where f = force per sq. cm tending to displace one layer with respect to another

> λ=distance between equilibrium positions in the direction of flow

 λ_2 = distance between adjacent molecules in the direction of flow

 λ_3 = distance between molecules in the plane of flow and normal to the direction of flow.

The area of a molecule in the plane of flow will be $\lambda_2\lambda_3$, the force acting on the molecule will then be $f\lambda_2\lambda_3$, and if the force acts through a distance $\lambda/2$, the energy of activation will be raised or lowered by $\frac{1}{2}f\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda$. Fig. 2 shows these energy relations diagrammatically.

The viscosity is given hydrodynamically by

$$\eta = \frac{f\lambda_1}{\Delta V} = \frac{f\lambda_1}{\lambda(k_f - k_b)},$$

where λ_1 = perpendicular distance between adjacent layers of molecules,

 ΔV = difference in velocity of two layers a distance λ_1 apart $=\lambda(k_f-k_b),$

so that

$$\eta = \frac{f\lambda_1}{\lambda k_1 (e^{f\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda/2kT} - e^{-f\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda/2kT})}$$

$$= \frac{f\lambda_1}{\lambda k_1^2 \sinh f\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda/2kT}.$$
(2)

The expansion of $\sinh x$ is $\sinh x = x + 1/6x^3$ $+1/120x^5+\cdots$, so that for ordinary viscous flow, where $f\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda/2\ll kT$,

$$\sinh f \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda / 2kT \cong f \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda / 2kT$$

and we have

$$\eta = \frac{\lambda_1 h}{\lambda^2 \lambda_2 \lambda_3} \frac{F_n}{F_a^*} e^{\Delta E_a/kT}.$$
 (3)

Eq. (2) may be considered the fundamental equation of flow, and also Eq. (3) with the limitation mentioned.

Now if we assume that a molecule flows one intermolecular distance in each elementary process, i.e., that $\lambda = \lambda_2$, and for an equant molecule $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3$

$$\lambda_1/\lambda^2\lambda_2\lambda_3 = N/V$$
,

where N = Avogadro's numberV = molar volume.

If we assume that the degree of freedom corresponding to flow is a translational one, and that other degrees of freedom are the same for the initial and activated states:

$$\frac{F_n}{F_a{}^*} = \frac{\left((2\pi mkT)^{\frac{3}{2}}/h^3 \right) V_f F_{\rm rot} F_{\rm vib}}{\left(2\pi mkT/h^2 \right) V_f{}^{\frac{3}{2}} F_{\rm rot} F_{\rm vib}} = \frac{(2\pi mkT)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{h} V_f{}^{\rm I},$$

where V_f = the free volume per molecule. Eyring and Hirschfelder4 have formulated the free

$$\begin{split} V_f^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{bRT}{V^{\frac{3}{2}}N^{\frac{1}{2}}(p+a/V^2)} \text{ per molecule} \\ &= \frac{bRTV^{\frac{1}{2}}}{N^{\frac{1}{2}}\Delta E_{\text{vap}}} \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{a}{V^2} &= \frac{\Delta E_{\text{vap}}}{V} \gg p, \end{split}$$

where $\Delta E_{\text{vap}} = \text{energy of vaporization per mole}$ $=\Delta H_{\rm vap} - \Delta(pv),$

b=2 for simple cubic packing and has not very different values for other types of packing.

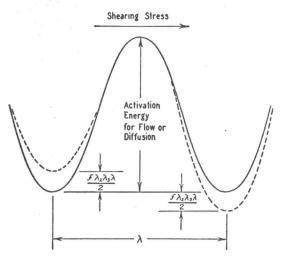


Fig. 2. Energy profile of the path of a flowing molecule.

As stated before the activation energy takes the form of providing a hole for the molecule to flow into, but this may not necessarily have to be a hole the full size of a molecule. A consideration of the attractive and repulsive forces involved in vaporization shows that for any liquid the energy

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