

# Lab 5

## Viscosity



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wiki How to Measure Viscosity

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# Introduction

**Viscosity:** is an expression of the resistance to flow of a system under an applied stress. The more viscous a liquid, the greater the applied force is required to make it flow at a particular rate.

This lab is concerned with the flow properties of dilute colloidal systems and the manner in which viscosity data can be used to obtain the molecular weight of materials comprising the disperse phase. Viscosity studies also provide information regarding the shape of the particles in solution.



# Materials classify according to the type of flow and deformation into:

## 1 Newtonian.

- Examples of Newtonian system: water or any simple liquid (gelatin solution, olive oil, glycerin, castor oil, chloroform and ethyl alcohol).

## 2 Non Newtonian

- Examples of Non Newtonian system: complex liquid or systems which contain polymers (colloidal solution, emulsion, liquid suspension and ointments).

The classification depends on whether or not their flow properties are according to the Newton's law of flow.

## *Einstein equation*

$$\eta = \eta_0(1 + 2.5 \phi) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$\eta$  :is the viscosity of the dispersion.

$\eta_0$  :is the viscosity of the dispersed medium

$\phi$  :is the volume fraction of colloidal particles.

The volume fraction is defined as the volume of the particles divided by the total volume of the dispersion. It is therefore equivalent to concentration term.

$$\phi = \frac{\textit{volume of particles}}{\textit{total volume of dispersion}}$$

Several viscosity coefficients may be defined with respect to this equation. These include relative viscosity( $\eta_{rel}$ ), specific viscosity( $\eta_{sp}$ ), intrinsic viscosity( $\eta_{int}$ ) and reduced viscosity( $\eta_{red}$ )

$$\eta = \eta_0(1 + 2.5 \phi) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

divided by  $\eta_0$

$$\frac{\eta}{\eta_0} = 1 + 2.5 \phi \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\eta_{rel} = \frac{\eta}{\eta_0}$$

$$\frac{\eta}{\eta_0} - 1 = 2.5 \phi \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$\text{And } \eta_{sp} = \frac{\eta}{\eta_0} - 1$$

$$\frac{\eta_{sp}}{\phi} = 2.5 \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

Since the volume fraction is directly related to concentration.

$$\eta_{red} = \frac{\eta_{sp}}{c} \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

$\eta_{red}$  = reduced viscosity

Where C the concentration is expressed in gram of colloidal particles per 100ml of total dispersion

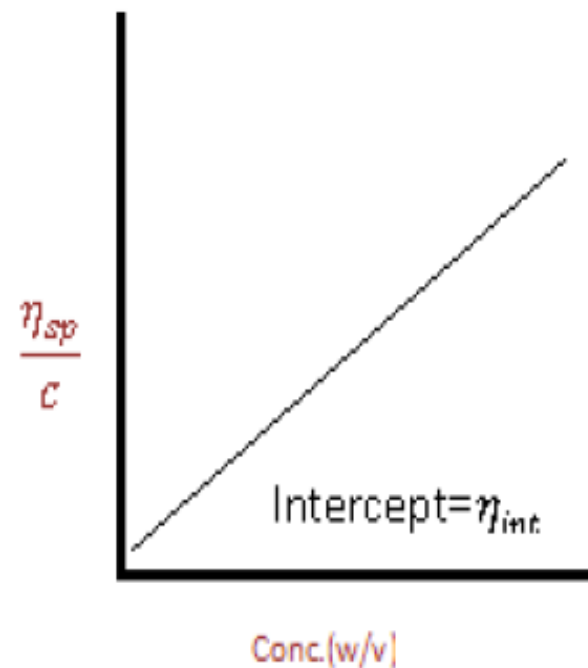
If  $\frac{\eta_{sp}}{c}$  is plotted against conc. and take the line extrapolated to infinite dilution, the intercept is known as the intrinsic viscosity ( $\eta_{int}$ ) is used to calculate the approximate molecular weights of polymers. According to Kuhn-Houwink equation:

$$\eta_{int} = K M^\alpha$$

Where K and  $\alpha$  are constant of the particular polymer-solvent system.

M = molecular weight.

$$K = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \quad \alpha = 1$$



$$\eta_{rel} = \frac{\eta}{\eta_0}$$

we have to divide by  $\eta_w$  (viscosity of water) whatever the medium

$\eta_w$  viscosity of water is equal to 1 cp.

$$\text{relative viscosity}(\eta_{rel}) = \frac{\eta}{\eta_w}$$

$$\text{specific viscosity}(\eta_{sp}) = \eta_{rel} - 1$$

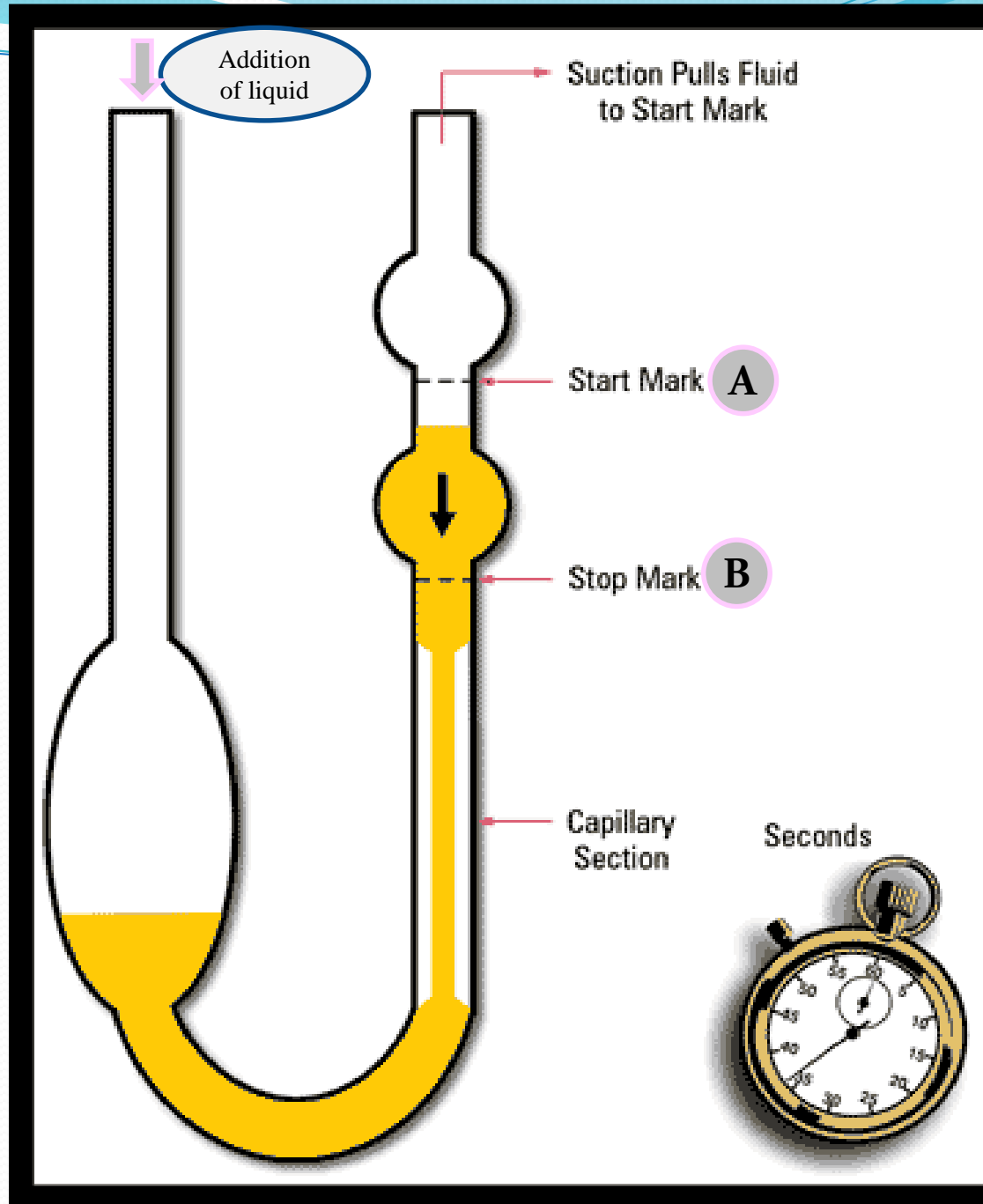
$$\text{reduced viscosity}(\eta_{red}) = \frac{\eta_{sp}}{c}$$

\* C mean concentration in g/100ml

$$\text{intrinsic viscosity}(\eta_{int}) = K M^\alpha$$

## Capillary viscometer:

Both  $\eta_0$  and  $\eta$  may determine using a capillary viscometer. The viscosity of a Newtonian liquid may be determined by measuring the time required for the liquid to pass between two marks as it flows by gravity through a vertical capillary tube, known as Ostwald viscometer. The time of flow of the liquid under test is compared with the time for a liquid of known viscosity (usually water) to pass between the two marks (A---B).





the absolute viscosity of the unknown liquid,  $\eta_1$  is determined by substituting the experimental values in the equation:

$$\frac{\eta_1}{\eta_2} = \frac{\rho_1 t_1}{\rho_2 t_2}$$

$\eta_1$  = viscosity of the unknown liquid (cp)

$\eta_2$  = viscosity of water = 1 cp

$\rho_1$  = density of the unknown liquid

$\rho_2$  = density of water = 1

$t_1$  = flow time in seconds for unknown liquid

$t_2$  = flow time in seconds for water

### Units of viscosity

**Poise and centipoise**

**1 cp = 0.01 poise**

## *Experimental work*

*Part I: bring water, glycerin, 1% gelatin solution and prepare volumetric flask (50cc), pipette, capillary viscometer (suspended level viscometer).*

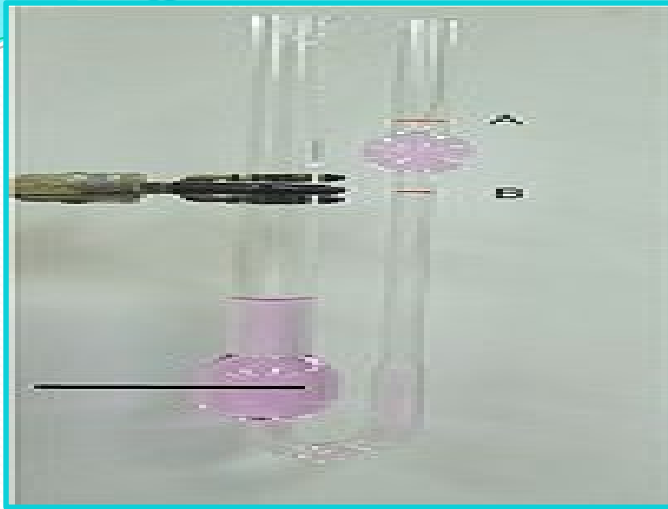
*Part II:*

***: To determine the concentration of unknown.***

*Procedure:*

- 1) Prepare different concentrations w/w of glycerin in water 2%, 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25% (50 ml of each one).*
  
- 2) Measure the  $\eta$  of these solutions by the viscometer knowing the density of each solution 1.003, 1.005, 1.018, 1.03, 1.037, 1.044 respectively. Then find  $\eta_{rel}$  and draw curve by plotting  $\eta_{rel}$  against conc. (w/w).*
  
- 3) Find out the concentration of unknown from the curve by measuring its  $\eta_{rel}$  of unknown.*
  
- 4) The line started from 1 since the viscosity of water is equal to 1 cp. The density of glycerine is 1.26 and water = 1.*

# Calculation



*viscosity of water is equal to 1cp  
The density of and water = 1.*

for conc 2% , if the time required for the solution was 6 seconds (t 1) and the time required for the water was 5 seconds (t 2) ,the calculation will be :

$$\frac{\eta_1}{\eta_2} = \frac{\rho_1 t_1}{\rho_2 t_2}$$

$\eta_1$  ,  $\rho_1$  ,  $t_1$  for the solution

$\eta_2$ ,  $\rho_2$  ,  $t_2$  for water

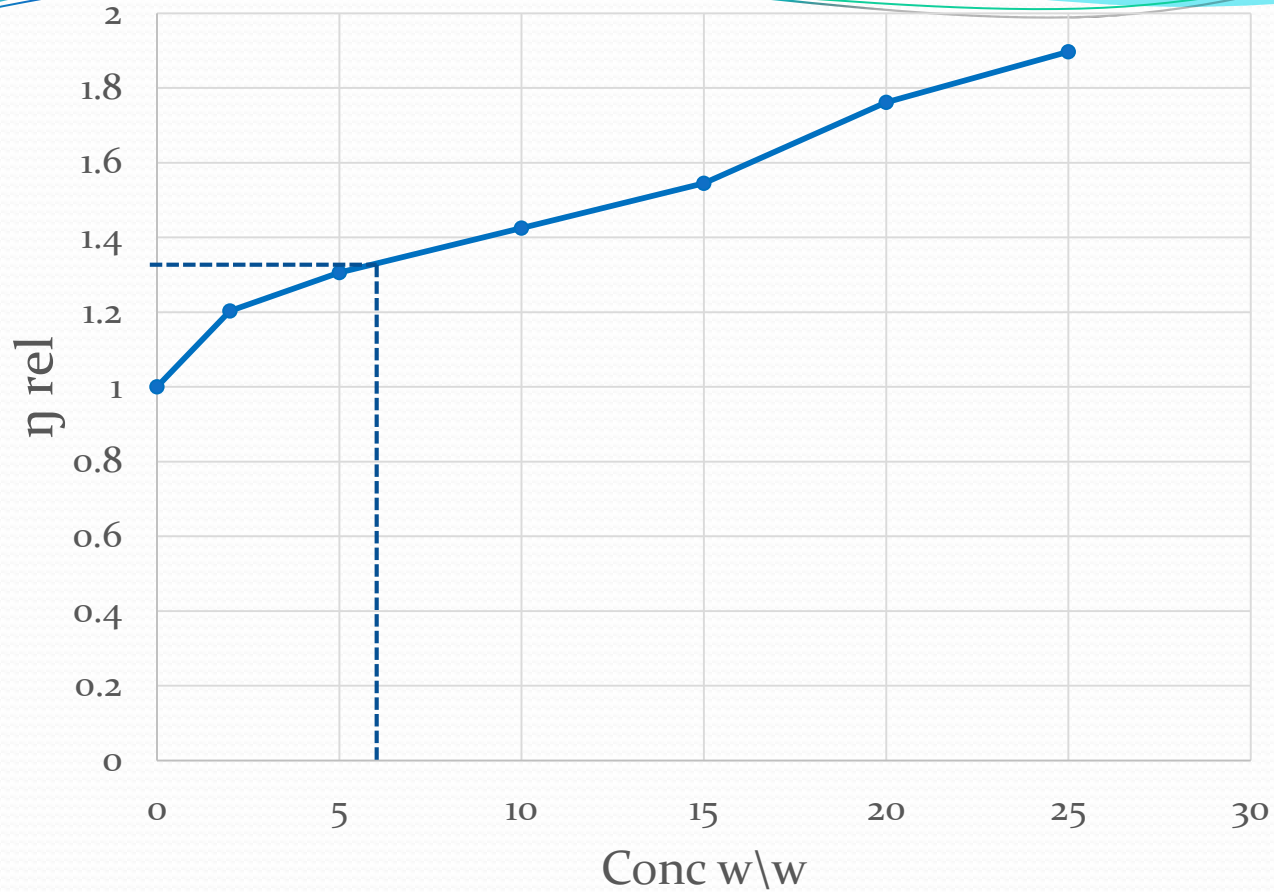
$$\frac{\eta_1}{1} = \frac{1.003*6}{1*5}$$

$$\eta_1 = 1.203 \text{ cp}$$

$$\eta_{rel} = \eta_1 \setminus \eta_w = 1.203/1 = 1.203$$

\* the same calculation for other concentration

Conc	Density of sol.	$\eta_1$	$\eta_{rel}$
2%	1.003		
5%	1.005		
10%	1.018		
15%	1.03		
20%	1.037		
25%	1.044		



Calculate the unknown concentration for solution if you know the relative viscosity of unknown conc was 1.35 ?

*Part II:*

*: To find the molecular weight of gelatine*

*Procedure:*

*1. Prepare 50ml different concentration of gelatine (w/v) 0.2%, 0.4%, 0.6%, 0.8% from 1% (w/v) gelatine stock solution.*

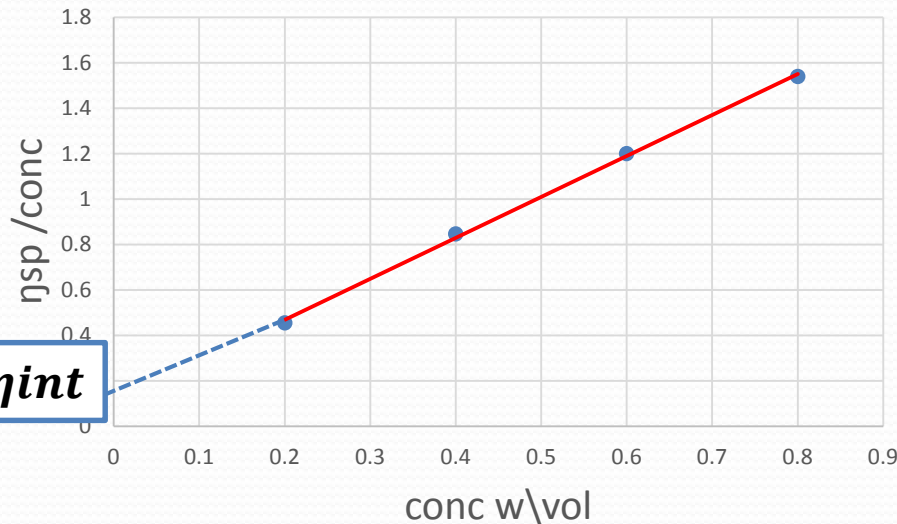
*2. Find the  $\eta$  and  $\eta_{rel}$  of each solution by using capillary viscometer knowing that the density of each solution are 1.05, 1.08, 1.11, 1.2 respectively. Then find  $\eta_{sp}$  which is equal to  $(\eta_{rel} - 1)$*

*3. Plot  $\eta_{red}$  ( $\eta_{sp} / \text{concentration}$ ) versus concentration (w/v) the resulted line is then extrapolated to infinite dilution to find the intrinsic viscosity which is equal to intercept of line with y axis.*

*4. Find the molecular weight of gelatine from the equation*  
 *$(\eta_{int}) = K M^\alpha$ ,  $K = 1.7 * 10^{-5}$   $\alpha = 1$ .*

# Calculation

Conc	p1	t1(sec)	t2(sec) water	$\eta_1$	$\eta_{rel}$	$\eta_{sp}$ ( $\eta_{rel} - 1$ )	$\eta_{sp} / \text{conc}$
0.2	1.05		5				
0.4	1.08		5				
0.6	1.11		5				
0.8	1.2		5				



$\eta_{int}$

For 0.2%  $t_1 = 5.5$  seconds

$$\frac{\eta_1}{1} = \frac{1.05 * 5.5}{1 * 5}$$

$$\eta_1 = 1.071 \text{ cp}$$

$$\eta_{rel} = \eta_1 \setminus \eta_w = 1.071 \setminus 1 = 1.071$$

$$\eta_{sp} = (\eta_{rel} - 1) = (1.071 - 1) = 0.071$$

$$\eta_{red} = \eta_{sp} / \text{conc} = 0.071 \setminus 0.2 = 0.355$$

$$\text{Intercept} = (\eta_{int}) = K M^\alpha$$

Thank you for  
listening

