

## SOLUTION OF A MODEL FOR TWO-DIMENSIONAL INTRADIFFUSION

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A system of partial differential equations corresponding to two-dimensional intradiffusion (Wicke) model for a weakly nonlinear isotherm of sorption is solved by reducing it to the Burgers' equation. Some limiting cases interesting from the physical point of view are considered in details.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The microscopic physical description of the sorption/desorption phenomenon is a rather complicated problem. It is especially the case, when this phenomenon is connected with diffusion into a sorption medium. In this case one considers a flow of inactive liquid or gas (a mobile phase) through a bed homogeneously packed by small solid spheres covered by sorbing film (a sorption medium) with a packing characteristic porosity  $\varepsilon = \frac{\text{void volume}}{\text{total volume}}$ . The aim of this note is to study dynamics of sorption of an active marker introduced into a mobile phase. The process of permeability of this marker through a sorption medium is based essentially on a physical picture of multiply repeated sorption and desorption acts.

The mathematical description of dynamics of sorption has to take into account the following basic peculiarities of this complicated phenomenon: balance of an active marker in process of displacement into a sorption medium, kinetic and static properties of this marker, hydrodynamics of this process, dependence between thermodynamic condition parameters of a sorption medium, balance of heat and heat transfer in the process of dynamics of sorption in a mobile phase, etc. Because of complexity of this physical picture the theory develops via formulation of different simplifications and approximations. Usually they are the following (see, e. g., [1–4] and references therein):

- dynamics of sorption is isothermal;
- a mobile phase is incompressible and a concentration of an active marker is so small that variation of a density of sorbing marker can be neglected;
- a flow of a mobile phase is either one dimensional, or one considers an axial-symmetric problem;
- one can neglect the non-homogeneity of a sorption medium.

The main problem of the theory of dynamics of sorption now can be formulated as follows: to find the time (or space) distribution of concentration of sorbing marker for each length  $x$  (or for each moment of time  $t$ ), if the initial concentration of the marker into mobile phase and

character of interaction between marker and a sorption medium are known.

Usually a concentration of the sorbing marker into the mobile phase and a concentration of the sorbed marker into the sorption medium are averaged over the cross-section, thus they are functions of one variable  $x$  ([2–4]). But more precise consideration should take into account a variation of concentration of sorbed marker into a sorption medium along the radius of packing particles. Wicke [5] proposed a two-dimension intradiffusion model (the mathematical formulation is due to Tunitskij *et al.* [6]) where concentration of the sorbed marker results from diffusion of the sorbing marker into a layer of a sorption medium (see Fig. 1).

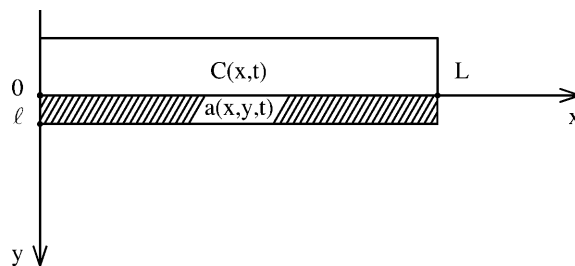


Fig. 1. Diffusion of a sorbing marker  $c(x,t)$  into a layer of a sorption medium with thickness  $l$ .

In the present paper it is shown that the two-dimension intradiffusion Wicke model can be reduced to a partial differential equation for the concentration of the sorbing marker into the mobile phase. Moreover, this equation is solved explicitly for a weakly nonlinear isotherm of sorption.

### II. THE MATHEMATICAL SET UP

The system of the partial differential equations corresponding to Wicke model has the form [6] (see Fig. 1):

$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = D_f \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial y^2}, \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{s\mathcal{D}_f}{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial a}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=l} = 0, \quad (3)$$

$$c(x, t) \Big|_{t=0} = f(x) = \begin{cases} c_0, & 0 \leq x \leq x_0, \\ 0, & x > x_0; \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$a(x, y, t) \Big|_{t=0} = \begin{cases} F(c(x, t)) \Big|_{t=0} = \psi(x), & y = 0; \\ 0, & y > 0. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Here  $a = a(x, y, t)$  is the concentration of the sorbed marker into the sorption medium, and  $a(x, y = 0, t) = F(c(x, t))$  is the equation of the isotherm of sorption;  $c = c(x, t)$  is the concentration of the sorbing marker into the mobile phase;  $y$  is the coordinate inside the film of the sorption medium of thickness  $l$ ;  $\mathcal{D}_f$  is the diffusion coefficient into the sorption medium;  $u$  is the linear flow velocity which is a constant in the cross-section and along the column length;  $s$  is the specific area of the surface boundary between a mobile phase and a sorption medium (per unit bend length and per unit bend cross-section);  $\varepsilon$  is the porosity.

Notice that the Wicke model describes in fact a *two-dimensional diffusion* (into directions  $y$  and  $x$ ) corresponding to the sorbed  $a$  and the sorbing  $c$  markers related by some isotherm equation.

### III. EVOLUTION EQUATION FOR THE MODEL (1)–(5)

Taking into account (5) we can represent the solution  $a(x, y, t)$  in the form:

$$a(x, y, t) = \Theta(x, y, t) + F(c(x, t)). \quad (6)$$

Then by (1) the new function  $\Theta = \Theta(x, y, t)$  satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial t} = \mathcal{D}_f \frac{\partial^2 \Theta}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}, \quad (7)$$

with homogeneous boundary conditions (cf. (3),(5)):

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Solution of the equation (14) with (15) has the form:

$$U_n(x, t) = - \left(\frac{2}{l}\right)^{1/2} \frac{2l}{\pi(2n+1)} \psi(x) \exp(-\mathcal{D}_f \chi_n t) - \int_0^t \left(\frac{2}{l}\right)^{1/2} \frac{2l}{\pi(2n+1)} \frac{\partial F(c(x, \tau))}{\partial \tau} \exp(-\mathcal{D}_f \chi_n (t - \tau)) d\tau. \quad (16)$$

Substituting the expression (16) into (13) and taking into account (3) and (6) we get:

$$\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=l} = 0,$$

$$\Theta(x, y, t) \Big|_{y=0} = 0. \quad (8)$$

By virtue of (5) the initial condition for  $\Theta(x, y, t)$  gets the form:

$$\Theta(x, y, t) \Big|_{t=0} = \begin{cases} 0 & y = 0, \\ -\psi(x) & y > 0. \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

The solution of the corresponding homogeneous system (7)–(9) we represent as

$$\Theta(x, y, t) = Y(y)T(x, t). \quad (10)$$

Then the corresponding eigenvalues and normalized eigenfunctions for this problem are:

$$\chi_n = \left(\frac{\pi(2n+1)}{2l}\right)^2, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad (11)$$

$$Y_n(y) = \left(\frac{2}{l}\right)^{1/2} \sin \frac{\pi(2n+1)}{2l} y. \quad (12)$$

Representing the solution of nonhomogeneous differential equation (7) in the form

$$\Theta(x, y, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n(x, t) Y_n(y) \quad (13)$$

and expanding the nonhomogeneous term with the help of the complete set of the eigenfunctions (12), we get the equation for  $U_n(x, t)$ :

$$\frac{\partial U_n}{\partial t} = -\mathcal{D}_f \chi_n U_n - \left(\frac{2}{l}\right)^{1/2} \frac{2l}{\pi(2n+1)} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}, \quad (14)$$

with the initial condition:

$$U_n(x, 0) = - \left(\frac{2}{l}\right)^{1/2} \frac{2l}{\pi(2n+1)} \psi(x), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots. \quad (15)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial a}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = \left( -\frac{2}{l} \right) \psi(x) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \exp(-\mathcal{D}_f \chi_n t) - \left( \frac{2}{l} \right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t \frac{\partial F(c(\tau, x))}{\partial \tau} \exp(-\mathcal{D}_f \chi_n (t - \tau)) d\tau, \quad (17)$$

where (due to (4),(5)):

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} F(f(x)) = F(c_0), & 0 \leq x \leq x_0, \\ 0, & x > x_0. \end{cases}$$

Let us consider the limit  $x \gg x_0$ . Then by the above conditions the first term in the right-hand side is negligible. Let  $\mathcal{D}_f t \gg l^2$  (where  $l$  is the film thickness of the sorption medium) and let  $x \gg x_0$ . Then for the next term in (17) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_0^t \frac{\partial F(c(\tau, x))}{\partial \tau} \Delta(t - \tau) d\tau \\ &= - \int_0^t \frac{\partial F(c(t - \xi, x))}{\partial t} \Delta(\xi) d\xi, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where  $\xi = t - \tau$ ,  $\Delta(\xi) = \frac{2}{l} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \exp(-\mathcal{D}_f \chi_n \xi)$ . Using the fast decay of the function of  $\Delta(\xi)$  for  $\xi > 0$ , the expression (18) can be represented in the form of expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_0^t \frac{dF}{dc} \frac{\partial c(x, t)}{\partial t} \Delta(\xi) d\xi \\ &+ \int_0^t \frac{dF}{dc} \frac{\partial^2 c(x, t)}{\partial t^2} \xi \Delta(\xi) d\xi + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{l^5}{\mathcal{D}_f^3} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Consequently the first and the second terms in (19) for  $\mathcal{D}_f t \gg l^2$  are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} & - \frac{dF}{dc} \frac{\partial c(x, t)}{\partial t} \int_0^t \frac{2}{l} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \exp(-\mathcal{D}_f \chi_n \xi) d\xi \\ & \simeq - \frac{dF}{dc} \frac{\partial c(x, t)}{\partial t} \frac{2}{l} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\mathcal{D}_f \chi_n)^{-1} = - \frac{l}{\mathcal{D}_f} \frac{dF}{dc} \frac{\partial c(x, t)}{\partial t}; \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{dF}{dc} \frac{\partial^2 c(x, t)}{\partial t^2} \int_0^t \xi \frac{2}{l} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \exp(-\mathcal{D}_f \chi_n \xi) d\xi \simeq \\ & \frac{dF}{dc} \frac{\partial^2 c(x, t)}{\partial t^2} \frac{2}{l} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\mathcal{D}_f \chi_n)^{-2} = \frac{l^3}{3\mathcal{D}_f^2} \frac{dF}{dc} \frac{\partial^2 c(x, t)}{\partial t^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Then the derivation (17) takes the form:

$$\left. \frac{\partial a}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = - \frac{l}{\mathcal{D}_f} \frac{dF}{dc} \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \frac{l^3}{3\mathcal{D}_f^2} \frac{dF}{dc} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2}. \quad (22)$$

Hence, for  $\mathcal{D}_f t \gg l^2$  and  $x \gg x_0$  the boundary condition (2) for the model (1)–(5) reduces to the equation:

$$\frac{u\varepsilon}{s\mathcal{D}_f} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{s\mathcal{D}_f} + \frac{l}{\mathcal{D}_f} \frac{dF}{dc} \right) \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \frac{l^3}{3\mathcal{D}_f^2} \frac{dF}{dc} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2}, \quad (23)$$

which is nothing but the evolution equation for the concentration of sorbing marker.

#### IV. DISCUSSION: LIMITING CASES

We showed that the system of partial differential equations (1)–(5) for the sorbing marker  $c(x, t)$  and sorbed marker  $a(x, y, t)$  can be reduced (in the long-time limit  $\mathcal{D}_f t \gg l^2$  and  $x \gg x_0$ ) to unique partial differential equation corresponding the evolution of sorbing marker (23). It is the concentration which experimenter measures at the end  $x = L \gg x_0$  of packed bed. This equation can be solved explicitly for the case of a weakly nonlinear isotherm of sorption known in the gas-liquid dynamics of sorption [1]. To this end we use approximation for the isotherm of sorption (cf. Eq. (5)):

$$a(x, y = 0, t) = F(c(x, t)) = k_1 c(x, t) + k_2 c^2(x, t), \quad (24)$$

up to quadratic term, where  $|k_2| c(x, t) \ll k_1$ .

Then the equation (23) gets the form:

$$v \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + (1 + \lambda c) \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \tau \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2}, \quad (25)$$

where

$$v = \frac{u\varepsilon}{\varepsilon + \mu k_1}, \quad \lambda = \frac{2k_2 \mu}{\varepsilon + \mu k_1}, \quad \tau = \frac{\mu k_1 l^2}{3\mathcal{D}_f (\varepsilon + \mu k_1)}, \quad \mu = sl.$$

Using the change of variables  $\xi = t - x/v$ ,  $\eta = x/v$  and  $c^* = \lambda c(x, t)$  we get the Burgers' equation for  $c^* = \lambda c(x, t)$ :

$$\frac{\partial c^*}{\partial \eta} + c^* \frac{\partial c^*}{\partial \xi} = \tau \frac{\partial^2 c^*}{\partial \xi^2}. \quad (26)$$

Its solution is well-investigated (see, e.g. [7]).

Therefore, we reduced the two-dimensional intradiffusion Wicke model (1-5) to the Burgers' equation (26).

Below we consider the Cauchy problem for the equation (25) with initial condition with respect to variable  $x$ :

$$c(x=0, t) = \begin{cases} f(t) \geq 0, & \text{if } t \geq 0, \\ f(t) = 0, & \text{if } t < 0, \end{cases} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) dt = M < +\infty. \quad (27)$$

Then the solution of the equation (25) has the form:

$$c(x, t) = \frac{v}{\lambda x} \cdot \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega (t - \frac{x}{v} - \omega) \exp \left[ -\frac{(t - \frac{x}{v} - \omega)^2}{4\tau x/v} \right] \cdot \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2\tau} \int_0^\omega dy \lambda f(y) \right]}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \exp \left[ -\frac{(t - \frac{x}{v} - \omega)^2}{4\tau x/v} \right] \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2\tau} \int_0^\omega dy \lambda f(y) \right]}. \quad (28)$$

For the simplest case

$$f(t) = c(x=0, t) = \begin{cases} c_0, & 0 \leq t \leq t_0, \\ 0, & t < 0; t > t_0, \end{cases}$$

one gets from (28):

$$c(x, t) = \frac{c_0}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{[\phi(a+d) - \phi(b+d)] \exp c}{[\phi(a+d) - \phi(b+d)] \exp c + [2 + \phi(b)] \exp h - \phi(a)}, \quad (29)$$

where  $\phi(z) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-\xi^2} d\xi$  and

$$a = \frac{vt - x}{\sqrt{4\tau x}}, \quad c = \frac{-\lambda c_0 (2x(vt - x) - \lambda c_0 x^2 + vt_0 x)}{4\tau x}, \quad (30)$$

$$b = \frac{vt - x - vt_0}{\sqrt{4\tau x}}, \quad d = -\frac{\lambda c_0 x}{\sqrt{4\tau x}}, \quad h = -\frac{\lambda c_0 vt_0}{2\tau}. \quad (31)$$

If we consider the case  $t_0 \rightarrow 0$  ( $c_0 t_0 = M = \text{const}$ ) we get

$$c(x, t) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{x/v}} \frac{(e^R - 1) \exp \left( -\frac{(t - \frac{x}{v})^2}{4\tau x/v} \right)}{\sqrt{\pi} + \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} (e^R - 1) \left\{ 1 - \phi \left( \frac{t - \frac{x}{v}}{\sqrt{\frac{4\tau x}{v}}} \right) \right\}}, \quad (32)$$

where  $R = \frac{\lambda c_0 t_0}{2\tau}$  is the parameter of the non-linearity. It is positive for concave isotherm of sorption (the case of  $k_2 > 0$  in (24)) and negative for convex isotherm of sorption (the case of  $k_2 < 0$ ).

To investigate the form of the time distribution of the sorbing marker (32) for  $t \gg l^2/D_f$  and for a fixed length  $x = L \gg x_0$  one should to consider the following two limiting cases.

#### Case of small parameter of non-linearity $|R| \ll 1$

In this case we would expect the diffusion in time to

dominate over the non-linearity. For  $|R| \ll 1$  the denominator in (32) is  $\sqrt{\pi} + \mathcal{O}(|R|)$ , uniformly in  $x, t, \tau$ . Hence  $c(x, t)$  may be approximated by

$$\begin{aligned} c(x, t) &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\pi x/v}} R \exp \left( -\frac{(t - x/v)^2}{4\tau x/v} \right) \\ &= \frac{c_0 t_0}{\sqrt{4\pi \tau x/v}} \exp \left( -\frac{(t - x/v)^2}{4\tau x/v} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

This is the source solution of the "heat" equation, close

to the Gaussian shape. So the expectation is verified.

### Case of large parameter of non-linearity $|R| \gg 1$

To discuss the behaviour of the solution (32) for large  $|R|$  (i. e., when the non-linearity dominates over the diffusion) it is convenient to introduce the similarity vari-

able  $T = \frac{t-x/v}{\sqrt{2|\lambda|c_0t_0x/v}}$ . Then we analyze the behaviour of  $c(T, x)$ , when  $|R| \gg 1$  for different ranges of  $T$ .

1). Let us consider the case when the isotherm of sorption is concave,  $R > 0$ .

Writing (32) as

$$c(T, x) = \sqrt{\frac{2c_0t_0v}{\lambda x}} \cdot g(T, R), \quad g(T, R) = \frac{e^R - 1}{2\sqrt{R}} \cdot \frac{e^{-T^2R}}{\sqrt{\pi} + (e^R - 1) \int_{T\sqrt{R}}^{\infty} e^{-\xi^2} d\xi}, \quad (34)$$

we discuss the behaviour of  $g$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$  (i. e.  $\tau \rightarrow 0$ ) for different ranges of  $T$ . In all cases,  $e^R - 1 \sim e^R$  and we may use

$$g(T, R) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{R}} \cdot \frac{e^{R(1-T^2)}}{\sqrt{\pi} + e^R \int_{T\sqrt{R}}^{\infty} e^{-\xi^2} d\xi}, \quad (35) \quad \int_{\eta}^{\infty} e^{-\xi^2} d\xi \sim \frac{e^{-\eta^2}}{2\eta} \quad \text{as} \quad \eta \rightarrow \infty. \quad (36)$$

Consequently the solution of the equation (25) for  $R \gg 1$  is

$$c(T, x)|_{R \gg 1} = \begin{cases} O(R^{-1/2}) & , T < 0, \\ \sqrt{\frac{2c_0t_0v}{\lambda x}} \cdot \frac{T}{1 + 2T\sqrt{\pi R} \exp(R(T^2 - 1))} & , T \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

If  $0 < T < 1$ , we have from (35)

$$g \sim T, \quad 0 < T < 1, \quad R \rightarrow \infty, \quad (38)$$

whereas if  $T > 1$ ,  $g \rightarrow 0$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $g \rightarrow 0$  except in  $0 < T < 1$ , and in that range  $g \sim T$ . In the original variables the result reads:

$$c(x, t)|_{R \rightarrow \infty} = \begin{cases} \frac{v}{\lambda x} (t - x/v) & , 0 < \frac{t-x/v}{\sqrt{(2\lambda c_0 t_0 x)/v}} < 1, \\ 0 & , \text{for the other } x, t. \end{cases} \quad (39)$$

This is the appropriate solution of (25) with a *shock* (i. e., with a jump) at the point  $t = x/v + \sqrt{(2\lambda c_0 t_0 x)/v}$ . The concentration  $c$  jumps from zero to  $\sqrt{(2c_0 t_0 v)/(\lambda x)}$ . The shock is located at  $T = 1$  and for large but finite  $R$  (37) shows a rapid transition from exponentially small values in  $T > 1$  to  $(1/\lambda)\sqrt{(4R\tau v)/x}$  in  $T < 1$ . The transition layer is of thickness  $\mathcal{O}(R^{-1})$  around  $T = 1$  (see Fig. 2)

2). In the case when the isotherm of sorption is a convex the solution of (25) is (see Fig. 3):

$$c(T, x)|_{|R| \gg 1} = \begin{cases} O(|R|^{-1/2}) & , T > 0, \\ \sqrt{\frac{2c_0t_0v}{|\lambda|x}} \cdot \frac{|T|}{1 + 2|T|\sqrt{\pi|R|} \exp(|R|(T^2 - 1))} & , T \leq 0. \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

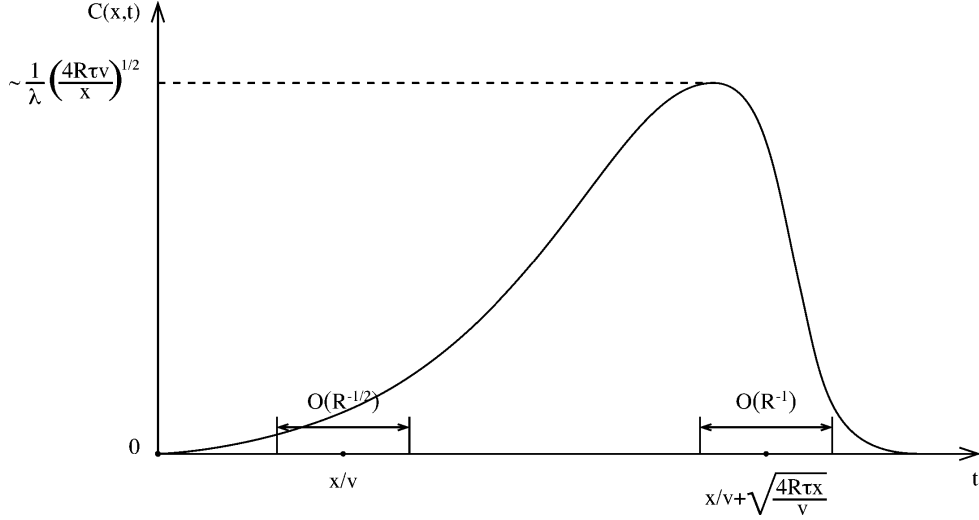


Fig. 2. Shock-wave type solution of Burgers' equation for concave isotherm of sorption.

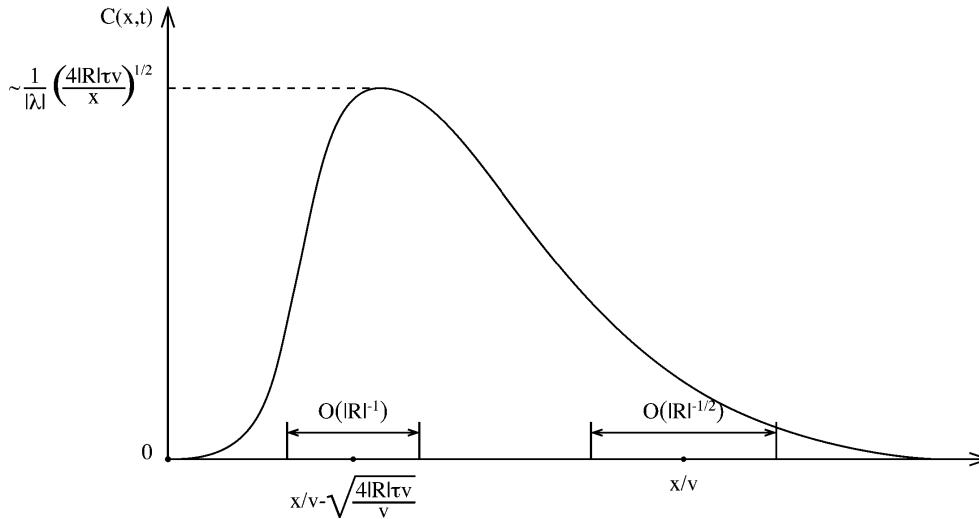


Fig. 3. Shock-wave type solution of Burgers' equation for convex isotherm of sorption.

If  $|R| \rightarrow \infty$  ( $x$  is fixed) we get again a solution of the shock-wave type:

$$c(x, t)|_{|R| \rightarrow \infty} = \begin{cases} \frac{v}{|\lambda|x} |t - x/v|, & -1 < \frac{t-x/v}{\sqrt{(2|\lambda|c_{ot_0x})/v}} < 0 \\ 0, & \text{for the other } x, t. \end{cases} \quad (41)$$

## V. CONCLUSION

- A system of partial differential equations corresponding to two-dimensional intradiffusion (Wicke) model for a weakly nonlinear isotherm of sorption is solved by reducing it to the Burgers' equation. Therefore, in the present paper we

solve a model for *two-dimensional diffusion*. Some limiting cases interested from the physical point of view are considered in details.

- The expression for the concentration (37)–(39) of the sorbing marker for each fixed  $x$  has a slanting left slope and a steep right slope in the vicinity of the point  $t = x/v + \sqrt{(4R\tau x)/v}$  in the case of

concave sorption isotherm (see Fig. 2).

- In this case of (40)–(41) the concentration of the sorbing marker for a fixed  $x \gg x_0$  has a slanting right slope and the a steep left slope in the vicinity of the point  $t = x/v - \sqrt{(4|R|\tau x)/v}$  in the case of convex sorption isotherm (see Fig. 3).
- The solutions of (37)–(39) and (40)–(41) have a clear physical interpretation.
  - From equation (25) we conclude that the sorbing concentration  $c(x, t)$  moves with the velocity  $v' \sim v/(1 + \lambda c)$ . The latter means that higher concentrations move slower than the small ones for  $\lambda > 0$ , i. e.,  $k_2 > 0$ . Therefore, the small concentrations arrive to the packed-bed output earlier than the high concentrations (see Fig. 2).
  - For the case  $\lambda < 0$  (i. e.,  $k_2 < 0$ ) higher concentrations arrive to the packed-bed output earlier than small concentrations (see Fig. 3).
- We neglected the non-homogeneity of a sorption medium. In most cases, however, the stationary phase film covering the support surface is non-uniform and fills mainly randomly narrow pores of the support. Latter means that the thickness  $l$  of sorption film (see Fig. 1) is stochastic. We return to this problem elsewhere.

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#### РОЗВ'ЯЗОК ДЛЯ МОДЕЛІ ДВОВИМІРНОЇ ІНТРАДИФУЗІЇ

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Систему диференціальних рівнянь у частинних похідних, що відповідає двовимірній моделі інтрадифузії (моделі Віке) для слабо нелінійних ізотерм сорбції, розв'язано способом зведення її до рівняння Бургерса. У деталях розглянуто деякі граничні випадки, цікаві з точки зору застосування у фізиці.