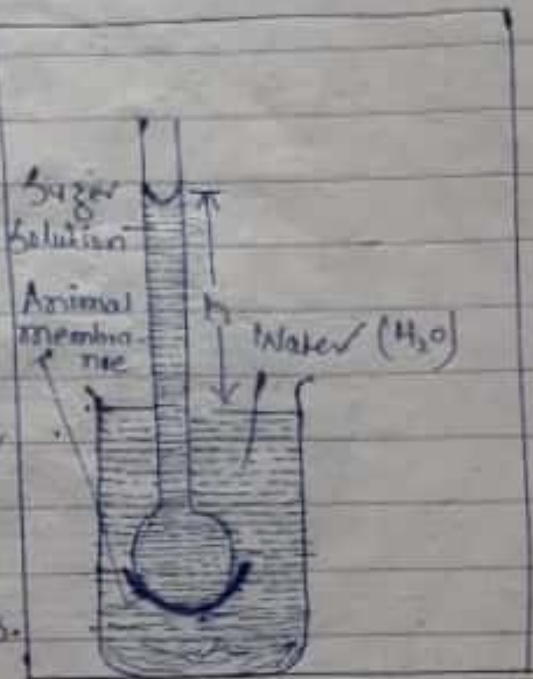


of the movement of particles of a solute from a more concentrated to a less concentrated solution so as to bring about ultimately a uniform concentration throughout the bulk, is known as diffusion.

Let us now consider a solution of sugar contained in an inverted thistle funnel, the lower end of which is closed by a parchment paper or animal bladder. The parchment paper or animal bladder acts as a semipermeable membrane, that is, a membrane which allows free passage to the solvent molecules but not to the solute molecules.



Let the funnel be lowered into a beaker containing water, as shown (Osmosis through an animal membrane). Water will soon pass into the funnel through the membrane. A considerable rise in level of the liquid will be noticed. This phenomenon of the passage of pure solvent into a solution through a semipermeable membrane is known as osmosis.

The flow of the solvent through the semipermeable membrane will continue till an

Vapour Pressure. Eq(3) may thus be stated as

(The relative lowering of vapour pressure of a solution is equal to the mole fraction of the solute present in the solution.)

(This is one of the statements of the Raoult's law.)

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Vapour Pressure Lowering - a Colligative Property :-

Since mole fraction of the solute x_2 is given by $\frac{n}{N+n}$, Eq. (iii) be expressed as

$$\frac{P_1^0 - P_1}{P_1^0} = \frac{n}{N+n} \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

It is evident from Eq. (iv) that the lowering of vapour pressure of a solution depends upon the number of moles (and hence on the number of molecules) of the solute and not upon the nature of the solute dissolved in a given amount of the solvent. Hence, lowering of vapour pressure is a colligative property.

Determination of Molar Masses from vapour pressure lowering :-

It is possible to calculate molar

Suppose, a given mass, w gram, of a solute of molar mass m , dissolved in W (capital) gram of a solvent of molar mass M_m , lowers the vapour pressure from P_i° to P_i . Then, applying Eq. (iv),

$$\frac{P_i^\circ - P_i}{P_i^\circ} = \frac{n}{N+n} \quad \text{--- (v)}$$

Since in dilute solutions, n is very small as compared to N , Eq. (v) may be put in the approximate form as

$$\frac{P_i^\circ - P_i}{P_i^\circ} = \frac{n}{N} = \frac{w/m}{W/M_m} = \frac{w M_m}{W m} \quad \text{--- (vi)}$$

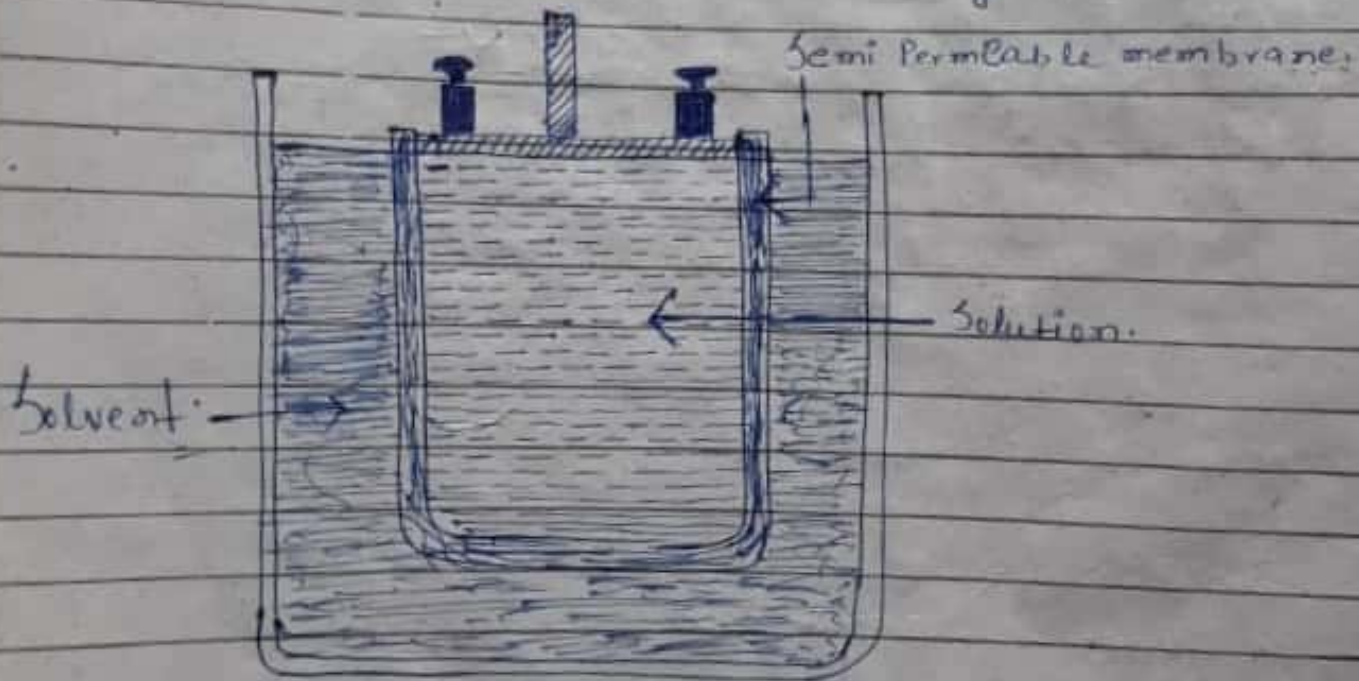
(see notes of part 1st) (for it)

(ii) Osmosis and Osmotic Pressure \rightarrow

Equilibrium is reached when the hydrostatic pressure of the liquid column exactly balances the tendency of water to pass inward through the semipermeable membrane. The hydrostatic pressure set up as a result of osmosis, is a measure of the osmotic pressure of the solution. For instance, if the liquid rises to a height h then,

$$\text{Osmotic Pressure, } \Pi = h \times \rho \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Where ρ is the density of the solution.



Measurement of Osmotic Pressure.

In order to get a clear concept of Osmotic Pressure, consider an other simple experiment. Let the Sugar Solution be placed