

Chapter:

# Solvent Extraction

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# Separation Techniques

\* Filtration: (Basic technique)

↳ separation of the whole components.

e.g Separation of AgCl

\* Sublimation: ↳ transition of substance directly from solid to gaseous form (used when solid does not decompose at T<sup>o</sup>)

\* Crystallization: ↳ separation technique used when <sup>crude</sup> solid substance like sublimation decompose at high Temp.

\* Extraction: Separation of a desired component from solution.

\* Every technique has own specificity/domain

• Analyte → wanted material in extraction.

• Raffinate → unwanted material

OR  
Remaining portion after extraction

• Extraction techniques give the better results as compared to simple techniques.

Liq-Liq Extraction

OR

Solvent Extraction

↳ substances are separated on the basis of affinities/solubilities in two diff immiscible phases/liquids

↓  
Solvent may be

- Aqueous + Non-Aqueous
- Aqueous / organic phase
- polar / non polar
- Generally we use separating funnel-

liq-Solid Extraction

↳ Solvent is added to a solid

solvent may be;

- \* Hydrophilic / Hydrophobic
- \* Acidic / Basic

BEST Example;

Solid extraction

↳ Excellent Separating Technique

- Soxhlet apparatus is used.

\* Extraction is reversible phenomenon

\* In extraction weak forces are present (London walls)

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## Liquid-Liquid Extraction: / Solvent Extraction:

↳ Involves the distribution of solute b/w two immiscible liquid phases.

- This is simple, clean, rapid and convenient
- Also applicable to the trace level and large amount of materials.

### Nernst law of Distribution: (principle)

This law states that;

of a system containing two immiscible liquids, and solute is distributed itself b/w two liquids in such a way that equilibrium ratio of molar concentration remains constant provided its molecular state same in both liquids &  $T$  remains constant.

$$K_D = \frac{S_{\text{organic}}}{S_{\text{aqueous}}}$$

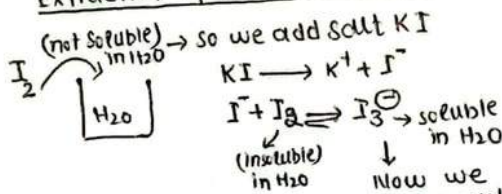
Distribution coefficient  
or  
partition coefficient

Ratio of Solubilities in two Solvents  
↳ Ratio Remains constant (Thermodynamic Equilibrium constant has a fixed value for phases)

- $K_D \uparrow$  solute will move toward organic phase
- $K_D \downarrow$  solute more toward aqueous phase

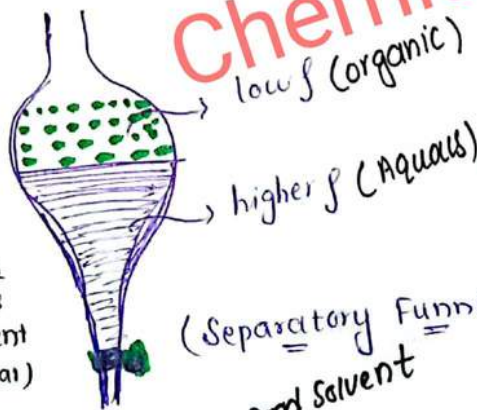
### Example

Extraction of  $I_2$  from Aqueous layer



→  $I_2$  will go back to  $CCl_4$  layer

Now we can separate  $I_2$  from aqueous by using solvent  $CCl_4$  (non-polar)



(Separatory Funnel)

\* → good solvent

\* organic solvents → Diethyl ether, isopropyl ether, petroleum ether, benzene or  $CCl_4$

\* This technique is preferably used, when the products are volatile and thermally unstable.

A good solvent; \* it should have favourable temp. coefficient

\* Substance should be highly soluble in the solvent ↓  
At room temperature

\* Easily separable from water & solute

\* immiscible & volatile in nature \* should dissolve more in solvent than 1st solvent

∴ if  $K_D \uparrow$  → Single extraction is used  
e.g. separation of metal chelates  
in organic solvents

∴ if  $K_D \downarrow$  → Then we have to  
use multiple extractions

### ✓ Distribution Ratio & Extraction Efficiency:

Ratio of Amount  
OR concentration

↓  
Changes with  
solution conditions

↓  
depends upon amounts  
OR concentration.

$$D = \frac{\text{Amount of solute in organic phase}}{\text{Amount of solute in aqueous phase}}$$

$$D = \frac{S_{org}}{S_{aq}}$$

$$\% E = \frac{D}{D + \left(\frac{V_{aq}}{V_{org}}\right)} \times 100$$

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\* if we use equal volumes  
of both layers;

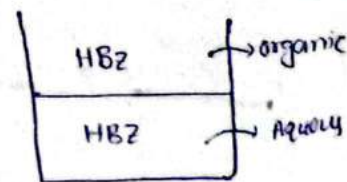
Then; Extraction Efficiency;

$$\% E = \frac{100 D}{D + 1}$$

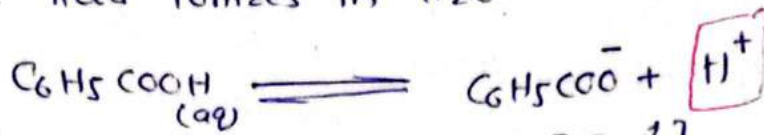
Example;

Extraction of Benzoic Acid From an Aqueous solution

$$K_D = \frac{[C_6H_5COOH]_{organic}}{[C_6H_5COOH]_{aqueous}}$$



Benzoic Acid ionizes in H<sub>2</sub>O



$$K_a = \frac{[C_6H_5COO^-][H^+]}{[C_6H_5COOH]_{aq}}$$

Benzoic acid in aqueous phase gives  $C_6H_5COO^-$

So,

$$D = \frac{[C_6H_5COOH]_{organic}}{[C_6H_5COOH]_{aq} + [C_6H_5COO^-]_{aq}} = \frac{[HBZ]_{org}}{[HBZ]_{aq} + [BZ^-]_{aq}}$$

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$$\therefore [HBZ]_{org} = K_D [HBZ]_{aq}$$

$$D = \frac{K_D [C_6H_5COOH]_{aq}}{[C_6H_5COOH]_{aq} + K_a [C_6H_5COOH]_{aq} / [H^+]_{aq}}$$

$$D = \frac{K_D [C_6H_5COOH]_{aq}}{[C_6H_5COOH]_{aq} [1 + K_a / [H^+]_{aq}]}$$

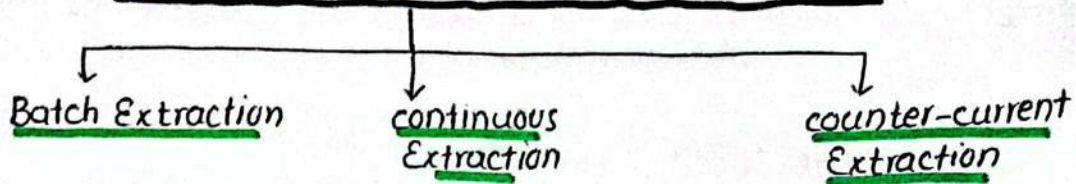
Result

①: if  $[H^+]_{aq} \gg K_a$  then  $D \approx K_D$

• if  $D \uparrow \rightarrow [HBZ] \rightarrow$  toward organic phase.

②: if  $[H^+] \ll K_a \rightarrow$  then  $D \downarrow \rightarrow [HBZ] \rightarrow$  toward aqueous phase.

## : Types OF Liquid-Liquid Extraction:



### (i) Batch-Extraction:

- \* Carried out by using separating funnels.
- \* Extraction by this method is carried out when when partition coefficient of solute  $K_D \uparrow \uparrow$  very high.
- \* Generally it is called single Extraction due to high  $K_D$  value, but multiple extractions can be performed to improve the Efficiency.
- \* For more efficiency Fresh reactant is added to Raffinate and Extraction is continued several times.

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- \* This method is simple & quick
- \* This method is widely used For extraction on small scale. It can be generally performed in college laboratories using Separating Funnels.
- \* In this Extraction, Equilibrium is achieved B/W two phases, After this two immiscible layers are allowed to settle and separated.
- \* It can be single, double & multiple Extractions.

→ Extraction → carried out to smaller volume, two or three times.  
Multiple Extraction: / Repeated Extraction /

- More Efficient and Convenient method
  - complete separation of solute
- ✓ Smaller volume extraction

Let; of x-particles extracted in 100ml of organic phase & aqueous phase.

$$K_D = 2 = \frac{x/100}{(100-x)/100\text{ml}}$$

① 1st Extraction

$$2 = \frac{x}{100-x}$$

✓  $x = 67$  particles in 100ml organic

Raffinate = 33 particles

② 2nd Extraction

$$2 = \frac{x/100}{33-x/100}$$

✓  $x = 22$  → further get into organic

∴ Raffinate = 11

③ 3rd Extraction

$$2 = \frac{x/100}{11-x/100}$$

✓  $x = 7.3$

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## (ii) Continuous Extraction:

- \* Applicable when  $K_D$  value of solute is relatively small.
- \* Generally used for the separation of components of a <sup>liquid</sup> solid mixtures. So, soxhlet apparatus is used (special kind of extractor) <sub>(For liq-solid)</sub>
- \* Efficient extraction can be conducted with a minimum of extracting solvent.
- \* An immiscible extracting liquid is kept flowing continuously through the solution from which a solute is to be extracted.
- \* Very fast reaction/performance, so no equilibrium is achieved.
- \* Two solvents are used, one is extracting solvent (non-aqueous) which is lighter than sample solution (aqueous soln.) - But in soxhlet apparatus we used only one solvent.

Advantages

- Uses a small amount of solvent
- Can remove high amount of solute
- Excellent efficiency than batch extraction.

## (iii) Counter-current Extraction:

↳ Also a type of Liq-Liq Extraction.

- \* In this organic solvent and aqueous solvent move continuously in opposite direction & solute distributes in two oppositely moving phases.
- \* In this, equilibrium is not achieved.
- \* Craig Apparatus is used for the counter current extraction, containing series of glass tubes that are designed and arranged such that the lighter liquid phase is transferred from one tube to another tube.
- \* Efficient process of extraction.

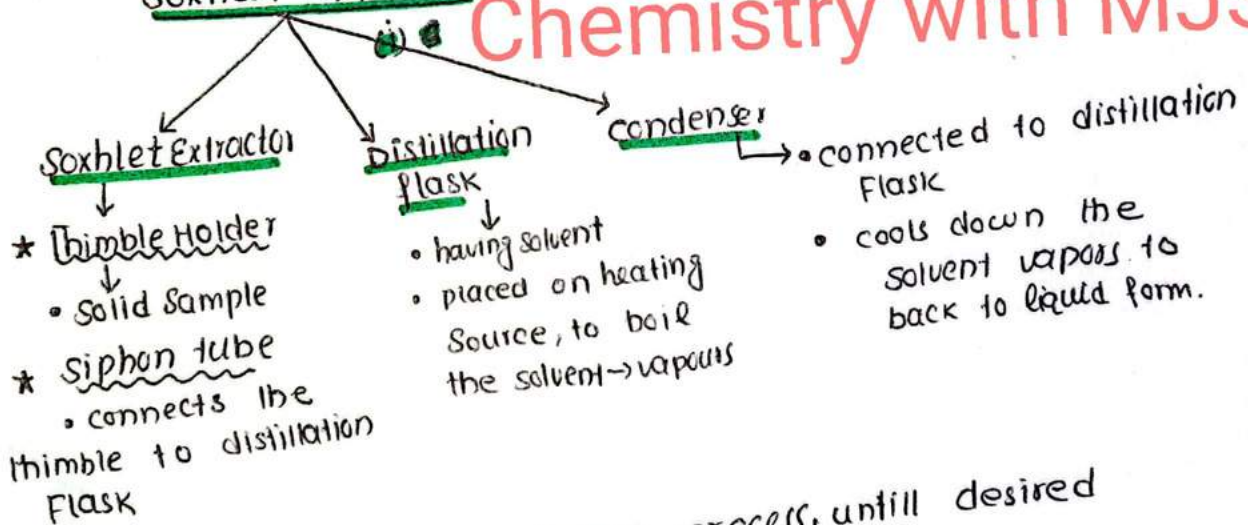


## ✓ Solid-Liquid Extraction:

↳ Soxhlet extraction apparatus is used.

- \* Required soxhlet, when desired compound has limited solubility in a solvent.
- \* Extraction carried out by distillation & condensation of solvent.
- \* Multiple extractions to be done repeatedly using same volume of solvent.
- \* Standard method of extraction of solids from crude material.
- \* Soxhlet extractor used for thermostable compounds.

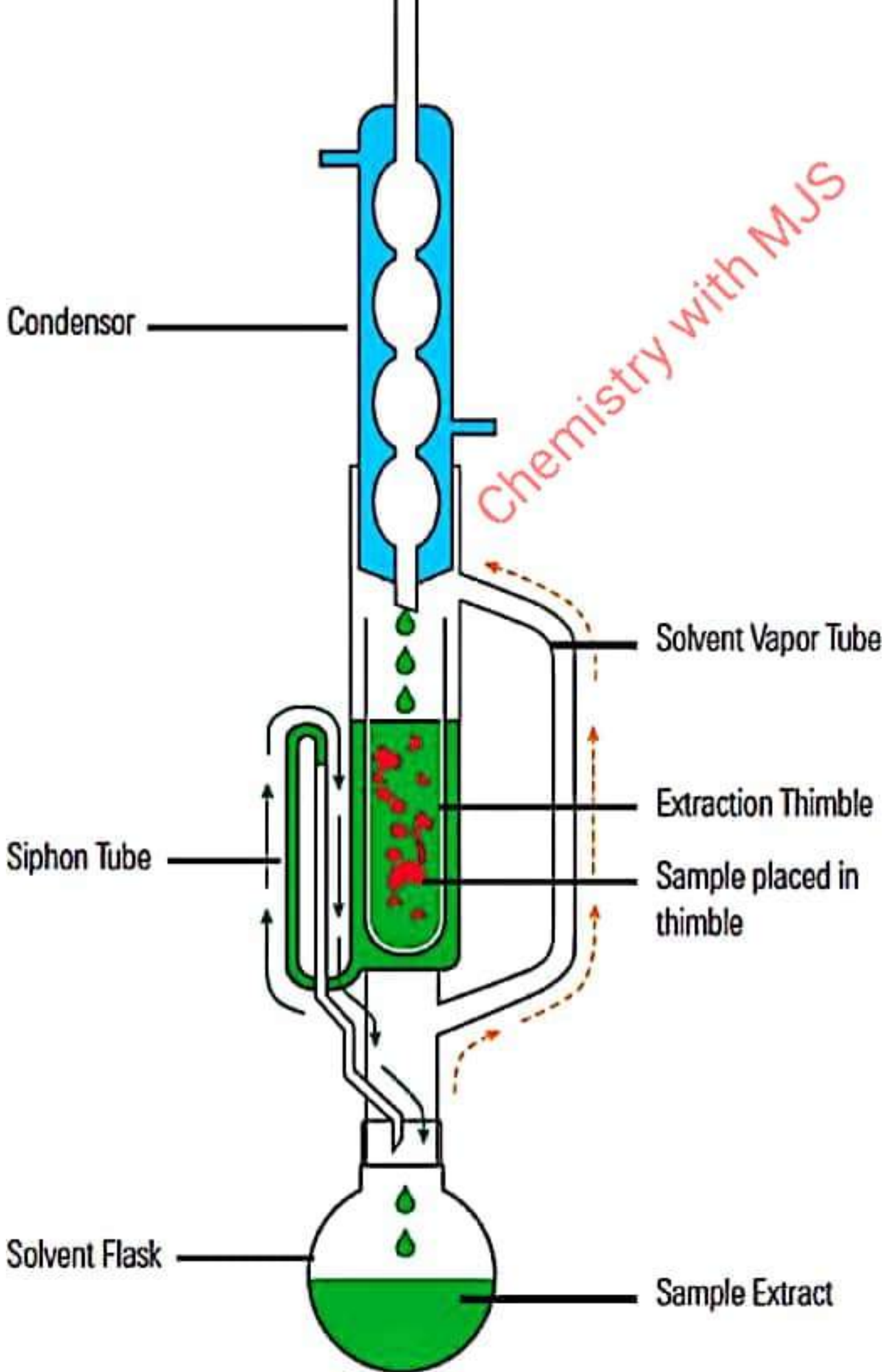
### Soxhlet Apparatus:



- \* cyclic and continuous process, until desired level of extraction is achieved.

### USES:

- ⇒ Extraction of natural products -
- ⇒ Determination of fat content in food -



# Factors Affecting Solvent Extraction:

## Effect of T:

- \* Temperature affect the solubility of solute toward respective phase.
- \* By increasing T  $\rightarrow$  solubility/affinity increases extraction will become fast

## Effect of inert solutes:

e.g  $\text{CaCl}_2$ ,  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , sucrose etc.

Some organic solvents such as ethanol & methanol completely miscible with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the absence of salt. In the presence of  $\text{CaCl}_2$ ,  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , sucrose  $\rightarrow$  salting out

## \* Surface Area of Solid:

- Large surface area  $\rightarrow$  increases the extraction rate

## Effect of pH:

viscosity of solvent: As  $\eta \downarrow$  Extraction  $\uparrow$   
pH affects the stability and charge on metal complex.  
 $\rightarrow$  High & very low pH  $\rightarrow$  ionization occurs  
 $\rightarrow$  moderate pH  $\rightarrow$  NO ionization.

- \* The Acidic pH at which metal ion complex is most stable and neutral is the best pH for extraction of metal ions.  $[H^+] \gg K_a$

Flow Rate of solvent:  $\uparrow$  extraction  $\uparrow$   
nature of solvent:  $\rightarrow$  polarity  $\rightarrow$  solvent should have low B.P.  $\rightarrow$  so that evaporate

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Synergic agents:  $\rightarrow$  enhance the extraction power of metal complexes with organic phase  
These reagent when added to organic phase increase the efficiency of extraction.  
They get associated with metal complexes, make it more soluble into organic phase

# Applications:

1) Making tea is a good example of extraction.

- (2) many organic reagents form <sup>metal chelates through organic</sup> coloured\* chelates with metals, but most of the chelates are insoluble in H<sub>2</sub>O. They are easily soluble in organic solvents and can easily be extracted.
- (3) Also used in drug analysis → <sup>mostly these are organic</sup> separation of drugs.
- (4) Extraction of gold & platinum e.g. in jewelry industry.  
• Ni → extracted from steel industry.
- (5) In oil and fat industry → <sup>precious metals are extracted</sup> extraction by hexane  
↓  
to extract the oil & fats from seeds.
- (6) Separation of metal cations
- (7) Separation of organic compounds from different plant sources.
- (8) Blood samples → extraction of antibodies from blood, which are used for the treatment of diseases (viruses)
- (9) Pharmaceutical industry → to separate the compounds & make it pure.
- (10) It is used to separate the components of mixtures.

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