

Solution Problem 1 (Dialysis)

a) Max 5 p.

Figure 13.2-1, a is the correct answer. It is crucial that the dotted line through the membrane is lying below the c_{1i} and c_{2i} points because $K'=0.75$ is given. Likewise, it is important to indicate that c_1 and c_2 are the bulk concentrations, and not the concentrations at the surface.

b) Max 8 p.

c) Max 8 p.

$$N_A = \frac{c_1 - c_2}{\frac{1}{k_{c1}} + \frac{1}{P_M} + \frac{1}{k_{c2}}} \quad P_M = \frac{D_{AB} K'}{L} \quad \frac{1}{P_M} = \frac{L}{D_{AB} K'}$$

Max 8p. \Rightarrow side 1; $\frac{1}{k_{c1}} = \frac{1}{3.5 \cdot 10^{-5}} = 2.9 \cdot 10^4 \frac{s}{m}$

$$\frac{1}{k_{c2}} = \frac{1}{2.1 \cdot 10^{-5}} = 4.8 \cdot 10^4 \frac{s}{m}$$

$$\frac{1}{P_M} = 0.61 \cdot 10^{11} \cdot 10^{-5} = 6.1 \cdot 10^5 \frac{s}{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Total resistance} = (0.29 + 0.48 + 6.1) \cdot 10^5 = 6.87 \cdot 10^5 \frac{s}{m}$$

$$\text{Membrane resistance} : \frac{6.1}{6.87} \cdot 100 = 88.7\%$$

© Flux at steady state:

$$N_A = \frac{(2 - 0.3) \cdot 10^{-2}}{6.87 \cdot 10^5} = 0.247 \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{kmol A}}{5 \cdot \text{m}^2}$$

$$= \underline{2.47 \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{\text{kmol A}}{5 \cdot \text{m}^2}}$$

area for transfer 0.01 kmol A/h

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2.47 \cdot 10^{-8} \cdot 3600} = \frac{0.01}{2.47 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot 3.6}$$

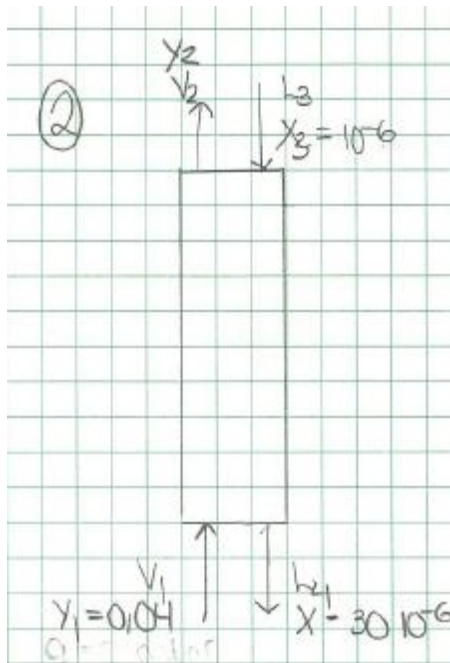
$$= 1.1246 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 10^5 = 1.12 \cdot 10^2 \text{ m}^2$$

ellen 112 m²

d) Max 4 p.

The flow rate is doubled on both sides – however, the main resistance is through the membrane as documented in b), hence the flux will increase slightly, but not significantly

Solution Problem 2



(i) We assume ideal gas. Then volume flow at the inlet is

$$V = nRT/p = 10^4 \cdot 8.31 \cdot 283 / e5 = 235 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$V = v \cdot A$, where it is given that $v=1\text{m/s}$, so

$$A = V/v = 233.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} / 1 \text{ m/s} = 235 \text{ m}^2.$$

$$\text{and } D = \sqrt{4A/\pi} = 17.2 \text{ m}$$

Comment: Some students commented that this is not realistic, but actually it is. This is the size of the absorption column required for a large power plant. However, the liquid flow is unrealistic as we will see next.

(ii) We set up balances for the absorption column.

Overall mass balance [mol/s]:

$$(1) \quad V_1 + L_3 = V_2 + L_4$$

Balance CO₂ [mol CO₂/s],

$$(2) \quad V_1 \cdot y_1 + L_3 \cdot x_3 = V_2 \cdot y_2 + L_4 \cdot x_4$$

Balance water (assume water is "inert" with respect to phase transfer, i.e., we neglect evaporation of water)

$$(3) \quad L_3 \cdot (1-x_3) = L_4 \cdot (1-x_4) = L' \text{ (flow of "inert" water)}$$

Comment: We can neglect vaporization of water because of the low temperature of 10C.

Balance inerts in gas ("inerts" with respect to phase transfer, i.e., neglect condensation of these)

$$(4) \quad V_1 \cdot (1-y_1) = V_2 \cdot (1-y_2) = V' \text{ (flow of "inert" gases)}$$

Comment: (2), (3) and (4) can be combined to get

$$V' \cdot y_1 / (1-y_1) + L' \cdot x_3 / (1-x_3) = V' \cdot y_2 / (1-y_2) + L' \cdot x_4 / (1-x_4)$$

but this equation is not used here.

Given data:

$$V_1 = 10000 \text{ mol/s,}$$

$$y_1 = 0.04,$$

$$x_3 = 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$x_4 = 30 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$V_2 \cdot y_2 = 0.1 \cdot V_1 \cdot y_1 = 0.1 \cdot 10000 \cdot 0.04 = 40 \text{ mol/s ("10% of incoming")}$$

From this we can find all flows and compositions.

The liquid flow L' can be found from the CO_2 -balance (2):

$$400 \text{ mol/s} + L' \cdot x_3 / (1 - x_3) = 40 \text{ mol/s} + L' \cdot x_4 / (1 - x_4)$$

And with the given data for x_3 and x_4 we find

$$L' = 12.41 \text{ e6 mol/s (water flow)}$$

Comment: You do not need to set up all the equations. A simple solution is the following: The amount of CO_2 transferred to the liquid is $0.9 \cdot V_1 \cdot y_1 = 360 \text{ mol/s}$. Because of the small values for x_3 and x_4 , we can safely assume $L' = L_3 = L_4$. The mass balance for the liquid is then $L(x_3 - x_4) = 360 \text{ mol/s}$, and we derive $L = 360 / 29 \cdot 10^{-6} = 12.41 \text{ e6 mol/s}$.

This gives the water flow: $L = 12.41 \text{ e6 mol/s} \cdot 18 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ kg/mol} = 224.28 \text{ e3 kg/s}$ or $L = 224.28 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$. (These are VERY large flows).

Heat duty in cross heat exchanger: $Q = m_4 c_p (T_5 - T_4) = 224.28 \text{ e3 kg/s} \cdot 4.18 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot 80 \text{ K} = 75000000 \text{ kJ/s} = 75000 \text{ MW}$

Comment: This is unrealistic in practice. The power plant only produces 170 MW of electricity, and this heat exchanger has a duty which is 441 times larger !!!

(iii) Number of equilibrium stages in absorber.

Equilibrium line: From Henry's law we have for CO_2 : $p_{\text{CO}_2} = y \cdot p = Hx$ where p is the total pressure (1 bar). We get in the absorber where the temperature is 10C:

$$y = m x, \text{ where } m = H/p = 1000 \text{ bar}/1 \text{ bar} = 1000$$

Operating line: The operating line goes through the points $(x_4, y_1) = (30 \cdot 10^{-6}, 0.04)$ (btm) and $(x_3, y_2) = (1 \cdot 10^{-6}, 0.00417)$ (top; exact).

The "exact" value $y_2 = 0.00417$ follows from the material balance on the gas side:

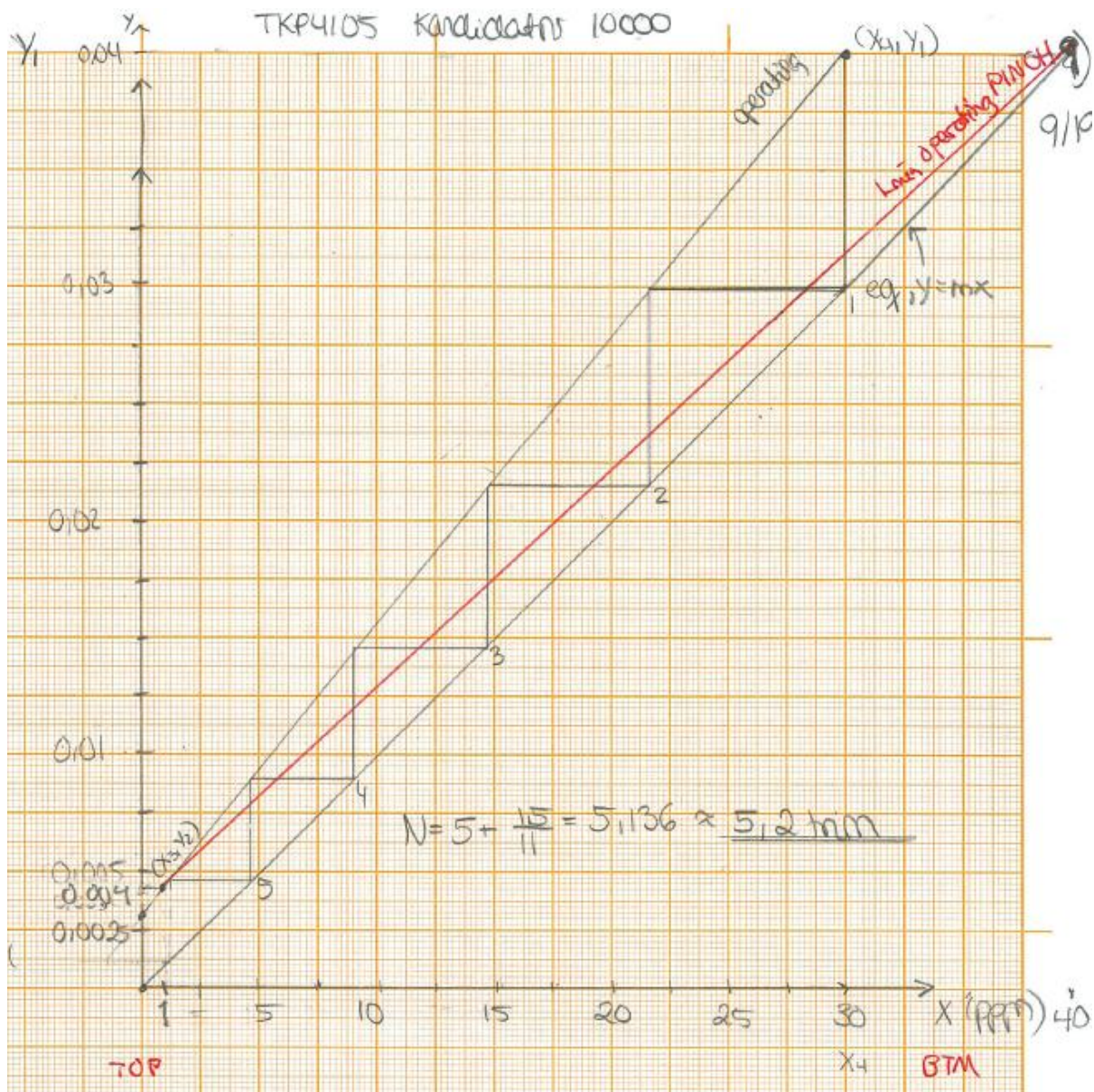
$$V_2 \cdot y_2 = 40 \text{ mol/s, where } V_2 = V' / (1 - y_2) \text{ and } V' = V_1(1 - y_1) = 10 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 0.96 = 9600 \text{ mol/s.}$$

Comment: If we are a bit less accurate, and assume $V = 10 \text{ kmol/s}$ is constant through the column, then we find $y_2 = 0.004$ (approx.); this is also accepted as a correct answer and will actually be used in the following)

See the McCabe-Thiele diagram for the solution.

We assume that L/V is constant through the column because this gives straight operating line, and we assume that the operating line goes through $(x_3, y_2) = (1 \cdot 10^{-6}, 0.004)$ (top; approx).

We find that we need about 5.2 stages.



Comment 1: As mentioned, the “exact” McCabe-Thiele diagram should start from $(x_3, y_2) = (1.e-6, 0.00417)$ instead of $(1.e-6, 0.004)$. In addition, the operating line will curve a little upwards. Both these effects give a slight reduction in the “exact” number of stages; see also Example 10.6-2 in the book for how to make curved operating lines.

Comment 2: Let us check the answer with the Kremser equations, which should give the same result.

Define $a = (y_0 - x_N) / (x_0 - y_N + 1/m) = (1.e-6 - 30e-6) / (1.e-6 - 0.04/1000) = 0.743$

$A = (L/V)/m = 1241 / 1000 = 1.241$ (note: I am here assuming that $V = 1.e4 \text{ mol/s}$ in the whole column)

$N = \ln(1-a) / (1-aA) / \ln A = \ln(1-0.743) / (1-0.922) / \ln 1.241 = 5.52$ (which is OK!)

(iv) Packing height.

End 1 (top): $y_1 = 0.004$, $y_1^* = mx_1 = 0.001$. End 2 (btm): $y_2 = 0.04$, $y_2^* = mx_2 = 0.03$.

So we get: $(y-y^*)_{LM} = 0.00581$.

Amount of Co_2 transferred from vapor to liquid: $N_A = 0.9 \cdot V_1 \cdot y_1 = 360 \text{ mol/s}$.

Other data: $S = 235 \text{ m}^2$, $K_{ya} = 66 \text{ mol/s, m}^3$

Get: $z = N_A / K_y a S (y - y^*)_{LM} = 360 / (66 * 235 * 0.00581) = 3.99 \text{ m}$

Comment 1: The height is small compared to the diameter, so it may be difficult to get a good liquid and vapor distribution in this column.

Comment 2: Note that $HoG = V / K_{ya} S = 1.4 / 66 * 233.5 = 0.65 \text{ m}$, $NOG = (y_1 - y_2) / (y - y^*)_{LM} = 6.2$, and we see that NOG is similar to the number of equilibrium stages found above.

(v) Minimum liquid

Min. liquid is with infinite number of stages. With infinite number of stages we have equilibrium at bottom of the column $x_N = x_N^*$,

Here $x_N^* = y_{N+1}^* / m = 0.04 / 1000 = 40 \text{e-}6$

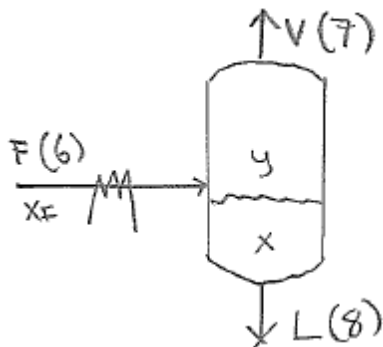
So with infinite number of stages we get a higher concentration of CO₂ (40 ppm rather than 30 ppm) and need less water to remove the required amount of CO₂ (which is 360 mol/s). We assume that the incoming water still contains 1 ppm of CO₂.

From a mass balance for CO₂ on the liquid side (here N is stream 4 and 0 is stream 3):

$$L_{min} (x_N - x_0) = 360 \text{ mol/s} \rightarrow L_{min} = 360 / 39 \text{e-}6 = 9.23 \text{ e}6 \text{ mol/s}$$

(whereas the actual amount of water is 12.41 e6 mol/s). Corresponds to $L_{min} = 166 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$.

(b) Flash at top of stripper.



(let F =stream 6, L =stream 8, V =stream 7)

Total balance: $F = V + L$ (eq.1)

CO₂ balance: $x_F * F = y * V + x * L$ (eq.2)

Water balance: $x_F w = y w^* V + x w^* L$

(Water balance is actually the same as total balance since $y + y w^* = 1$, etc.)

Given: $x_F w = p_w / p_{tot} = 1 \text{ bar} / 1.1 \text{ bar} = 0.90909$ (partial pressure of water is 1 bar)

$$\text{So } x_F = 1 - x_{Fw} = 0.0909 \text{ (eq.3)}$$

$$y \cdot V = 360 \text{ mol/s (amount of CO}_2 \text{ in stream 7) (eq.4)}$$

We assume equilibrium at 10C between streams 7 (V) and 8 (L).

Water equilibrium (Raoult's law): $y_w \cdot p = x_w \cdot p_{\text{satw}}$ or

$$(1-y)p = (1-x) \cdot p_{\text{satw}} \text{ (eq. 5) (where } p=1.1 \text{ bar = total pressure and } p_{\text{satw}}=0.012 \text{ bar)}$$

CO2 equilibrium (Henry's law): $y \cdot p = H \cdot x$ (eq.6) (where $p=1.1$ bar and $H = 1000$ bar)

We have 6 unknowns (F,L,V,z,x,y) and 6 equations so this is solvable!

The last two equilibrium equations contain only y and x:

$$y = x \cdot 1000 / 1.1$$

$$(1-y) = (1-x) \cdot 0.012 / 1.1$$

And solution gives: $x = 0.00104$, $y = 0.98908$

From the given amount of CO2 in the product, eq. 4, we then get

$$V = 360 / y = 364.0 \text{ mol/s}$$

The CO2 balance, eq. 2, then gives, when inserting the total balance:

$$F \cdot x_F = Vy + Lx$$

$$F \cdot 0.09091 = 360 + (F-360) \cdot 0.00104 \rightarrow F = 4002 \text{ mol/s}$$

Summary

Stream	Total [mol/s]	CO2 (%)	Water(%)
F (6)	4002	9.09%	90.9%
V (7)	364	98.9%	1.09%
L (8)	3638	0.104%	99.9%

Cooling duty condenser:

Condense to get L (condense at 100C and cool liquid to 10C, assume pure water for simplicity):

$$L \cdot (dh_{\text{vap}} + c_p \cdot dT) = 3638 \cdot 0.909(40700 + 4.18 \cdot 18 \cdot (100-10)) = 3638 \cdot 47500 = 171.5 \text{ MW}$$

Cool to get gas V (assume pure CO2): $V \cdot c_p \cdot dT = 364 \cdot 37.3 \cdot 90 = 1.22 \text{ MW}$

Sum duty: 172.7 MW

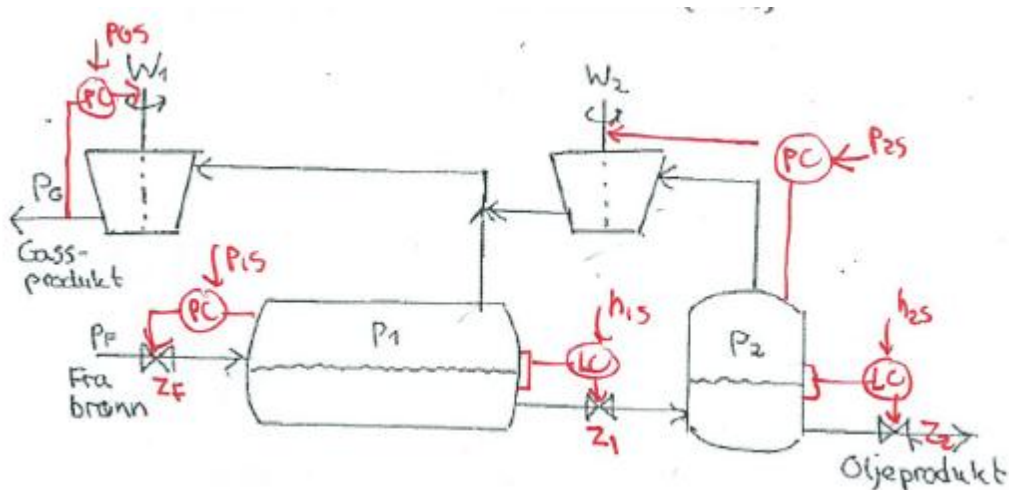
Solution Problem 3.

(a) CVs: h_1, h_2, p_1, p_2, p_G (given in text)

MVs: 3 liquid flows (valves, z_F, z_1, z_2) + 2 compressors (compressor speed or power, W_1 and W_2)

DV: Main disturbances are probably p_F + feed composition

(b) To find the control structure (pairing) one may write the "process matrix" but in this case the best pairings are fairly obvious:



Comment: Where is the throughput set in this process? It is not so obvious, but the throughput for this process can be changed by changing the setpoint for p_G . A higher p_G makes more gas leave the process, and to keep the pressure p_1 up, we need to open the "production valve" (z_F). It may be that the operators do not like this indirect way of setting the throughput. If we the operators manually set the production valve (z_F), which is common in practice, then we must use compressor 1 (W_1) to control p_1 , so we must give up keeping a fixed pressure p_G .

c) The main purpose of the integral action is to remove steady-state offset. τ can be found experimentally by making a step change in the input (u). τ is then the time (after the initial delay) for the output (y) to reach 63% of its steady-state change

Solution Problem 4

a) Max 5 p

The figure 9.5-1 b) is the expected curve to be drawn. The candidate should also explain the dominating drying process taking place from start (A) to B, from B – C, from C – D and from D – E

b) Max 5 p.

See the attached Figure. Humidity of incoming gas is $H = 0,026$ kg water / kg dry air, and temperature of air at outlet with 90% humidity will be 37°C

c) Max 7 p. (see attached)

d) Max 8 p. (see attached)

e)

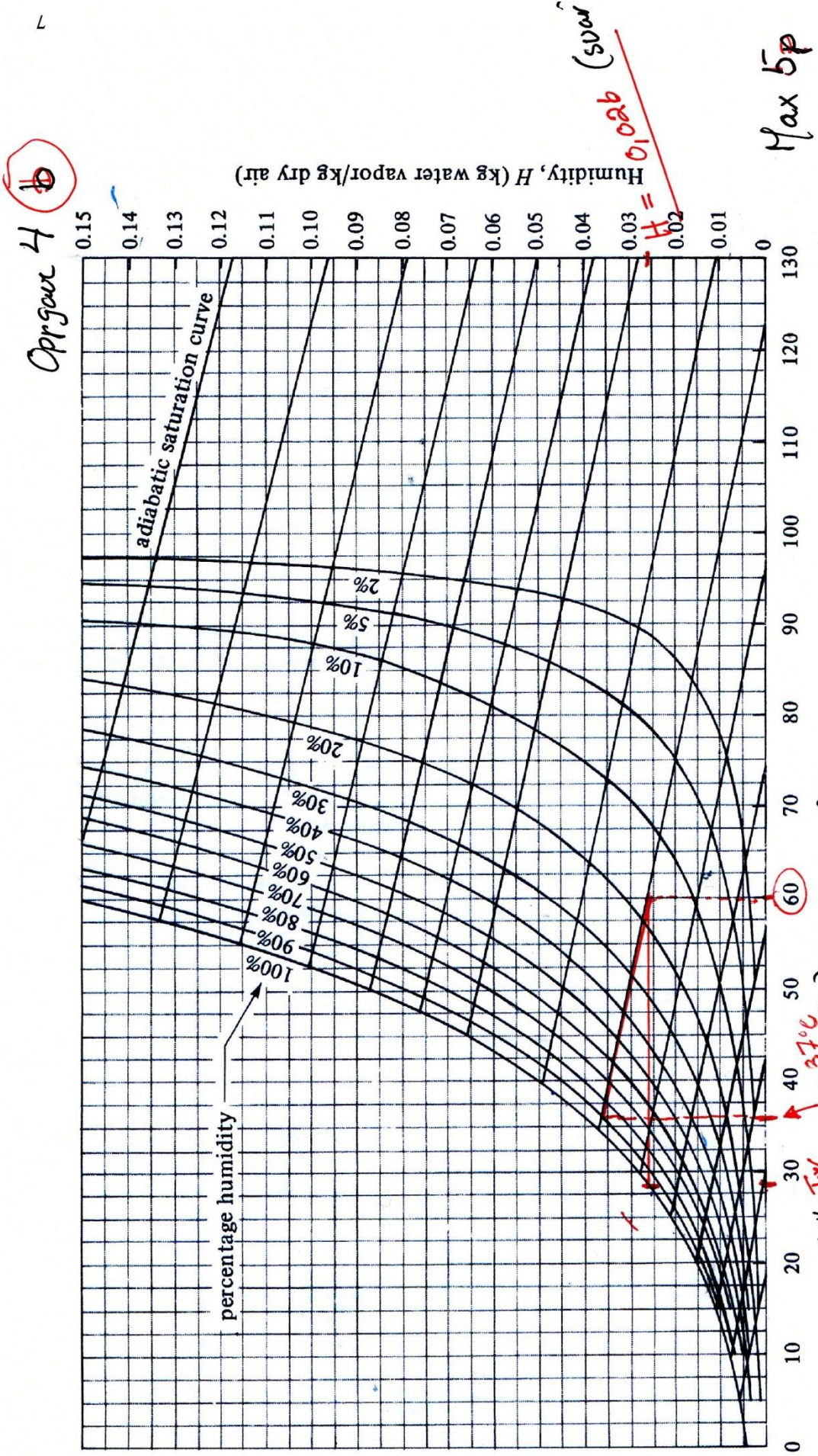
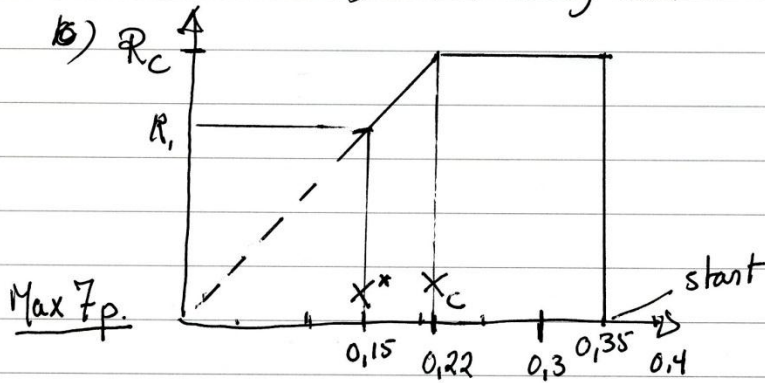


FIGURE 9.3-2. Humidity chart for mixtures of air and water vapor at a total pressure of 101.325 kPa (760 mm Hg). (From R. E. Treybal, Mass-Transfer Operations, 3rd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1980. With permission.)

Problem 4

- a) Book on page 577 5p
 b) on diagram 5p



$$R = - \frac{L}{A} \cdot \frac{dX}{dt}$$

$$t = \frac{L_s}{A \cdot R_c} (X_1 - X_c)$$

$$0,5 = \frac{12}{1 \cdot R_c} (0,35 - 0,22)$$

0,5 time

$$R_c = \frac{12}{0,5} (0,35 - 0,22)$$

skisse 3p

$$4p = 24(0,13)$$

d) see book p.587 = $3.12 \frac{\text{kg H}_2\text{O}}{\text{h} \cdot \text{m}^2}$

Max 8p

$$t = \frac{L_s}{A} \int_{x_2}^{x_1} \frac{dX}{R}$$

where $R = aX + b$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{L_s}{aA} \int_{R_c}^{R_1} \frac{dR}{R} = \frac{L_s}{aA} \cdot \ln \frac{R_1}{R_c}$$

for drying through origo: $t = \frac{L_s X_c}{A \cdot R_c} \ln \frac{X_c}{X_2}$

0,3825

4p

$$t = 0,324$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Total dophetid} = \underline{\underline{0,824 \text{ h}}} \approx \underline{\underline{50 \text{ minutes}}}$$