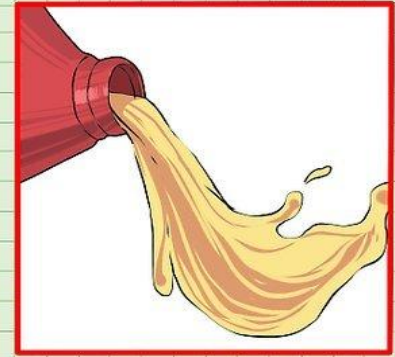


Physical pharmacy

Lab (6)

Viscosity



Viscosity=?

wikiHow to Measure Viscosity

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 material 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.

2- Non Newtonian systems.

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

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

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

Einstein equation

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

η_0 :is the viscosity of the dispersed medium.

η :is the viscosity of the dispersion.

ϕ :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.

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

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

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

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

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

Since the volume fraction is directly related to concentration.

$$\frac{\eta_{sp}}{c} = 2.5 = \eta_{red} \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

η_{red} = reduced viscosity

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

Both η_0 and η may determine using a capillary viscometer. By determining η at various concentration and knowing η_0 then η_{sp} can be calculated from equation (3).

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 (η_{int}) is used to calculate the approximate molecular weights of polymers. According to Kuhn- Houwink equation:

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

Where K and α are constant of the particular polymer- solvent system.

M = molecular weight. $K=1.7 * 10^{-5}$ $\alpha = 1$

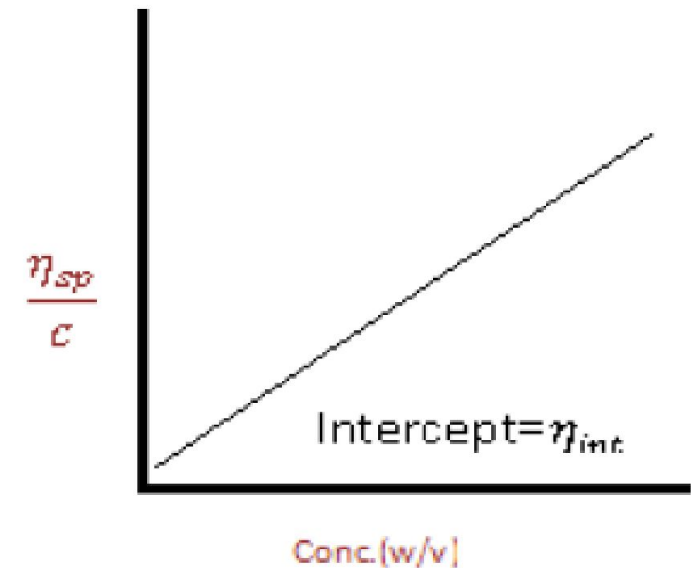


Figure (1)

For high polymeric materials dispersed in the medium, the equation is expressed as:

$$\frac{\eta_{sp}}{c} = K_1 + K_2C + K_3C^2$$

K_1 = intrinsic viscosity, K_2 = Huggins constant is referred to as the Huggins constant and is equal to the slope of the plot as shown in the figure (1).

Its value gives an indication of the interaction between the polymer and the solvent such that a positive slope is produced for a polymer which interacts weakly with the solvent and the slope becomes less positive as the interaction increases. A change in the value of the Huggins constant can be used to evaluate the interaction of drug molecules with polymers.

Capillary viscometer:

Both η_0 and η 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).

if η_1 and η_2 are the viscosities of the unknown and the standard liquid, and P_1 and P_2 are the densities of the liquids, and t_1 and t_2 are the respective flow times in seconds, the absolute viscosity of the unknown liquid, η_1 is determined by substituting the experimental values in the equation:

$$\frac{\eta_1}{\eta_2} = \frac{p_1 t_1}{p_2 t_2}$$

The value $\eta_1 / \eta_2 = \eta_{rel}$ is known as the relative viscosity of the liquid under test.



Units of viscosity

Poise and centipoise

1 cp = 0.01 poise

η_w viscosity of water is equal to **1 cp**.

Relative viscosity (η_{rel}) = η / η_w , we have to divide by η_w (viscosity of water) whatever the medium

Experimental work

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

Part II:

A: 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 η 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 η_{rel} and draw curve by plotting η_{rel} against conc. (w/w).

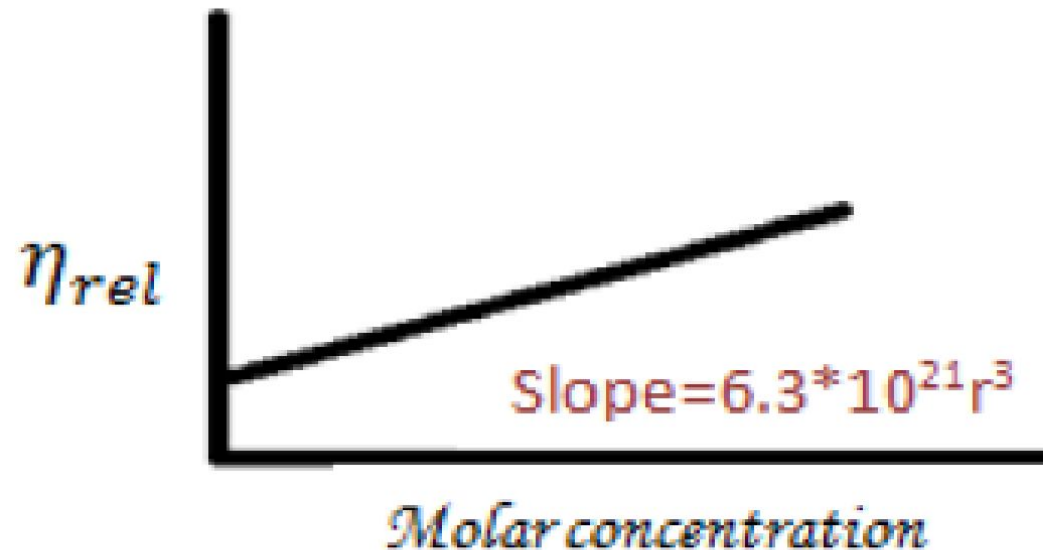
3. Find out the concentration of unknown from the curve by measuring its η_r

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.

Part II:

B: To determine the radius of particle by plotting η_{rel} against molar concentration

Procedure: Prepare different concentrations of glycerine (w/v) then find η_{rel} of each concentration. Finally, find the radius from slope.



Part II:

C: 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 η and η_{rel} of each solution by using viscometer knowing that the density of each solution are 1.05, 1.08, 1.11, 1.2 respectively.

3. Plot η_{sp} which is equal to $(\eta_{rel} - 1)/$ 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

$$\eta_{int} = K M^\alpha, \quad K = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \alpha = 1.$$