

HOMEWORK #5



Homework #5: Due Mon., Nov. 5 (updated Tue Oct30 10:30 am)

1. For a gas of Buckminster Fullerene molecules, C_{60} (shown above), with **molar mass = 720.66 g/mol**, and **collision diameter $d = 8 \text{ \AA}$** at a temperature of **300 K**:
- (a) calculate the root mean square molecular speed (v_{rms}). c
 - (b) calculate the number of molecules per m^3 at 1 bar pressure.
 - (c) calculate σ , the collision cross section $= \pi d^2$ in m^2 .
 - (d) estimate the number of collisions *per molecule* by multiplying 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 N_2 gas under these conditions, 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 cm^2s^{-1} **and** in m^2s^{-1} .

2. (a) Calculate the sedimentation coefficient in seconds, and in Svedbergs for a small rock that was observed to fall at a steady speed of 20 meters per second in earth’s gravity at sea level.

(b) Assuming a mass of 5 g, what is the frictional coefficient of the rock in (a)? Include correct units.

3. Suppose a virus particle with a molecular weight of $2 \times 10^9 \text{ g/mol}$ moves under an acceleration of 1.5×10^5 times that of earth's gravity (150,000 g's) in an ultracentrifuge at a speed of 0.30 cm/hr, and its partial specific volume is $0.80 \text{ cm}^3\text{g}^{-1}$ at $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

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

4. If for a certain protein molecule, $s_{20,w}^0 = 30.0 \text{ S}$, $D_{20,w}^0 = 9.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$, and the partial specific volume is 0.67 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, μ_A/μ_B for proteins A and B if: $f_A = 3f_B$, $q_A = 2.5 q_B$, and $m_A = 3 m_B$. (f = frictional coefficient, q = charge, and m = mass)

6. (a) Fill in the following table for a peptide with 1 histidine, 1 aspartic acid, 1 glutamic acid, 1 tyrosine, 1 lysine, and one arginine when the **pH = 4**. Calculate the charges to **2 significant figures**.

(b) Toward which electrode will the peptide move at **pH 4**, positive, negative, or not possible to be sure with 2 significant figures?

<u>Amino acid</u>	<u>pK_a</u>	<u>Charge when protonated</u>	<u>Charge at pH 4</u>
Histidine	6	_____	_____
Aspartic acid	4	_____	_____
Glutamic acid	4	_____	_____
Tyrosine	10	_____	_____
Arginine	11	_____	_____
Lysine	10	_____	_____
Amino at N-terminus	10	_____	_____
Carboxylic acid at C-terminus	3	_____	_____

Total Charge = _____

7. Consider 2 proteins. **Protein 1 contains 200** amino acids and **Protein 2 contains 50** amino acids. The charged side chains of the two proteins have only lysine and glutamate, and both proteins have the same isoelectric point = 7.0.

(a) In an SDS PAGE gel electrophoresis, what will be the ratio of forces on the two proteins:
(force on 1)/(force on 2) ?

(b) Which protein (1 or 2) will have the larger frictional coefficient?

(c) Protein 1 is known to contain more lysine than protein 2. What does this say about the amino acid content of protein 2?

Reading Guide for Chapters 5 and 8

Chap. 5 pp 155-56: skip derivations but **know how to find the Eqn. 5.17 result simply from knowing that the average translational kinetic energy = (3/2)RT and understand Fig. 5.3** qualitatively;

Chap. 8 pp 264-276: **Know Eqns. 8.6, 8.8, 8.9, 8.12a,b** (the 1 and 3 dimensional diffusion coefficients), **8.21, 8.22**

Sedimentation: pp 278-285: Know how to obtain **eqns. 8.31, 8.32, 8.34, 8.42** from:
terminal speed = force/frictional coefficient.

Viscosity: skim pp 285-286.

Electrophoresis: pp 286-295: **know how to obtain Eqn. 8.50** from terminal speed = force/frictional coefficient.