole Fraction
- Y_{N+1} Solute Free Mole Fraction of Gas in Inlet
- $Y_{N+1(\text{Stripping})}$ Solute Free Mole Frac of Gas in Stripping Inlet
- $Y_{N+1, \text{Local}}$ Local Mole Fraction of Vapor Entering Nth Plate
- y_n^* Average Mole Fraction at Equilibrium on Nth Plate
- α Equilibrium Constant for Mass Transfer



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