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Q No.	Answer	Marking
		scheme
1 a A	Attempt any 3	12
1A-a	Higbie's penetration theory- Salient features:	1 mark
	1) As the time of exposure of fluid for mass transfer generally being	each
	short, development of the concentration gradient of film theory is	
	not possible.	
	2) The transfer is largely because of fresh material brought to the	
	interface by the eddies.	
	3) A process of unsteady state transfer occurs for a fixed period at the	
	freshly exposed surface.	
	4) Each fluid element (eddy) resides for the same length of time period	
	at the surface. According to this theory, the mass transfer coefficient	
	is proportional to the square	
1A-b I	Boiling point diagram	
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	and toluene. The composition of the mixtu	are is plotted on x-a	xis in terms	of 2
	mvc and temperature of the mixture is plotte	ed on y-axis.		
	The mixture represented by point A is at a to	emperature of T1 an	d contains 50	%
	benzene. When we heat the mixture it will	boil at a temperatu	ire T2, vapou	ırs
	will contain more of mvc. The vapoursat C	C is in equilibrium v	vith liquid at	В
	and thus BC is known as the tie line. If we re	heat the condensate	obtained at th	nis
	stage, it will boil at T3 and the vapours issu	uing will contain me	ore of mvc,th	us
	enrichment of benzene takes place.			
	In the process of boiling, the mixture boil	s over a temperatur	e range, so t	he
	term used is bubble point. The liquid repre	esented by any poin	nt on the low	er
	curve is at its bubble point and the lov	wer curve is called	d bubble poi	nt
	temperature curve.			
	When a mixture of vapours is cooled, at a	point condensation	starts. The fi	rst 2
	drop of liquid will have composition represe	ented by point K.W.	hile cooling t	ne
	vapour becomes richer in mvc than liquid.	The condensation sta	arts at any poi	nt
	on the upper curve. The upper curve is the de	ew point temperature	e curve.	
1A-c	Selection criteria for solvent in gas absorp	otion :		1 mark
	While selecting a particular solvent for absorber	orption operation, th	e following	each for
	properties of the solvent are considered.			any 4
	1) Gas solubility: the solubility of solute g	gas in a solvent shou	ld be high . th	ıe
	solvent selected should have a high solu	bility for the solute t	o be absorbed	I
	2) Volatility: As the gas leaving an absorp	tion unit is generally	saturated wi	īh
	the solvent, there will be a loss of the so	lvent with the gas le	aving the unit	
	operation, hence to minimize the solven	t loss , the solvent sh	ould be less	
	volatile.			
	3) Corrosive nature : the solvent should no	t be corrosive toward	ds common	
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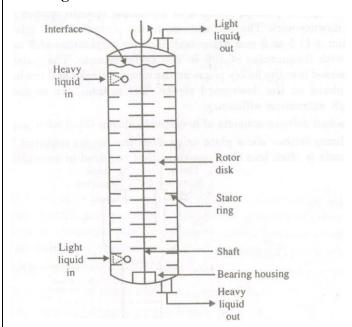
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equipment will not be too expensive.

- 4) Viscosity: the solvent should have a low viscosity for rapid absorption rates, low pumping cost and better heat transfer. The solvent should be non viscous.
- 5) Cost and availability: the solvent should be cheap and readily available
- 6) Miscellaneous: the solvent should be non-toxic, non-flammable, non-foaming, and chemically stable from a handling and storage point of view.

1A-d **Rotating disc contactor:**



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Fig,Shows rotating disk contactor for light phase dispersed. In these units,disks disperse the liquid & impel them outward towards the tower wall, where stator rings create quiet zones wherein the 2 phases can separate. Rotating disc contactor is a mechanically agitated counter current extractor agitation is brought with the help of rotating disc.



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1B 1B-a	Attempt any 1 Time of drying under constant rate period: Consider that the wet solids are to be dried by passing the hot air over them under constant drying conditions. The time of drying required to dry the	
	Time of drying under constant rate period: Consider that the wet solids are to be dried by passing the hot air over them	
1B-a	Consider that the wet solids are to be dried by passing the hot air over them	
	under constant drying conditions. The time of drying required to dry the	
	material from initial moisture to the final moisture content of solids, is the sum	
	of the time required during the falling rate period.	
	Constant rate period :	
	Let X1 be the initial moisture content of the wet solids and X ₂ be the final	
	moisture content of the wet solids during the constant rate period. Let X_C be the	
	critical moisture content of the wet solids.	
	The rate of drying is given by	
	$R = -\frac{W'}{A} \times \frac{dX}{dt} \qquad(1)$	
	$R = R_C = $ rate during constant rate period	
	$R_{\rm C} = -\frac{W'}{A} \times \frac{dX}{dt} \qquad(2)$	
	Where	
	W' = mass of dry solids in kg	
	W mass of dry solids in kg	
	A = area of drying surface in m^2	

t = time in hours (h)

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 $dt = \frac{W'}{A.RC} dX$

Rearranging Equation (2), we get, Type equation here.

Integrating Equation (3) between the limits:

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$$t = 0, X = X_1$$

and t = t, $X = X_2$, we get

$$\int_0^t dt = -\frac{W'}{ARC} \int_{X_1}^{X_2} dX \qquad -----(4)$$

$$t = -\frac{W'}{ARC} [X_2 - X_1]$$
 ----(5)

$$t = \frac{W'}{ARC} [X_1 - X_2]$$
 -----(6)

equation (6) gives the time required for drying the material from X_1 to X_2 in the constant rate period.

If the material is to be dried to the moisture content of X_C, then the time required during the entire constant rate period is given by

$$t_{\rm C} = \frac{W'}{A.RC} [X_1 - X_{\rm C}]$$
 ----(7)

1B-b

Mier's supersaturation theory:

According to Mier's theory there is a definite relationship between the conc and temp at which crystals will spontaneously formed in a pure solution. This relationship is represented by the super solubility curve which is approximately parallel tp the solubility curve. The curve AB is the solubility curve and curve PQ is the super solubility curve. The curve AB represents maximum conc of solution which can be achieved by bringing solid-solute into egm with liquid solvent. If a solution having the composition and temp indicated by point C is cooled in the direction shown by the arrow it first crosses the solubility curve AB and it is expected to start of crystallization. Actually if the process started



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	with initially unseeded solution crystal formation will not begin until the	
	solution is super cooled considerably passed the curve AB. According to Mier's	
	theory, crystallization will start in the neighbourhood of the point D and the	
	concentration of the solution then follows roughly along the curve DE. For an	
	initially unseeded solution, the curve PQ represents the limit at which	
	spontaneous nuclei formation begin and consequently, crystallization can start.	
	Covin Super solubility A B E Lamp	3
2	Attempt any 4	16
2-a	Supersaturation: It is the quantity of solute present in the solution in which	
	crystals are growing compared with the quantity of the solute that is in	
	equilibrium with the solution.	
	Different methods of obtaining super saturation(any 4)	
	i) By cooling a concentrated, hot solution trough indirect heat exchange.	1 mark
	1) By cooling a concentrated, not solution trough marreet near exemange.	
	ii) By evaporating a part of solvent/ by evaporating a solution.	
	ii) By evaporating a part of solvent/ by evaporating a solution.	
	ii) By evaporating a part of solvent/ by evaporating a solution.iii) By adiabatic evaporation and cooling.	
	ii) By evaporating a part of solvent/ by evaporating a solution.iii) By adiabatic evaporation and cooling.iv)By adding a new substance which reduces the solubility of the original	each



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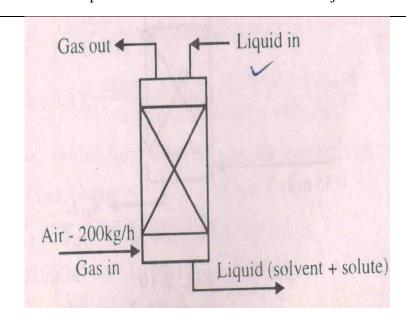
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 X_1 ' = NH3 composition at bottom = 0.006 kg of NH₃/kg of water

 X_2 ' = NH3 composition at top = 0.000013 kg of NH₃/kg of water

 $Y_1 = NH3$ composition in inlet gas to tower = 0.0084 kg of NH_3/kg of inert gas

 Y_2 = NH3 composition in outlet gas from tower = 0.0044 kg of NH₃/kg of air

L' = mass flowrate of solute free solvent in kg/hr

V'= mass flowrate of solute free gas or air in kg/hr

 $V'(Y_1-Y_2) = L'(X_1-X_2)$

200 (0.0084 - 0.0044) = L' (0.0006 - 0.000013)

L' = 1362.86 kg/hr

Mass flow rate of water = 1362.86 kg/hr

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2-е	Fick's law is the basic law of diffusion	
	Fick's law states that the flux of a diffusing component A in z direction in a	2
	binary mixture of A and B is proportional to the molar concentration gradient.	
	$J_{A} = -D_{AB}dC_{A}/dZ$	
	Where J _A - molar flux of A in z direction	
	C _A – concentration of A	
	dC _A /dZ – concentration gradient in z direction	2
	D _{AB} – proportionality constant, diffusion coefficient	
	Z – distance in the direction of diffusion	
2-f	1.0 0.8 0.6 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0	4
	q = 1 (saturated liquid)	
	0 < q < 1 (mix of liquid and vapour)	



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	q = 0 (saturated vapour)	
	q < 0 (superheated vapour)	
3	Attempt any 2	16
3-a	Relative volatility $\alpha = P_A^0 / P_B^0$	1
	$\alpha = 101.3 / 16.1 = 6.29$	
	Similarly $\alpha = 5.91, 5.32, 4.91, 4.59$ and 4.5	
	Average $\alpha = 5.25$	2
	$y = \alpha y/1 \pm (\alpha + 1)y$	
	$y=\alpha x/1+(\alpha-1)x$	
	empirical relation is $y=5.25 x / 1+4.25 x$	2
	calculate y for different values of x=0, 0.1,0.21	
	x 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1	
	y 0 0.37 0.57 0.69 0.78 0.84 0.89 0.92 0.95 0.98 1	2
		4
	Plot x-y diagram with x on x axis and y on y axis	1
3-b	Basis: 100 kmol feed	
	$D=60, W=40 x_F=0.4$	1
	Plot 1/(y-x) vs x	1
	Ln(F/W) = li(100/40) = 0.916	1
	From the graph measure the area under curve from x_F =0.4 till area equals 0.916	2
	and the corresponding value of x is noted as x_W .	2
	$\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{W}} = 0.07$	1
	$Fx_F = Dx_D = Wx_W$ $100*0.4 = 60*x_D + 40*0.07$	1
	Solving the equation $\mathbf{x}_D = 0.62$	2
	borving the equation Ap - 0.02	



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	Composition of distillate = 62%		
	Composition of residue = 7%		
3-с	Basis: 1kmol of feed.		
	X_F = mole fraction of hexane in the feed = $50/100=0.5$	1	
	Feed is 50 mole% vaporized		
	f= 50/100=0.5	1	
	The operating line for flash distillation is		
	Y=-((1-f)/f)X+XF/f	1	
	Slope= $-(1-f)/f = -(1-0.5)/0.5 = -1$	1	
	The point of intersection of the operating line with the diagonal is $(0.5,0.5)$.		
	Draw the equilibrium curve and draw the operating line with the slope to -1	2	
	passing through (0.5,0.5) on the diagonal. It intersects the equilibrium curve at		
	P which gives us the equilibrium liquid and vapour compositions as 0.3 and	2	
	0.69 mole fraction hexane respectively.		
	liquid compositions = 0.3		
	vapour compositions = 0.69		
4 A	Attempt any 3		12
4A-a	Equation for steady state equimolar counter diffusion for gases:		
	$N_A = D_{AB} / RTZ (P_{A1} - P_{A2})$		2
	Where $N_A = \text{molar flux of } A$		
	$D_{AB} = Diffusivity of A in B$		
	R = Universal gas constant		
	T = absolute temperature		2
	Z = distance through which diffusion occurs		
	P_{A1} = partial pressure of A at beginning of diffusion		
	P_{A2} = partial pressure of A at end of diffusion		



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-b	Differentiate between distillation and extraction		
	Distillation	Extraction	each for
	Constituents of liquid mixture are	Constituents of liquid mixture are	any 4
	separated by using thermal energy	separated by using insoluble liquid	
		solvent	
	It utilizes the difference in vapour	It utilizes the difference in	
	pressure of the components to effect	solubilities of the components to	
	separation	effect separation	
	Relative volatility is used as a	Selectivity is used as a measure of	
	measure of degree of separation	degree of separation	
	A new phase is created by addition of	A new insoluble liquid phase is	
	heat	created by addition of solvent to feed	
	Gives almost pure product	Doesn't give pure product	
	Requires thermal energy	Requires mechanical energy for	
		mixing and separation	
	Needs heating and cooling provisions	Doesn't need heating and cooling	
		provisions	
	Primary choice for separation	secondary choice for separation	
	3 stage mixer-settler:		4



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4B 4B-a	humidity decreases (i.e gas becomes more unsaturated) and thus increase a driving force (i.e the concentration difference of moisture between the solid and gas) and so the rate of drying increases. Attempt any 1 Swenson-walker Crystallizer:	6
	increase a driving force (i.e the concentration difference of moisture between the solid and gas) and so the rate of drying increases. Attempt any 1	6
4B	increase a driving force (i.e the concentration difference of moisture between the solid and gas) and so the rate of drying increases.	6
	increase a driving force (i.e the concentration difference of moisture	
	humidity decreases (i.e gas becomes more unsaturated) and thus	
	i) remperature. If the temperature of the gas is increased it is relative	
	4) Temperature : If the temperature of the gas is increased' it's relative	
	3) Area of drying surface : If the area of the wet surface exposed to the gas or air is more, the rate of drying will also be more.	
	rate of drying.	
	2) Humidity of gas : Lesser the relative humidity, the more will be the	
	drying will also be high.	
	1) Gas Velocity: When the velocity of the gas or air is high the rate of	each
4A-d	Factors on which the rate of drying depends:	1 mark
	Final extract Solvént Final raffinate M - Mixer S - Settler Mixer settler battery for counter current extraction	



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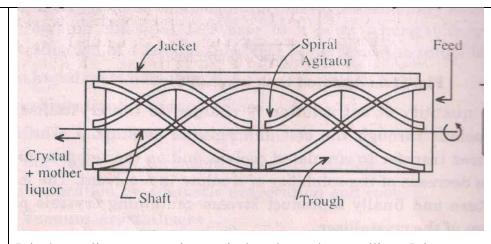
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It is the cooling type continuous jacketed trough crystallizer. It is an example of scrapped surface crystallizer.

Construction:

It consists of a long open rectangular trough with a semi cylindrical bottom that is u shaped trough, of width 0.6m and length 3-6m. The trough is jacketed externally for circulating the coolant during operation. ☐ A spiral agitator rotating at about 7 rpm is incorporated in the trough in such a way that it is as close to the bottom of the trough as possible. It helps to transport crystals from one point to another point and doesn't allow crystals to settle at the bottom. At one end of the crystallizer an inlet foe hot solution isprovided.an at the other end, an over flow gate for the crystals and mother liquor discharge is provided, The function of spiral agitator include to scrap crystal, to lift and shower the crystal of uniform size, and to convey crystal from one end to the other end of equipment.

Working:

The hot concentrated solution is fed at one end of the open trough and flows slowly towards the other end of trough. Water is fed to the jacket in such a way that it flows in a counter current fashion with respect to the solution.

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The solution while flowing trough the trough is cooled by heat transfer to water. Once the solution becomes super saturated crystals starts forming and building. A spiral agitater keeps the crystal in suspension so that previously formed crystal grow instead of formation of new crystal. Ultimately the two phase mixture of crystal an liquor leaves the crystallizer through an overflow gate.

rate

4.B b Rate of drying curve :

of drying

Internal movement of moisture

controls

Falling Warming up period period Constant rate period Unsaturated surface drying

Typical rate of drying curve under constant drying conditions

Rate of drying curve is plotted with rate of drying on y-axis and moist. Content on x-axis.

Moisture content -

Section AB of the curve represents the warning up period during which this temperature of the solid is becoming equal to the temperature of drying air. BC is straight line that to x=axis in presenting constant rate of drying during which the layers of water on the surface of solid is being evaporated. The section CE of the curve represents the falling rate period composing of first falling rate period CD and second falling rate period DE from point C onwards some dry patches have started forming on the surface of the solid. The rate of drying decreases for the unsaturated portion and hence rate for total surface

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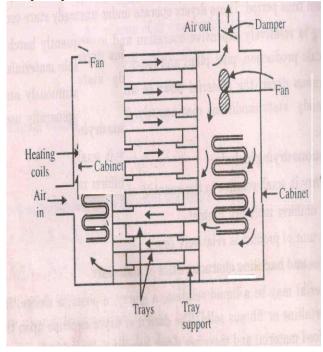
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portion and hence rate for total surface decreases. The section CD of the curve represents the period corresponding to the zone of unsaturated surface drying the moisture content at which constant rate period ends is known as critical moisture content. After point D, the surface of the solid is completely dry and now internal movement of moistures starts coming to the surface and this is continued up to the point E, where eqm. Is attained the rate of drying over section DE is governed by the internal moisture movement.

5 Attempt any4 16

5-a **Tray Dryer:**



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Working:

The material to be dried is spread over the trays and put into the cabinet then it is closed.

Steam is continuously passed through the coil and the fan is started. Air is



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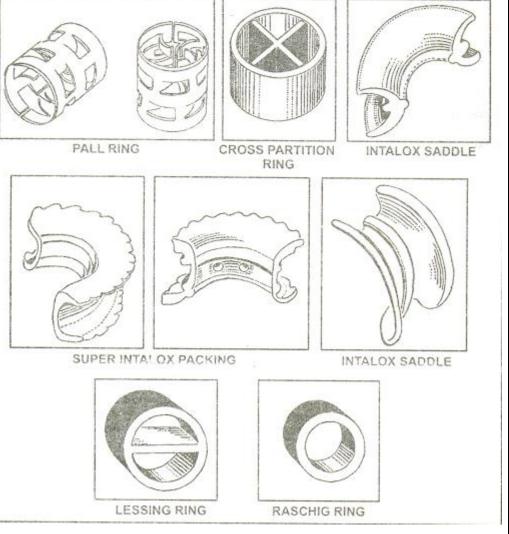
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heated by heating coils, so its relative humidity decreases and the hot air then passes over the trays.

The moisture is evaporated from the wet feed, gets added in air and finally air leaves the dryer through the outlet. The process is continued until the solids are dried.

5-b Types of packings (any four)

1 mark
each





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5-c	Selection criteria for solvent selection in liquid-liquid extraction:	½ mark
	1. Selectivity: The ratio of concentration ratio of solute to feed solvent in	each for
	extract phase to that in raffinate phase is called selectivity factor. It is	any 8
	the measure of effectiveness of solvent for separating the constituents.	
	2. Recoverability: As solvent should be recovered for reuse frequently by	
	distillation, it should not form an azeotrope with extracted solute and for	
	low cost recovery, relative volatility should be high.	
	3. Distribution coefficient: Higher values are desirable as less solvent	
	will then be required for given extraction duty.	
	4. Density: The difference in densities of saturated liquid phases should be	
	larger for physical separation.	
	5. Insolubility of solvent: The solvent insoluble in original liquid solvent	
	should be preferred and it should have high solubility for solute to be	
	extracted, then small amounts of solvent are required.	
	6. Chemical Stability: The solvent should be stable chemically and inert	
	towards other components and should not be corrosive.	
	7. Cost: The solvent should be cheap.	
	8. The solvent should be non toxic, non flammable.	
	9. Solvent should have low viscosity, freezing point, vapor pressure for	
	ease in handling and storage.	
	10. Interfacial tension: It should be high for coalescence of emulsions to	
	occur more readily, as the same is of greater importance than dispersion.	
5-d	Optimum reflux ratio is an economic approach:	3
	Infinite reflux ratio requiring minimum number of plates and minimum reflux	
	ratio requiring infinite number of plates is a workable system which requires	
	finite stages for the desired degree of separation. At minimum reflux ratio as	
	infinite number of plates are required, the fixed cost is also infinite while the	
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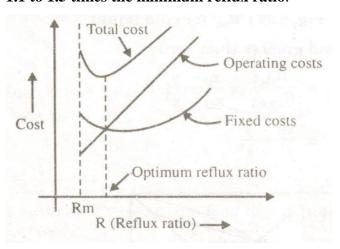
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cost of heat supply to the reboiler and condenser coolant is minimum. As the reflux ratio is increased, the number of plates decreases and the fixed cost decreases at first, passes through a minimum and then increases as with higher reflux ratio the diameter of the column and sizes of reboiler and condenser increases. The operating cost increases continuously with reflux ratio as it is directly proportional to (R + 1). At total reflux, though the number of plates are minimum, the cost of heat supply to reboiler and condenser coolant is maximum and also large capacity Reboiler and condenser are needed. The total cost which is the sum of the fixed cost and the operating cost also decreases to a minimum and then increases with reflux ratio. The optimum reflux ratio occurs at a point where the sum of the fixed cost and operating cost is minimum. As a rough approximation, the optimum reflux ratio usually lies in the range of 1.1 to 1.5 times the minimum reflux ratio.



5-e BUBBLE CAP TRAYS

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A bubble cap tray has riser or chimney fitted over each hole, and a cap that covers the riser. The cap is mounted so that there is a space between riser and cap to allow the passage of vapour. Vapour rises through the chimney and is directed downward by the cap, finally discharging through slots in the cap, and



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	finally bubbling through the liquid on the tray.				
	SIEVE TRAYS				
	Sieve trays are simply metal plates with holes in them. Vapour passes straight upward through the liquid on the plate. The arrangement, number and size of the holes are design parameters.				
	VALVE TRAYS				
	In valve trays, perforations are covered by liftable caps. Vapour flows lifts the caps, thus self creating a flow area for the passage of vapour. The lifting cap directs the vapour to flow horizontally into the liquid, thus providing better mixing than is possible in sieve trays.				
5-f	$y=\alpha x/1+(\alpha-1)x$	1			
	$\alpha = 2.5$				
	calculate y for different values of x=0, 0.1,0.21				
	x 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1 y 0 0.22 0.38 0.52 0.62 0.71 0.79 0.85 0.91 0.96 1 5 5 4 0.52 0.62 0.71 0.79 0.85 0.91 0.96 1	3			
6	Attempt any 2	16			
6-a	Stepwise procedure to obtain theoretical plates by McCabe Thiele method:	8			
	1. By material balance, evaluate the terms D,W,F				



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- 2. Draw the equilibrium curve and diagonal with the help of x-y data.
- 3. Draw the operating line of rectifying section through point(x_D, x_D) on diagonal with intercept equal to

 $x_D / (R+1)$

- 4. Draw feed line on equilibrium curve based on feed conditions.
- Draw operating line of stripping section through
 (x_W, x_W) on diagonal and point of intersection of feed line and rectifying section line.
- 6. Starting from (x_D,x_D) on diagonal, draw a horizontal line to meet the equilibrium curve, drop a vertical to meet the operating line.
- 7. Proceed this way, constructing the triangles between equilibrium curve and operating line of rectifying section, till we are above the point of intersection. Once we cross this point of intersection, construct the triangles between equilibrium curve and operating line of the stripping section
- 8. Proceed in the same manner till we reach across the point (x_W, x_W)
- 9. Count the number of triangles between x_D and x_W . Each triangle represents a theoretical plate.

If numbers of triangles are n, then (n-1) represents the number of theoretical plates in the column.



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	Reason: relativly cheap,			
	low maintainance cost,			1
	no loss of product during drying,			
	Easy in cleaning.			
6-c	Hydrodynamics / pressure drop characteris	stics in packed co	lumn:	
	In a packed column there are two flows flowir	ng in counter curre	nt direction.	
	Liquid fed at the top of column flows down th	e column through	the void spac	ees 2
	in the packings, the same time gas mixture is f	forced up through	the void space	es
	by using a blower or a compressor. To maintain	in flow of gas, pre	ssure at the to	op
	must be less than that at the bottom. In packed	column as same c	channels are	
	available for liquid down flow & gas up flow,	the gas pressure d	rop is a	
	function of both phase flow rates & is importa	nt in design of pac	ked column.	
	The variation of pressure drop with gas v	elocity is plotted o	on log-log gra	.ph
	as shown in fig.			
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	Log ΔP Dry Packin Wet Packing	Flooding Po		
	Log Vg			
	In case of dry packing, the relationship between	en pr.drop and gas	velocity is	
	represented by a straight line indicating that pr		-	
	$G^{1.8-2}$. For wet packing, the relationship is indi	cated by straight l	ine, but for a	



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given velocity, pressure drop will be more than that for dry packing.

With the liquid flow down the tower at low and moderate gas velocities, pr.drop is proportional to 1.8^{th} power of gas velocity. Up to point X the amount of liquid held up in packing is constant. At point X the gas flow begins to impede the down flow of liquid and local accumulation of liquid appears here and there in packings.

As the gas velocity increases further liquid hold up progressively increases due to which free area for gas flow becomes smaller and pressure drop rises much more quickly. At gas flow rates beyond Y, pr.drop rises very steeply. At point Y, entrainment of liquid by gas leaving the top of tower increases and tower is then said to be flooded. The gas velocity corresponding to the flooding conditions is called as flooding velocity.