

**Homework #5: Due Fri., Nov. 3**

1. For a hypothetical molecule in gas phase with **molar mass = 70.0 g/mol**, and **collision diameter  $d = 5.50 \text{ \AA}$**  at a temperature of 300 K:

- (a) calculate the root mean square molecular speed ( $v_{\text{rms}}$ ). c
- (b) calculate the number of molecules per  $\text{m}^3$  at 1 bar pressure.
- (c) calculate  $\sigma$ , the collision cross section =  $\pi d^2$  in  $\text{m}^2$ .
- (d) estimate the number of collisions *per molecule* by multiplying the together the 3 numbers found in a-c. Compare with the “rule of thumb” number of  $10^{10}$  collisions per second per molecule, which comes from  $\text{N}_2$  gas, and explain any *major* difference you find.
- (e) Find the 3-dimensional root mean displacement in cm after **1000** seconds using Eqn. 8.6.
- (f) Using equation **8.12b** (page 271), determine the 3D diffusion coefficient,  $D$ , in  $\text{cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$  **and** in  $\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ .

2. (a) Calculate the sedimentation coefficient in seconds, and in Svedbergs for a small piece of dust that fell off a ceiling in a quiet room and was observed to fall at a steady speed of 1 millimeter per second.

(b) Assuming a mass of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  g, what is the frictional coefficient of the piece of dust in (a)? Assume the altitude is sea level.

3. Suppose a virus particle with a molecular weight of  $3 \times 10^8$  g/mol was moving in an ultra centrifuge at an acceleration of  $2.0 \times 10^5$  times that of earth's gravity (200,000 g's) at a speed of 0.50 cm/hr, and its partial specific volume is  $0.77 \text{ cm}^3\text{g}^{-1}$  at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ .

- (a) what is the diffusion coefficient?
- (b) what is the frictional coefficient?

4. If for a certain protein molecule,  $s_{20,w}^0 = 20.0 \text{ S}$ ,  $D_{20,w}^0 = 5.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ , and the partial specific volume is 0.765 ml/g, calculate the molecular weight in **g/mol**. (assuming the density of water is, 1.000 g/ml)

5. What are the ratios of sedimentation coefficients,  $s_A/s_B$ , diffusion coefficients,  $D_A/D_B$ , and electrophoretic mobilities,  $\mu_A/\mu_B$  for proteins A and B if: the  **$f_A = 3f_B$** ,  **$q_A = 0.25q_B$** , and  **$m_A = 0.5m_B$** .

6. (a) Fill in the following table for a peptide with 1 histidine, 1 aspartic acid, 1 glutamic acid, 1 lysine, and one arginine when the **pH = 6**. Calculate the charges to **2 significant figures**.

(b) Toward which electrode will the peptide move at **pH 6**, positive, negative, or not possible to be sure with 2 significant figures?

<u>Amino acid</u>	<u>pK<sub>a</sub></u>	<u>Charge when protonated</u>	<u>Charge at pH 6</u>
Histidine	6	_____	_____
Aspartic acid	4	_____	_____
Aspartic acid	4	_____	_____
Arginine	11	_____	_____
Lysine	10	_____	_____
Amino at N-terminus	10	_____	_____
Carboxylic acid at C-terminus	3	_____	_____
<b>Total Charge =</b>			_____

7. A certain protein consists of 2 chains held together by non-covalent interactions. Chain **A contains 100 amino acids** whose charged side chains are predominately **lysine and arginine**. Chain **B contains 200 amino acids** whose charged side chains are predominately **aspartic acid and glutamic acid**.

(a) In an SDS PAGE gel electrophoresis, what will be the ratio of forces on the two chains: **(force on A)/(force on B) ?**

(b) Which chain (A or B) will have the larger frictional coefficient?

(c) Draw a rough picture of the 2D gel electrophoresis pattern expected for this protein, in which the pH gradient in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage decreases from 11 to 2 going from left to right, with the positive electrode on the right, and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, the positive electrode is at the bottom of the gel.

**Reading Guide** for Chapters 5 and 8

Chap. 5 pp 155-56: skip derivations but **know Eqn 5.17** and **understand Fig. 5.3** qualitatively;

Chap. 8 pp 264-276: **Know Eqns. 8.6, 8.8, 8.9, 8.12a,b, 8.21, 8.22**

Sedimentation: pp 278-285: Know how to use **eqns. 8.31, 8.32, 8.34, 8.42**

Viscosity: skim pp 285-286.

Electrophoresis: pp 286-295: **know Eqn. 8.50**