

## Calculations of the packing height based on liquid phase:

Overall material balance on the solute (A) over an element ( $\partial z$ ) based on liquid phase:

$$G_S dY = L_S dX = N_A \cdot A$$

$$N_A = L_S \left( X + \frac{dX}{dz} \partial z \right) - L_S X = (KoL)(a S \partial z)(X^* - X)$$

Where:

**The interfacial area for transfer =  $a dV = a S \partial z$**

**S:** is the cross-sectional area of column ( $m^2$ ).

**a:** is the surface area of interface per unit volume of column ( $m^2/m^3$ ).

$$L_S \left( \frac{dX}{dz} \partial z \right) = (KoL \cdot a)(S \cdot \partial z)(X^* - X)$$

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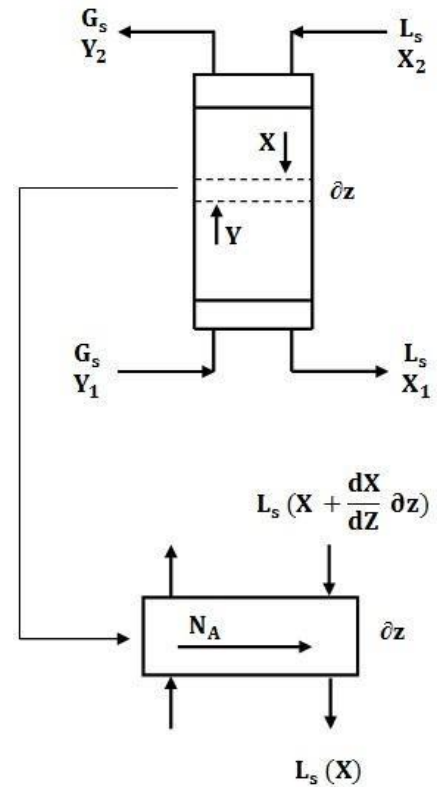
$$\int_0^z dZ = \frac{L_S}{(KoL \cdot a) \cdot S} \int_{X_2}^{X_1} \frac{dX}{(X^* - X)}$$

$$Z = \frac{(L_S/S)}{KoL \cdot a} \int_{X_2}^{X_1} \frac{dX}{(X^* - X)}$$

$$Z = \frac{L_S}{KoL \cdot a} \int_{X_2}^{X_1} \frac{dX}{(X^* - X)}$$

$$Z = HOL * NOL = HTU * NTU$$

Where:



$HOL = \frac{\bar{L}_s}{K_{OL} a}$  : height of transfer unit (HTU) based on liquid phase, with the units of (m).

$NOL = \int_{X_2}^{X_1} \frac{dX}{(X^* - X)}$  : number of transfer unit (NTU) based on liquid phase, without units.

## Calculation of Number of Transfer Unit (NOL):

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A. For Linear Equilibrium Relationship ( $Y = m X^*$ ):

$$NOL = \int_{X_2}^{X_1} \frac{dX}{(X^* - X)} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$X^* = \frac{Y}{m} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$G_s (Y - Y_2) = L_s (X - X_2) \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$\implies Y = \frac{L_s}{G_s} (X - X_2) + Y_2$$

For pure liquid solvent used then,  $X_2 = 0$

$$Y = \frac{L_s}{G_s} X + Y_2 \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

Substitution Eq.(4) into Eq.(2) to get:

$$X^* = \frac{L_s}{m G_s} X + \frac{Y_2}{m} = \frac{1}{\phi} X + \frac{Y_2}{m} \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

Substitution Eq.(5) into Eq.(1) to get:

$$NOL = \frac{1}{\phi}$$

$NOL = \phi NOG$

Where:  $\phi = \frac{mG_s}{L_s}$

**B. For Non-linear Equilibrium Relationship:**

In this case the integration  $\left[ \text{NOL} = \int_{X_2}^{X_1} \frac{dX}{(X^* - X)} \right]$  will be solved using graphical method or

numerical method (Simpson rule) following steps below:

1. Draw the given equilibrium data.
2. Draw the operating line, from two points  $(X_1, Y_1)$  and  $(X_2, Y_2)$  or one point and slope of  $\left( \frac{L_s}{G_s} \right)$ .
3. Create the table below by calculated  $(X^*)$  from the plot as below:

<b>X</b> Assume points between $(X_1 - X_2)$	<b>X*</b> Calculated from plot	$\frac{1}{(X^* - X)}$
$X_1$	- calculated	$\sqrt{= f_0}$
- (assumed)	- calculated	$\sqrt{= f_1}$
- (assumed)	- calculated	$\sqrt{= f_2}$
- (assumed)	- calculated	$\sqrt{= f_3}$
$X_2$	- calculated	$\sqrt{= f_n}$

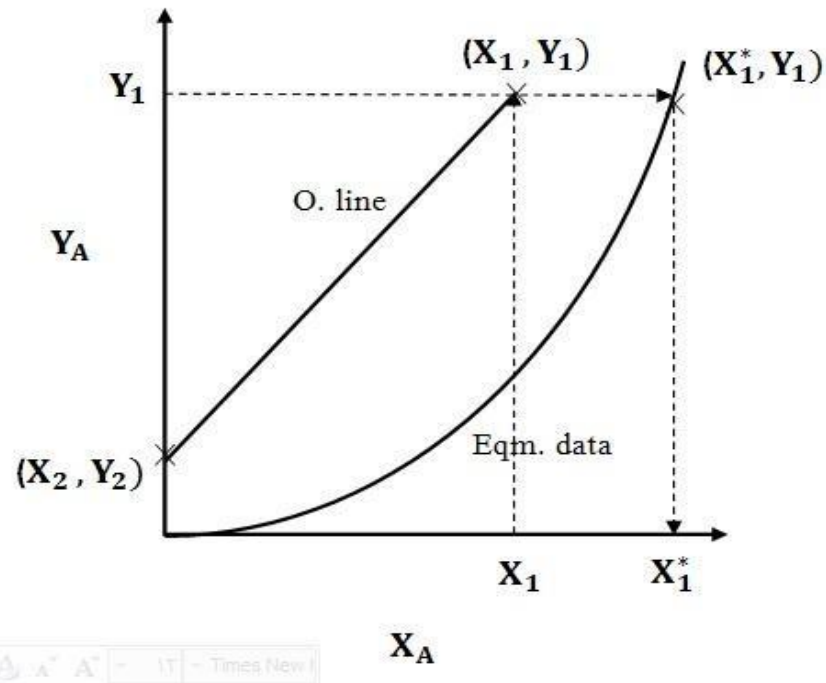


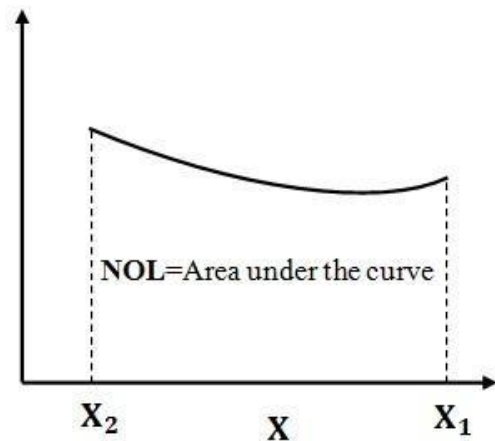
Figure: Calculation of ( $X^*$ ) for packed column.

4. To calculate NOL we draw  $\left[\frac{1}{(X^*-X)}\right]$  Vs.  $[X]$  to find the area under the curve:

Where:

NOL = Area under the curve

$$\frac{1}{(X^* - X)}$$



**Simpson rule for calculation of NOL:**

NOL = Area under the curve

$$\text{NOL} = \frac{h}{3} (f_0 + f_n + 2 f_{\text{even}} + 4 f_{\text{odd}})$$