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Over the years, paper chromatography has evolved and has found widespread applications in molecule separation of different polarities. Typical Uses Of Paper Chromatography • Separating Colored Pigments An effective technique used for separating colored pigments from a mixture. How does it work? A few drops of the colored pigments mixture are placed on the filter paper and then it is slowly submerged into a jar of solvent. Depending on their polarity, it dissolves the molecules present in the mixture, as the solvent rises up the paper. As the solvent continues to rise up the filter paper, molecules of each pigment leaves the solution at different places because of different polarity. Hence, every pigment rises up to a particular level on the chromatography paper and gets separated in the process. It is useful in separation of plant pigments. • Reaction Monitoring Over a period of time, the concentration of reactants decreases, whereas the concentration of production increases in a chemical reaction. One can get a fair idea on the progress of reaction by spotting the reactants and developing the chromatogram over different time intervals. The availability of densitometers made quantitative estimations possible, but traditionally the technique was used for qualitative monitoring. However, as a reaction monitoring option, the rapid methods using spectroscopic techniques are limiting the paper chromatography application. • Qualitative Analysis To analyze or separate the different constituents of a mixture, paper chromatography is used. It is one of the methods of qualitative analysis. We can say it as a useful tool for separating polar as well as non polar solutes. To analyze the different compounds in drugs, most of the pharmaceutical companies use this technique. It is used in determining the pollutants in water and testing of antibiotics. • Isolation And Purification For components of mixture, paper chromatography has been put to use as a purification and isolation technique. Using spectro-photometric methods, the separated components on the paper are cut, dissolved in suitable solvents and their absorption is characterized at specific wavelengths. • Pathology And Forensic Science For investigation of crimes, paper chromatography is useful in the field of forensic science, as this process can be successfully carried out with even very small quantities of material. Using this technique, samples from crime scenes are collected to be analyzed and identified. Used in DNA and RNA fingerprinting. Moreover, to detect the presence of alcohol or chemicals in blood, pathological laboratories use paper chromatography. • Foods Both natural and synthetic food colors are added to foods to improve their acceptability and to make them more popular. Paper chromatography has been primarily used for analysis of food colors in ice creams, sweets, drinks and beverages, jams and jellies. To ensure that no non-permitted coloring agents are added to the foods, only edible colors are permitted for use. That's how quantification and identification becomes more important. • Analyzing Complex Mixtures Certain organic compounds such as carbohydrates and amino acids are identified or detected from a complex mixture of organic compounds with the help of paper chromatography. It is useful in the separation of anions and amino acids. Ranging from forensic investigations, pharmaceuticals, environmental monitoring and foods, paper chromatography have retained their ground in various fields. For matching the requirements of high throughput laboratories, chromatography has seen phenomenal growth in terms of software's, applications and increased automation and separation in general. 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The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material. There are different types of chromatography and one of them is paper chromatography. The entire procedure requires the use of a specialized paper, specifically, a cellulose filter paper that serves as a stationary phase where the separation of compounds happens. In other words, paper chromatography is a method that makes use of a paper sheet or strip as an adsorbent in the stationary phase through which a particular solution is allowed to pass. Unlike other types of chromatography, paper chromatography is inexpensive and can efficiently separate dissolved chemical substances according to their varying migration rates across a sheet of paper. Paper chromatography was discovered in 1943 by Synge and Martin. (1, 2, and 3) Image 1: The image above explains the principles of paper chromatography.Picture Source: wikimedia.org Paper chromatography is a powerful analytical tool that makes use of minute quantities of material. It involves partition chromatography in which the substances are partitioned between phases of liquid. One phase of liquid is water held in the filter paper's pores. The other phase is called the mobile phase that moves over the filter paper. The differences in the affinity towards the water cause the compounds in the mixture to separate. It also has something to do with the mobile phase solvents movement under the paper's capillary action of pores. Another possible reason is the adsorption chromatography that takes place between the solid and liquid phases – the stationary phase is the paper's solid surface and the liquid phase pertains to the mobile phase. Although the majority of paper chromatography applications use the principle of partition chromatography. (2, 3, and 4) Image 2: Paper chromatography is used in different industries.Picture Source: slidesharecdn.com Image 3: Paper chromatography is one of the procedures used to separate colors.Picture Source: pulpandpaper-technology.com Ascending chromatography – The paper's development takes place primarily because of the movement of the solvent/upward motion on the paper. The reservoir of the solvent settles at the beaker's bottom part. The paper tip containing the sample spots dips into the solvent causing the spots to stay above the solvent.Descending chromatography – The development of paper happens because the solvent moves on the downward part of the paper, hence, the name descending chromatography. The reservoir of the solvent is at the top.Ascending-descending – It is a combination of the two modes – the solvent travels upward and eventually go down on the paper.Radial mode – The solvent migrates from the center going to the edge of the circular chromatography paper. It is contained in a covered Petri dish to allow the development of the chromatogram. The center of the paper has a wick that dips into the mobile phase in the petri dish wherein the solvent drains and migrate the sample to form sample sports of varying compounds in the form of concentric rings.2-D chromatography – There development of chromatogram happens in two directions at right angles. The samples are spotted at a specific corner of the rectangular-shaped paper and let the chromatogram development to take place. The paper is immersed in the mobile phase at a right angle to the former development enabling the second chromatogram to happen. (4, 5, 6, and 7) The steps for paper chromatography are as follows: Choose the ideal development type – When it comes to choosing the type of development, some factors have to be considered like the complexity of solvent, mixture, and paper. The most commonly used is radial paper chromatography or ascending type as it is easy to handle and perform. Not to mention, the steps are straightforward and less time-consuming.Choosing the right filter paper – The choice of filter paper should be according to the pores' size and quality of the sample.Sample preparation – The sample should be dissolved in an ideal solvent used in creating the mobile phase.Spotting the sample on the paper – with the aid of a capillary tube, the sample is spotted at the right position on the paper.Chromatography development – The paper is immersed in the mobile phase. The capillary action of the paper causes the mobile to move over the sample on the paper.Drying of paper and detection of the compound – After the development of chromatography, the next step is to dry the paper with the use of air drier. A detecting solution is sprayed on the chromatogram developed paper, which will, later on, dried to thoroughly detect the sample chromatogram spots. (5, 7, 8, and 9) It is used to separate the mixture of polar and non-polar compounds.It is one of the methods used to separate amino acids.It is used to check organic compounds such as inspecting the presence of biochemical in urine.In the pharmaceutical industry, a paper chromatography is performed to determine a specific drug and hormone.It can be used to evaluate inorganic compounds.It is one of the methods used to check for the contents of cosmetics.Paper chromatography can be used in studying the fermentation and ripening process.It is used to detect the presence of contaminants in foods and drinks.It is used to detect adulterants.In biochemical laboratories, paper chromatography can be used to check the reaction of mixture.It is a tool useful in determining dopes and rugs in both animals and humans.It is essentially helpful in separating colored pigments from a mixture. Drops of colored pigment mixtures are put on the filter paper and submerged into a solvent in a jar. It slowly dissolves the molecules in the mixture as the solvent slowly rises up the paper. The rising up motion of the filter paper causes the molecules of each pigment to leave the solution causing the pigments to rise up at a varying level on the chromatography paper.Paper chromatography is used in pathology and forensic science, especially in DNA and RNA fingerprinting. It can also check the presence of chemicals or alcohol in the blood. (2, 6, 9, and 10) References //en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paper_chromatography //www.explainthatstuff.com/chromatography.html //chemdictionary.org/paper-chromatography/ //microbenotes.com/paper-chromatography //www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5206469/ AnswerVerifiedHint: Chromatography is one of the analytical techniques used to separate the mixture of the different components in which each component is moved at a different speed. There are different chromatographic techniques like column chromatography, thin-layer chromatography, gas chromatography, paper chromatography, etc. Complete step-by-step answer:Paper chromatography is one of the chromatographic techniques used to separate the mixture of colored components using the paper on which each component moves at a different speed and get separated. The component with a greater speed moves fast compared to one with lesser speed.The principle of paper chromatography is partition. In paper chromatography there are two phases one is the stationary phase and the other is the mobile phase. Here, water trapped in the paper acts as the stationary phase and solvent acts as the mobile phase. Thus, as the solvent moves the components in the mixture also moves depending on their speed. In this way, the component is distributed between the mobile and stationary phases.Now, the principle of the paper chromatography work on the partition phenomenon option (A) adsorption,(C) solubility, and option (D) volatility are incorrect for the given question.Hence, the correct answer for the given question is option (B).Note: i) Adsorption is the process in which molecules of one component are attached to the surface of another component.ii) Partition is the separation or distribution of the substance into different regions.iii) Solubility is the ability of the substance to dissolve in the solvent. iv) Volatility is the ability of the substance to convert into vapours.

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