

SURFACE TENSION

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The surface tension of water at 20°C is $72.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N m}^{-1}$. How high will a column of water rise in a capillary tube with radius of 0.005 cm ?

⇒ The given data,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Surface tension of water } (\gamma) &= 72.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N m}^{-1} \\ &= 72.75 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^3 \text{ dyne cm}^{-1} \\ &= 72.75 \text{ dyne cm}^{-1} \\ \text{[} \because 1 \text{ N m}^{-1} &= 10^3 \text{ dyne cm}^{-1}\text{]}\end{aligned}$$

and, the radius of capillary tube (r) = 0.005 cm

$$\text{Now, } \gamma = \frac{1}{2} r h \rho g \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{where, } h \text{ is the height of water} \\ \text{column rise in a capillary.} \\ \rho \text{ is the density of water} \\ \text{and } g \text{ is the acceleration} \\ \text{due to gravity.} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{or, } h = \frac{2\gamma}{r \rho g}$$

$$\text{or, } h = \frac{2 \times 72.75 \text{ dyne cm}^{-1}}{0.005 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ gm cm}^{-3} \times 981 \text{ cm s}^{-2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{2 \times 72.75}{0.005 \times 1 \times 981} \frac{\text{dyne cm}^{-1}}{\text{dyne cm}^{-2}} \\ &= 29.66 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

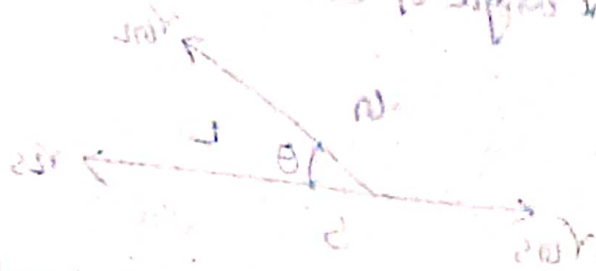
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In the determination of the surface tension of a liquid by the drop number method, equal volumes of A and water gave 60 and 20 drops, respectively. Calculate the surface tension of A if $\rho(A) = 0.896 \text{ gm cm}^{-3}$ and $\rho(\text{water}) = 0.964 \text{ gm cm}^{-3}$. Given: $\gamma(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 72.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N m}^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \frac{\gamma_A}{\gamma_{\text{water}}} &= \frac{n_{\text{water}} \rho_A}{n_A \rho_{\text{water}}} \\ &= \frac{20 \times 0.896 \text{ gm cm}^{-3}}{60 \times 0.964 \text{ gm cm}^{-3}} \\ &= 0.3098\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \gamma_A &= 0.3098 \times \gamma_{\text{water}} \\ &= 0.3098 \times 72.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N m}^{-1} \\ &= 22.54 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N m}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

(b) In the liquid phase, CCl_4 and water form two distinct layers but in the vapour phase they get completely mixed up - Explain. (2)



3(a) Find the change in surface energy when two identical mercury droplets of diameter 1.5 mm merge isothermally to form one drop

$\gamma_{\text{mercury}} = 490 \text{ dyne cm}^{-1}$

\Rightarrow Let 'R' is the ~~drop~~ radius of the big drop

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 = 2 \times \frac{4}{3}\pi \left(\frac{1.5}{2}\right)^3$$

$$\text{or, } R^3 = \frac{(1.5)^3}{4} = 0.844 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{or, } R = 0.945 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{or, } R = 0.0945 \text{ cm}$$

So, the surface energy change.

$$= 2 \times \{ 4\pi \times (0.075)^2 \} \times \gamma_{\text{mercury}} - 4 \times \pi \times (0.945)^2 \times \gamma_{\text{mercury}}$$

$$= \{ 8\pi \times (0.075)^2 - 4\pi \times (0.945)^2 \} \times \gamma_{\text{mercury}}$$

$$= 0.0292 \times 490 \text{ dyne cm}^2$$

$$= 14.28 \text{ erg}$$

⑥ How does surface tension vary with temperature? Comment on the temperature co-efficient in the case of associated liquids.

⇒ The force of attraction between the molecules of a liquid decreases with increase in temperature it follows, therefore, that the surface tension of a liquid decreases with increase in temperature. The following relation relates between surface tension and temperature.

$$\gamma (Mv)^{2/3} = k (t_c - t - b)$$

where, γ is the surface tension of the liquid.

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1998

3. (c) A spherical drop of a liquid weighting 0.04 gm is dispersed into 1500 microglobules of radius 0.02 cm each by a suitable experimental device. Find the resultant increase in surface energy.

$\rho (\rho_c = 0.8 \text{ gm/cc}) ; \gamma = 27 \text{ dyne/cm}^2$

$$\Rightarrow \text{volume of } 0.04 \text{ gm of liquid} = \frac{0.04}{0.8} \text{ cc} = \frac{1}{20} \text{ cc}$$

Let, radius of this spherical drop = R

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$\text{or, } R^3 = \frac{3}{80\pi} \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{or, } R = 0.2285 \text{ cm}$$

Increase of surface energy

$$= \left\{ 1500 (4\pi \times 0.02^2) - 4\pi \times 0.2285^2 \right\} \times 27$$
$$= 6.884 \times 27 \text{ dyne/cm}^2 \cdot \text{cm}^2$$

$$= 185.86 \text{ erg}$$

1999

3. (a) What do you mean by surface tension of a liquid? 2+1
 What is its S.I unit?

⇒ Surface tension :- Surface tension is a force acting tangentially to the surface and perpendicular to a line of unit length down on a surface.



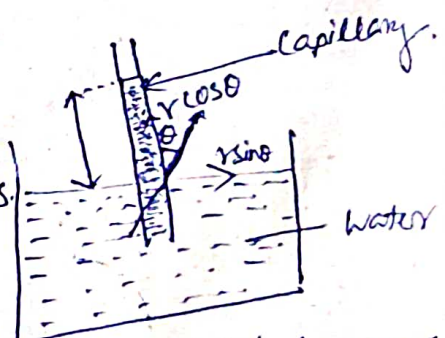
Surface

S.I unit of surface tension :- Nm^{-1}

3(b) Describe the capillary rise method of determination of surface tension of a liquid?

⇒ capillary rise method :-

Let θ is the contact angle of water and glass. The upward force of surface tension ($\gamma \cos \theta$) act all around the capillary tube and rises the liquid in the tube until the weight of the rising liquid becomes equal to this lifting force.



$$\text{Thus, Lifting force} = (\gamma \cos \theta) 2\pi r$$

$$\text{Weight of the liquid in the capillary tube} = \left\{ (\pi r^2) h \right\} \rho g + \left(\pi r^3 \right) \rho g - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \right) \rho g$$

Where γ is the surface tension of the liquid.
 r is the radius of the capillary.
 h = height of the rising liquid column in the capillary
 ρ is the density of the liquid.
 and g is acceleration of gravity.

At equilibrium

$$(\gamma \cos \theta) 2\pi r = \pi r^2 h \rho g$$

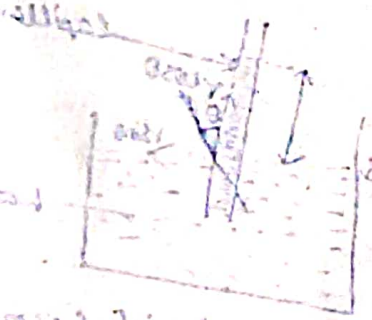
$$\text{or } \gamma = \frac{r h \rho g}{2 \cos \theta}$$

Being θ is very small value $\cos \theta \rightarrow 1$

$$\therefore \gamma = \frac{1}{2} r h \rho g$$

3. (c) when a glass capillary tube is dipped into liquid mercury. there is a depression of mercury level inside the tube - Explain?

(d) Surface tension of liquid varies at its critical temperature - Explain.



$$\gamma \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} r h \rho g$$

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As temperature increases, the surface tension of the liquid decreases. At the critical temperature, the surface tension becomes zero.

2000

4 (g) A spherical soap-bubble of volume $11/6 \text{ cm}^3$ stands suspended in air. What is the excess pressure inside the bubble? [Give the interfacial tension for the soap solⁿ-air interface as 27 dyne cm^{-1}]

Let, radius of the soap bubble = r

$$\therefore \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{11}{6} \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{or, } r^3 = \frac{1}{8} \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{or, } r^3 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{or, } r = \frac{1}{2} \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore \text{Total surface area} = 2 \times 4\pi \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \text{ cm}^2 \\ = 2\pi \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\therefore \text{Total surface energy} = \text{Surface area} \times \text{Surface tension of soap sol}^n \\ = 2\pi \text{ cm}^2 \times 27 \text{ dyne cm}^{-1} \\ = 54\pi \text{ dyne cm}$$

Let p is the excess pressure,

$$\pi \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 p = 54\pi$$

$$\text{or, } p = 54 \times 4 \text{ dyne cm}^{-1}$$

$$= 216 \text{ dyne cm}^{-1}$$

2002

11. (j) An excess pressure of 364 Pa is required to produce a new spherical bubble at the end of the capillary tube of 0.3 mm diameter immersed in acetone. Calculate γ .

$$\text{Excess pressure } p = 364 \text{ Pa} = 364 \text{ dyne cm}^{-2}$$

$$\text{Diameter of capillary} = 0.3 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Radius of } a = \frac{0.3}{2} \text{ mm}$$

$$= 0.15 \text{ mm}$$

$$= 0.015 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore \text{Disruptive force} = \frac{\pi \times (0.015)^2 \times 364 \text{ dyne cm}}{}$$

$$\text{Binding force} = (2\pi r^2 + \pi r^2) \gamma$$

$$= 3\pi r^2 \gamma$$

$$= 3\pi \times (0.015)^2 \gamma$$

At equilibrium.

$$3\pi \times (0.015)^2 \gamma = \pi \times (0.015)^2 \times 364$$

$$\gamma = \frac{364}{3} \text{ dyne cm}^{-2}$$

$$= 121.3 \text{ dyne cm}^{-2}$$

2004

11 (a) Calculate the work done in blowing a soap bubble in air of radius 10 cm. γ for soap soln = 30 dyne cm^{-1} .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Total area of the soap bubble} = 2 \times 4 \times \pi \times 10^2 \text{ cm}^2.$$

\therefore total work done to blow this bubble

$$= 800 \pi \times 30 \text{ dyne cm}$$

$$= 75.398 \times 10^3 \text{ erg}$$

$$= 0.754 \text{ joule}$$