

2F52: Instrumental Analytical Chemistry

Important Formula Sheet

Topic 1: Principles

Error in Sampling

$$\sigma_{total} = \sqrt{\sigma_{sampling}^2 + \sigma_{method}^2}$$

Single Standard (External)

$$Concentration_{Unknown} = \frac{Response_{Unknown}}{Response_{Known}} \times Concentration_{Known}$$

Internal Standard

$$\frac{\text{concentration ratio } \left(\frac{X}{S}\right) \text{ in unknown}}{\text{concentration ratio in standard mixture}} = \frac{\text{signal ratio } \left(\frac{X}{S}\right) \text{ in unknown}}{\text{signal ratio in standard solution}}$$

Shot Noise

$$I_{shot}(rms) = \sqrt{2eI\Delta f}$$

Thermal Noise

$$V_{thermal}(rms) = \sqrt{4kTR\Delta f}$$

Flicker Noise

$$V_{flicker}(rms) = \sqrt{\frac{KI^2}{f}}$$

Noise Reduction

$$\frac{\left(\frac{S}{N}\right)_{T1}}{\left(\frac{S}{N}\right)_{T2}} = \sqrt{\frac{T2}{T1}}$$

Signal to Noise Ratio

$$\frac{S}{N} = \frac{\text{average signal amplitude}}{\text{average noise amplitude}}$$

When noise has a sign

$$\frac{S}{N} = \frac{\text{average signal amplitude}}{\text{root mean square (rms) noise amplitude}}$$

Topic 2: Absorption & Fluorescence

Beer-Lambert Law

$$A = \log_{10} \left(\frac{I_0}{I} \right) = \epsilon c l$$

Linear Reciprocal Dispersion

$$D^{-1} = \frac{d\lambda}{dx}$$

Dispersion

$$D = f \left(\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} \right)$$

Resolution

$$R = \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{d\lambda}$$

$$R \propto w^{-1} \left(\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} \right)$$

F/number

$$f/number = \frac{f_c}{d_c}$$

Fluorescence

$$I_f = \Phi_f I_0 \times 2.303 \epsilon c l$$

Fluorescence Lifetimes

$$I_t = I_0 e^{-\left(\frac{t}{\tau_f}\right)}$$

Topic 3: Electroanalytical Chemistry

Nernst Equation

$$E_{ISE} = Cell_{constant} + \frac{2.303RT}{jF} \log[X]_{sample}$$

$$E_{ISE} = Cell_{constant} + \frac{0.059}{j} \log[X]_{sample} \text{ at } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

Amperometrics

$$E = E^0 + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left(\frac{[O]}{[R]} \right)$$

$$[R] = \frac{100}{\left(1 + e^{\left(\frac{nF}{RT}(E-E^0) \right)} \right)}$$

Step Voltammetry

$$\text{concentration gradient} = \frac{C^{bulk} - C^{at electrode surface}}{\text{distance}}$$

Cottrell Equation

$$|i(t)| = \frac{nFAC_0^{bulk}D_0^{1/2}}{\pi^{1/2}t^{1/2}}$$

$$|i| = nFAk_{het}(E)C_{analyte} \text{ at electrode surface}$$

Cyclic Voltammetry

Reversibility

$$\frac{i_p^a}{i_p^c} = 1$$

Reduction Potential

$$E^0 = \frac{E_p^a + E_p^c}{2}$$

Electron Stoichiometry

$$n = \frac{0.06 \text{ V}}{E_p^a - E_p^c} \text{ at } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

Diffusion Coefficients

$$i_p^c = -(2.69 \times 10^5) n^{3/2} A D_0^{1/2} \nu^{1/2} C_0^{bulk}$$

Topic 4: Chromatography

Plate Theory

Partition Coefficient (K)

$$K = \frac{[\text{solute}]_{\text{stationary phase}}}{[\text{solute}]_{\text{mobile phase}}}$$

Retention factor (k')

$$k' = \frac{t_r - t_0}{t_0}$$

$$k' = \frac{KV_s}{V_m}$$

Separation Factor (α)

$$\alpha = \frac{K_b}{K_a} = \frac{k'_b}{k'_a} = \frac{t_{rb} - t_0}{t_{ra} - t_0}$$

$$\alpha \geq 1$$

Plate Number (N)

$$N = 16 \left(\frac{t_r}{w} \right)^2 = 5.54 \left(\frac{t_r}{w_{0.5}} \right)^2$$

Height equivalent to a theoretical plate HETP (H)

$$H = \left(\frac{L}{N} \right)$$

Resolution (R_s)

$$R_s = 2 \left(\frac{t_{r2} - t_{r1}}{w_1 + w_2} \right) = 1.176 \left(\frac{t_{r2} - t_{r1}}{w_{0.5,1} + w_{0.5,2}} \right)$$

Van Deemter Equation

$$H = A + \frac{B}{u} + (C_s + C_m)u$$

Topic 5: Atomic Spectroscopy

Intensity

$$I = I_0 e^{-k_v l c}$$

Atomic Absorption Transmission

$$T = \frac{I}{I_0} = e^{-k_v l c}$$

Absorbance

$$A = \epsilon c l$$

Characteristic Concentration

$$Concentration_{characteristic} = 0.0044 \times \frac{\text{concentration of standard}}{\text{measured absorbance}}$$

$$\text{Log}(1/0.99) = 0.0044$$