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Spectrophotometer beckman IR-1, ca. 1941 Beckman Model DB Spectrophotometer (a dual beam model), 1960 Portable spectrometer used in the printing industry. [1] Spectrophotometry is a branch of electromagnetic spectroscopy concerned with the quantitative measurement of the reflection or transmission properties of a material as a function of wavelength. [2] Spectrophotometry uses photometers, known as spectrophotometers, which can measure the intensity of a beam of light at different wavelengths. Although spectrophotometry is most commonly applied to ultraviolet, visible and infrared radiation, modern spectrometers can interrogate vast ranges of the electromagnetic spectrum, including x-rays, ultraviolet, visible, infrared and/or microwave wavelengths. Overview Spectrophotometry is a tool that depends on the quantitative analysis of molecules, depending on the amount of light absorbed by colored compounds. Important characteristics of spectrophotometers are spectral bandwidth (the range of colors that can transmit through the test sample), the percentage of sample transmission, the logarithmic range of sample absorption, and sometimes a percentage of reflection measurement. A spectrophotometer is commonly used for measuring the transmission or reflection of solutions, transparent or opaque solids such as polished glass, or gases. Although many biochemists are colored, as in, they absorb visible light and therefore can be measured by colorimetric procedures, even colorless biochemists can often be converted into colored compounds suitable for color-forming chromogenic reactions to produce compounds suitable for colorimetric analysis. [3]:65 However, they can also be designed to measure diffusivity in any of the listed light ranges that usually cover about 200 nm - 2500 nm using different controls and calibrations. [2] Within these light ranges, calibrations are required on the machine using patterns that vary in shape, depending on the wavelength of photometric determination. [4] An example of an experiment in which spectrophotometry is used is the determination of the equilibrium constant of a solution. A certain chemical reaction within a solution can occur in a forward and backward direction, where reagents form products and products divided into reagents. At some point, this chemical reaction will reach an equilibrium point called an equilibrium point. In order to determine the respective concentrations of reagents and products at this time, the light transmission of the solution can be tested by spectrophotometry. The amount of light passing through the solution is indicative of the concentration of certain chemicals that do not allow the passage of light. The absorption of light is due to the interaction of light with the electronic and vibrational modes of molecules. Each type of molecule has an energy levels associated with the composition of their chemical bonds and nuclei and therefore therefore light of specific wavelengths, or energies, resulting in unique spectral properties. [5] This is based on its specific and distinctive composition. The use of spectrophotometers covers several scientific fields such as physics, materials science, chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering and molecular biology. [6] They are widely used in many industries, including semiconductors, laser and optical manufacturing, printing and forensic examination, as well as in laboratories for the study of chemicals. Spectrophotometry is often used in measurements of enzymatic activities, determinations of protein concentrations, determinations of enzymatic kinetic constants, and measurements of binding reactions between ligands. [3]:65 Ultimately, a spectrometer is able to determine, depending on control or calibration, what substances are present in a target and exactly how much through observed wavelength calculations. In astronomy, the term spectrophotometry refers to the measurement of the spectrum of a celestial object in which the spectrum flow scale is calibrated as a function of wavelength, usually in comparison with an observation of a standard spectrophotometric star, and corrected for the absorption of light by the Earth's atmosphere. [7] Story invented by Arnold O. Beckman in 1940,[7] the spectrometer was created with the help of his colleagues at his national technical laboratories company founded in 1935 that would become Beckman Instrument Company and finally Beckman Coulter. This would come as a solution to previously created spectrometers that were not able to absorb ultraviolet properly. It would start with the invention of Model A where a glass prism was used to absorb UV light. It should be seen that this did not give satisfactory results, so in Model B, there was a change from a glass to a quartz prism that allowed better absorption results. From there, the Model C was born with an adjustment in the resolution of the wavelength that ended up having three units of it produced. The latest and most popular model became the Model D, which is more recognized now as the DU spectrophotometer that contained the instrument case, hydrogen lamp with ultraviolet continuum and a better monochromator. [8] It was produced from 1941 to 1976, where the price for it in 1941 was \$723 (far-UV accessories were an option at an additional cost). In the words of Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry Bruce Merrifield, it was probably the most important instrument ever developed for the advancement of bioscience. [9] Since it was discontinued in 1976,[10] Hewlett-Packard created the first commercially available diode spectrophotometer in 1979 known as HP 8450A.[1011] The diode matrix spectrophotometers differ from the original spectrophotometer created by Beckman because it was the first single-beam microprocessor-controlled spectrometer that scanned several wave in seconds. It radiates the with polychromatic light that the sample absorbs depending on its properties. It is then transmitted back by grid of the set of photodiodes that detects the wavelength region of the spectrum. Since then, the creation and implementation of spectrophotometer devices has increased immensely and has become one of the most innovative instruments of our time. Single beam scanning spectrophotometer design There are two large classes of devices: single beam and double beam. A double beam spectrophotometer[13] compares the intensity of light between two light paths, one path containing a reference sample and the other the test sample. A single beam spectrophotometer measures the relative intensity of beam light before and after a test sample is inserted. Although dual-beam instrument comparison measurements are easier and more stable, single-beam instruments can have a wider dynamic range and are optically simpler and more compact. In addition, some specialized instruments, such as spectrophotometers constructed from microscopes or telescopes, are single-beam instruments due to practicality. Historically, spectrophotometers use a monochrome containing a diffraction grid to produce the analytical spectrum. The grid can be movable or fixed. If a single detector, such as a photomultiplier tube or photodiode is used, the grid can be scanned step by step (scanning spectrometer) so that the detector can measure the intensity of light at each wavelength (which will correspond to each step). Detector sets (matrix spectrometer) such as load coupled devices (CCD) or photodiode sets (PDA) can also be used. In these systems, the grid is fixed and the intensity of each wavelength of light is measured by a different detector in the matrix. In addition, most modern mid-infrared spectrometers use a Fourier transformation technique to acquire spectral information. This technique is called fourier transformation infrared spectroscopy. When making transmission measurements, the spectrometer quantitatively compares the fraction of light that passes through a reference solution and a test solution, then electronically compares the intensities of the two signals and calculates the percentage of sample transmission compared to the reference standard. For reflection measurements, the spectrometer quantitatively compared the fraction of light that reflects from the reference and test samples. The light from the source lamp is passed through a monochromator, which refracts light into a rainbow of wavelengths through a rotating prism and produces narrow bandwidths of this dilated spectrum through a mechanical crack on the output side of the monochromator. These bandwidths are transmitted through the test sample. Then the flux density of photons (watts per meter generally) transmitted or reflected light is measured with a photodiode, coupled charging device or other light sensor. Transmission or reflection reflection for each wavelength of the test sample is then compared with the transmission or reflection values of the reference sample. Most instruments will apply a logarithmic function to the linear transmission ratio to calculate sample absorption, a value proportional to the concentration of the chemical being measured. In a statement, the sequence of events in a scanning spectrophotometer is as follows: The light source is illuminated in a monochromator, diffused into a rainbow, and divided into two beams. It is then scanned through the sample and reference solutions. Fractions of incident wavelengths are transmitted through or reflected from the sample and reference. The resulting light reaches the photodetector device, which compares to the relative intensity of the two beams. Electronic circuits convert relative currents into linear transmission percentages and/or absorption/concentration values. In a matrix spectrophotometer, the sequence is as follows:[14] The light source is shone in the sample and focused on a crack The transmitted light is refracted in a rainbow with the reflection grid The resulting light reaches the photodetector device that compares the beam intensity Electronic circuits convert the relative currents into percentages of linear transmission and/or absorption/concentration values Many older spectrometers must be calibrated by a procedure known as zero, to balance the null current output of the two beams in the detector. The transmission of a reference substance is defined as a baseline value (datum), so that the transmission of all other substances is recorded in relation to the initial substance zeroed. The spectrometer then converts the transmission ratio into absorbency, the concentration of specific components of the test sample in relation to the initial substance. [6] Applications in biochemistry Spectrophotometry is an important technique used in many biochemical experiments involving DNA, RNA and protein isolation, enzymatic kinetics and biochemical analyses. [15] Since samples in these applications are not readily available in large quantities, they are especially suitable for analysis in this nondestructive technique. In addition, a precious sample can be saved using a micro volume platform, where only 1uL of sample is required for complete analysis. [16] A brief explanation of the spectrophotometry procedure includes comparing the absorption of a blank sample that does not contain a colored compound to a sample containing a colored compound. This staining can be performed by a dye as coomassie brilliant blue g-250 dye measured at 595 nm or by an enzymatic reaction as seen between  $\beta$ -galactosidase and ONPG (turns yellow sample) measured at 420 nm. [3]:21-119 The spectrophotometer is used to measure colored compounds in the visible region of light (between 350 nm and 800 nm).[3]:65 so it be used to find more information about the being studied. In biochemical experiments, a chemical and/or physical property is chosen and the procedure used is specific to this property in order to obtain more information about the sample, such as quantity, purity, enzymatic activity, etc. Spectrophotometry can be used for a number of techniques, such as determining the optimal absorption of wavelength of samples, determining the ideal pH for sample absorption, determining concentrations of unknown samples and determining the pKa of several samples. [3]:21-119 Spectrophotometry is also a useful process for protein purification[17] and can also be used as a method to create optical assays of a compound. Spectrophotometric data can also be used in conjunction with the Beer-Lambert Equation,  $A = -\log_{10} T = \epsilon c l = \frac{D}{D_0}$  The D  $\{\text{textstyle } A = -\log_{10} T = \epsilon c l = \frac{D}{D_0}$  Spectrophotometry is also a useful process for protein purification[17] and can also be used as a method to create optical assays of a compound. [3]:21-119 Because a spectrophotometer measures the wavelength of a compound through its color, a dye binding substance can be added so that it can undergo a color change and be measured. [18] It is possible to know the concentrations of a mixture of two components using the absorption spectrum of the standard solutions of each component. For this, it is necessary to know the extinction coefficient of this mixture in two wavelengths and the extinction coefficients of solutions containing the known weights of the two components. [19] Spectrophotometers have been developed and improved over decades and have been widely used among chemists. In addition, spectrophotometers are specialized for measuring uv or visible wavelength absorption values. [3]:21-119 It is considered a highly accurate instrument that is also very sensitive and therefore extremely accurate, especially in determining the color change. [20] This method is also convenient for use in laboratory experiments as it is a inexpensive and relatively simple process. UV visible spectrophotometry Main article: Visible ultraviolet spectroscopy Most spectrophotometers are used in uv and visible regions of the spectrum, and some of these instruments also operate in the almost infrared region. The concentration of a protein can be estimated by measuring DM at 280 nm due to the presence of tryptophan, tyrosine and phenylalanine. This method is not very precise, because the composition of proteins varies greatly and proteins without any of these amino acids have no maximum absorption at 280 nm. Nucleic acid contamination can also interfere. This method requires a spectrometer capable of measuring in the UV region with quartz cuvettes. [3]:135 Visible ultraviolet spectroscopy (UV-vis) involves energy levels that excite electronic transitions. The absorption of UV-vis light excites molecules that are in terrestrial states for their animated states. [5] The region 400-700 nm spectrophotometry is used extensively in the science of colorimetry. He He A known fact that operates best in the range of 0.2-0.8 ink manufacturers, printing companies, textile suppliers and more, need the data provided through colorimetry. They make readings in the region of every 5 to 20 nanometers along the visible region, and produce a spectral reflectance curve or data flow for alternative presentations. These curves can be used to test a new batch of dye to verify that it matches specifications, for example, ISO printing patterns. Traditional spectrometers of the visible region cannot detect whether a colorant or the base material has fluorescence. This can make it difficult to manage color problems if, for example, one or more of the print inks are fluorescent. When a colorant contains fluorescence, a bispectral fluorescent spectrometer is used. There are two main configurations for visual spectrum spectrophotometers, d/8 (spherical) and 0/45. The names are due to the geometry of the light source, observer and interior of the measuring chamber. Scientists use this instrument to measure the amount of compounds in a sample. If the compound is more concentrated, more light will be absorbed by the sample; within small ranges, the Beer-Lambert law is maintained and the absorbance between samples varies with concentration linearly. In the case of print measurements, two alternative configurations are commonly used, without/with UV filter, to better control the effect of UV illuminators within the paper stock. METTLER TOLEDO UV5Nano micro volume spectroGraph Samples are usually prepared in cuvettes; depending on the region of interest, they can be constructed of glass, plastic (visible spectrum region of interest) or quartz (far UV spectrum region of interest). Some applications require small volume measurements that can be performed with micro volume platforms. Applications Estimating concentration of dissolved organic carbon Specific ultraviolet absorbance for aromaticity metric Bial test for concentration of pentoses Experimental Application As described in the applications section, spectrophotometry can be used in both qualitative and quantitative analysis of DNA, RNA and proteins. Qualitative analysis can be used and spectrometers are used to record composite spectra, scan wide wavelength regions to determine the absorption properties (color intensity) of the compound at each wavelength. [5] An experiment that can demonstrate the various uses that visible spectrophotometry can have is the separation of  $\beta$ -galactosidase from a mixture of various proteins. In large part, spectrophotometry is best used to help quantify the amount of purification your sample has undergone in relation to the total concentration of proteins. When performing an affinity chromatography, B-Galactosidase can be isolated and reacting samples collected with ONPG and determining whether the sample turns yellow. [3]:21-119 After this test the sample at 420 nm for specific interaction with ONPG and 595 for a Bradford Bradford Trial the amount of purification can be evaluated quantitatively. [3]:21-119 In addition to this spectrophotometry can be used in conjunction with other techniques such as Electrophoresis SDS-Page in order to purify and isolate various protein samples. IR Spectrophotometry Main article: Infrared spectroscopy Spectrophotometers designed for the infrared region are quite different due to the technical requirements of measurement in that region. An important factor is the type of photosensors that are available for different spectral regions, but infrared measurement is also challenging because virtually everything emits light going like thermal radiation, especially at wavelengths beyond about 5  $\mu$ m. Another complication is that some materials such as glass and plastic absorb infrared light, making it incompatible as an optical medium. Ideal optical materials are said, which do not absorb strongly. Samples for ir spectrophotometry can be stained between two potassium bromide discs or ground with potassium bromide and pressed into a pelot. Where aqueous solutions should be measured, insoluble silver chloride is used to build the cell. Spectroradiometers Spectrometers, which operate almost like spectrophotometers of the visible region, are designed to measure the spectral density of illuminants. Applications may include evaluation and categorization of lighting for sales by the manufacturer, or for customers to confirm that the lamp they have decided to purchase is within their specifications. Components: The light source shines on or through the sample. The sample transmits or reflects light. The detector detects how much light has been reflected or transmitted through the sample. The detector then converts how much light the sample transmitted or reflected into a number. 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