MODERN PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL METHODS OF ANALYSIS



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Chromatography is based on the differential interaction of different compounds within a sample, while they are being carried out throughout a system (the carrier is called "mobile phase"), with another phase (called stationary phase).



Key concepts in chromatography:



Sample: A sample is a portion of material selected in some manner to represent a larger body of material.

Analyte: Analyte is the chemical substance that is determined in the analytical procedure. Analytes are contained within a sample.

Mobile phase: The fluid (liquid, gas, or supercritical fluid) that flows through a chromatography system, moving the materials to be separated at different rates over the stationary phase.

Stationary phase: It is a solid or liquid which that does not move with the sample. It acts as a constraint on many of the components in a mixture, slowing them down to move slower than the mobile phase.

Chromatogram



Retention time (RT) is the time elapsed between sample introduction (beginning of the chromatogram) and the maximum signal of the given analyte at the detector. It is a measure of the time taken for an analyte to pass through a chromatography system.

Development of chromatography:

Countercurrent extraction



Countercurrent extraction refers to a serial extraction process. It separates two or more solutes with different partition coefficients from each other by a series of partitions between two immiscible liquid phases extraction. It is the same basis as in partition chromatography and each of the extraction steps would be the equivalent of a theoretical plate in chromatography.

Classification of chromatography:

Chromatography technique can be explained / **classified** into three fundamental ways:

- Based on the shape of chromatographic bed.
 - Planar chromatography
 - Column chromatography
- Based on the physical nature of the stationary and mobile phases.
 - Gas chromatography (GC)
 - Liquid chromatography (LC, HPLC, UHPLC)
 - Supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC)
- Based on the mechanism of the separation.
 - Ion- exchange
 - Affinity
 - Size exclusion



| Method | Mobile/phase | Stationary phase | Retention varies with |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Gas-liquid chromatography | Gas | Liquid | Molecular size/polarity |
| Gas-solid chromatography | Gas | Solid | Molecular size/polarity |
| Supercritical fluid chromatography | Supercritical fluid | Solid | Molecular size/polarity |
| Reversed-phase chromatography | Polar liquid | Nonpolar liquid or solid | Molecular size/polarity |
| Normal-phase chromatography | Less polar liquid | More polar liquid or solid | Molecular size/polarity |
| Ion-exchange chromatography | Polar liquid-lonic solid | Ionic solid | Molecular charge |
| Size-exclusion chromatography | Liquid | Solid | Molecular size |
| Hydrophobic interaction chromatography | Polar liquid | Nonpolar liquid or solid | Molecular size/polarity |
| Affinity chromatography | Water | Binding sites | Specific structure |

Different types of chromatography

(Will be deeply covered later on)

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Supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC):

Supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC) is a form of normal phase chromatography that uses a **supercritical fluid** such as carbon dioxide as the mobile phase. It is used for the analysis and purification of low to moderate molecular weight, thermally labile molecules and can also be used for the separation of chiral compounds. Principles are similar to those of high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), however SFC typically utilizes carbon dioxide as the mobile phase; therefore the entire chromatographic flow path must be pressurized. Because the supercritical phase represents a state in which liquid and gas properties converge, supercritical fluid chromatography is sometimes called convergence chromatography.



Ion exchange chromatography:

Ion exchange chromatography separates ions and polar molecules based on their affinity to the ion exchanger. It works on almost any kind of charged molecule, including large proteins, small nucleotides, and amino acids.

Moiety: In organic chemistry, the term moiety is used to denote a portion of a molecule. In Ion exchange chromatpography, stationary phase consist of molecules with a charged moiety.

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Size exclusion chromatography (SEC):

Size exclusion chromatography (SEC) separates molecules based on their size by filtration through a gel. The gel consists of spherical beads containing pores of a specific size distribution. Separation occurs when molecules of different sizes are included or excluded from the pores within the matrix. Small molecules diffuse into the pores and their flow through the column is retarded according to their size, while large molecules do not enter the pores and are eluted in the column's void volume. Consequently, molecules separate based on their size as they pass through the column and are eluted in order of decreasing molecular weight (MW).







Affinity chromatography:

Affinity chromatography is a separation method based on a specific binding interaction between an immobilized ligand and its binding partner. Examples include antibody/antigen, enzyme/substrate, and enzyme/inhibitor interactions.



Hydrophobic interaction chromatography (HIC):

In Hydrophobic interaction chromatography (HIC) biomolecules adsorb to a weak hydrophobic surface at high salt concentration. Elution of adsorbed molecules is achieved by decreasing the salt concentration of the mobile phase over time.



Other key concepts in chromatography:

An **eluotropic series** is listing of various compounds in order of eluting power for a given adsorbent. The "eluting power" of a solvent is largely a measure of how well the solvent can "pull" an analyte off the adsorbent to which it is attached.

A **theoretical plate** in many separation processes is a hypothetical zone or stage in which two phases, such as the liquid and vapor phases of a substance, establish an equilibrium with each other.

Resolution is a measure of the separation of two peaks of different retention time t in a chromatogram



where:

 $R_{\rm s}$ = resolution Δt = difference between retention times of peaks 1 and 2 w_2 = width of peak 2 at baseline w_1 = width of peak 1 at baseline

Other key concepts in chromatography:

For chromatography columns, **efficiency** refers to the quality of separation. Given that each peak represents a component in the sample, you're looking for how many peaks can be separated. High resolution results in narrow peaks taking up less space, meaning that more peaks can be separated



Retention Time



Column efficiency, indicated as the number of theoretical plates per column, is calculated as N = 5.54 $(t_R / w_{0.5})^2$ where t_R is the retention time of the analyte of interest and $w_{0.5}$ the width of the peak at half height

The selectivity (or separation) factor (α) is the ability of the chromatographic system to 'chemically' distinguish between sample components. It is usually measured as a ratio of the retention (capacity) factors (k) of the two peaks in question and can be visualized as the distance between the apices of the two peaks.

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Validation of analytical data



Validation of analytical data. Central Tendency

Mean/Average can be defined as the sum of all the numbers divided by the total number of values.

where:

 $\overline{x} = \text{mean}$

 $\overline{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \ldots + x_n}{n} = \frac{\sum x}{n}$ $x_1, x_2, \text{ etc.} = \text{ individually measured values } (x_i)$ n = number of measurements

$$\overline{x} = \frac{64.53 + 64.45 + 65.10 + 64.78}{4} = 64.72\%$$

Median: the midpoint or middle number within a group of numbers

Validation of analytical data. Precission and accuracy



Precision: This parameter is a measure of how reproducible or how close replicate measurements become.

Accuracy: How close a particular measure is to the true or correct value

- a. Precise and accurate
- b. Precise and non accurate
- c. Accurate and non precise
- d. Non precise and non accurate

Validation of analytical data. Standard deviation; indicators of dispersion

Standard deviation: a measure of the amount of variation or dispersion of a set of values

 $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma (x_{\rm i} - \mu)^2}{n}}$

where:

 σ = standard deviation xi = individual sample values μ = true mean n = total population of samples

However, true mean is generrally not known, thus:

SD (Standard deviation) is calculated as:

Validation of analytical data. Indicators of dispersion

The co-efficient of variation (CV) is a statistical measure of the relative dispersion of data points in a data series around the mean. It represents the ratio of the standard deviation to the mean.

Example of normal distribution





$$\% \text{CV} = \frac{0.293}{64.72} \times 100 = 0.453\%$$



Validation of analytical data. Example

| | A | D | C | U | L | 1 | U | 11 |
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| | Ret Time | O3 | 02 | 01 | Promedio | Desvest | CV | |
| 2 | 4.137 | 295059079 | 277504502 | 445823766 | 339462449 | 92528850.1 | 3.66872006 | N,N-Dimethylglycine |
| } | 5.017 | 2315560 | 2055277 | 3046185 | 2472340.67 | 513721.519 | 4.81260873 | 1H-Indole-3-acetamide |
| ŀ | 5.135 | 6881953 | 6208980 | 9148757 | 7413230 | 1540215.45 | 4.81311234 | Butane |
|) | 5.371 | 7907657 | 6837196 | 10749916 | 8498256.33 | 2022115.26 | 4.20265674 | Acetic acid |
| ; | 9.708 | 24195093 | 18120441 | 16317997 | 19544510.3 | 4127122.54 | 4.73562637 | Trimethyl phosphate |
| 7 | 9.82 | 128289476 | 115737882 | 181405039 | 141810799 | 34859195.5 | 4.06810304 | Glycerol |
| 3 | 10.519 | 3128954 | 4508963 | 3484703 | 3707540 | 716483.396 | 5.17463492 | Butanedioic acid |
|) | 12.557 | 5177189 | | 6435548 | 5806368.5 | 889794.182 | 6.52551862 | Methylsuccinic acid |
| 0 | 13.611 | 8059000 | 7316440 | 10366869 | 8580769.67 | 1590742.58 | 5.39419122 | 3,4-Dihydroxybutanoic acid |
| 1 | 15.614 | 26975890 | 16646617 | 13207013 | 18943173.3 | 7165969.7 | 2.64349057 | L-5-oxoproline |
| 2 | 18.291 | 3044469 | 2955835 | 3658212 | 3219505.33 | 382507.06 | 8.41685205 | Dodecanoic acid |
| 3 | 21.291 | 6493304 | 5553756 | 7402634 | 6483231.33 | 924480.156 | 7.01283991 | Alpha-Glycerophosphoric acid |
| 4 | 22.247 | 41981439 | 38422239 | 51925294 | 44109657.3 | 6998579.04 | 6.30265903 | D-(-)-Tagatofuranose |
| 5 | 22.418 | 100206466 | 89539687 | 131086996 | 106944383 | 21577635.8 | 4.95626046 | D-Psicofuranose |
| 6 | 23.785 | 211440842 | 189461975 | 266376743 | 222426520 | 39616716.5 | 5.61446126 | 1,3,5-Triazine |
| 7 | 23.989 | 135008895 | 119276139 | 69037992 | 107774342 | 34456617.8 | 3.12782707 | Maltose |
| 8 | 25.15 | 7481099 | 7490852 | 9855339 | 8275763.33 | 1367961.35 | 6.04970554 | Cyclohexadecane, 1,2-diethyl- |
| 9 | 25.582 | 5954604 | 6118611 | 7363904 | 6479039.67 | 770690.107 | 8.4068027 | N,N-Diethyl-butyrothioamide |
| 0 | 25.833 | 58044726 | 53960463 | 81580186 | 64528458.3 | 14907761.9 | 4.32851416 | Glucopyranose |
| 1 | 25.998 | 9604862 | 8745714 | 9583295 | 9311290.33 | 489922.163 | 19.0056524 | Hexanamide, N-hexanoyl-N-allyl- |

Validation of analytical data. Indicators of dispersion

A confidence interval is the mean of your estimate plus and minus the variation in that estimate. This is the range of values you expect your estimate to fall between if you redo your test, within a certain level of confidence. Confidence, in statistics, is another way to describe probability



Quantitation of analytical data. Calibration curve

A calibration curve is a way to identify the concentration of an unknown substance. These curves use data points of known substances at varying concentrations, and researchers or developers can use these curves to find where an unknown substance plots.



slope
$$a = \frac{\Sigma(x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{\Sigma(x_i - \overline{x})^2}$$

$$y$$
 – intercept $b = \overline{y} - a\overline{x}$

where:

 x_i and y_i = individual values \overline{x} and \overline{y} = means of the individual values

$$y = ax + b$$
 $x = \frac{y - b}{a}$

Quantitation of analytical data. Calibration curve



correlation coefficient =

$$\mathbf{r} = \frac{\Sigma(x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{\sqrt{\left[\Sigma(x_i - \overline{x})^2\right]\left[\Sigma(y_i - \overline{y})^2\right]}}$$

Coefficient of determination (r²/ R²): It provides a measure of how well observed outcomes are replicated by the mode

Quality of analytical data. LOQ and LOD

Limit of detection (LOD) $-X_{LD}^{-}$: the lowest possible amount that we can detect with some degree of confidence (or statistical significance).

 $X_{LD} = X_{Blk} + (3 \times SD_{Blk})$

$$X_{LQ} = X_{Blk} + (10 \times SD_{Blk})$$

Limit of quantification (LOQ) $-X_{LQ}$ -: the lowest possible amount that we can detect with some degree of confidence (or statistical significance).

where:

$$X_{\text{LD}}$$
 = minimum detectable concentration
 X_{Blk} = signal of a blank
 SD_{Blk} = standard deviation of the blank
readings

Quality of analytical data. Control charts

