

## Electrochemical Redox Reaction, Kinetics for KMnO<sub>4</sub>, Oxidation parameters for Pectin in NaOH solutions Cyclic Voltammetrically

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**Abstract:** Redox reaction of KMnO<sub>4</sub> in presence of pectin as a natural polymer was studied cyclic voltammetrically in 0.1 M NaOH at 296.85K and scan rate 0.1 v/s. Glassy carbon electrode was used as working electrode, Ag/AgCl reference electrode and platinum wire auxiliary electrode were used. The detection of divalent manganese ion was used to detect the reduction oxidation reaction affected by the used polymer in the alkaline 0.1M NaOH solutions. Different kinetic and thermodynamic parameters were obtained at different time measurements by the oxidation of the used natural polymer with KMnO<sub>4</sub> and the obtained data were discussed.

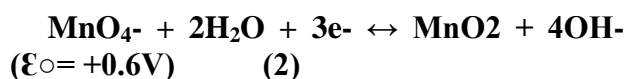
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### 1. Introduction

In strong alkaline medium, the stable reduction product of permanganate is manganate (VI) ion, MnO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> (1) was formed as further reaction:

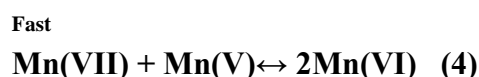
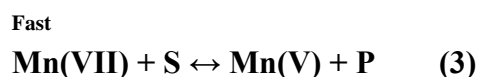


In alkaline solutions permanganate reduced to Mn(IV) as follows:



Process Mn(VII)→Mn(IV) in alkaline solutions indicates the formation of colloidal soluble MnO<sub>2</sub> species (2,3). After the complete consumption of permanganate ion, MnO<sub>2</sub> plays important role in auto-catalytic and oscillating reactions (4).

Scheme (I) illustrates the transformation of Mn(VII) to Mn(V) and rapid oxidation of the hypomanganate ion (4).



(scheme I)

The heptavalent manganese Mn(VII) changes to Mn(IV) in alkaline solution as a final oxidation state.

Our purpose here is to study the oxidation of natural polymer pectin by KMnO<sub>4</sub> in alkaline

NaOH media kinetically and thermodynamically with suggested redox mechanisms.

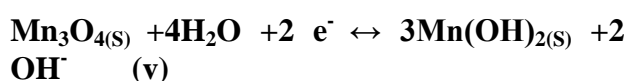
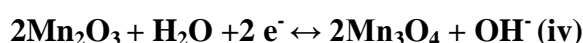
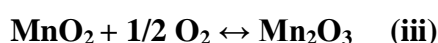
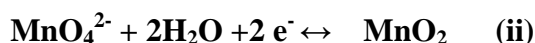
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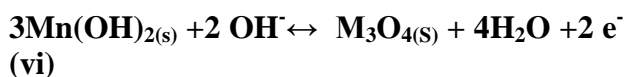
Potassium Permanganate is provided from Al-Gomhoria Co. Where as pectin is provided from Adwic Chemicals Co.

DY2000 potentiostat was used for measuring the cyclic voltammograms. Glassy carbon electrode GCE was used as working electrode. The other two electrodes for the circuit are Ag/AgCl reference electrode and platinum wire counter electrode. 30 ml of the solutions were measured after passing N<sub>2</sub> gas on it to ensure the removal of dissolved oxygen.

### 3. Results and discussion:

Cyclic voltammetry of KMnO<sub>4</sub> alone in 0.1M NaOH. Many peaks for the used potassium permanganate ranging from concentration 0.332×10<sup>-3</sup> to 3.23×10<sup>-3</sup> N in window range from 1 to -1V in 0.1M NaOH as:

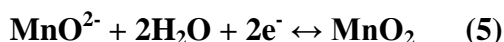




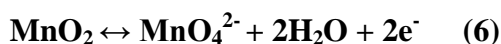
The many peaks obtained are appeared in Fig.(1) indicating the developing of many reduction peaks and oxidation peaks on using hydroxide ions medium shifting the equilibrium of the above mentioned equations from (i) to (v) to right side of equations. The different peaks appeared in experimental as redox peaks which appeared are:

1-First reduction wave at  $\approx 0.5\text{V}$  corresponding to the equation (1) (5).

2-Second reduction peak at  $-0.3\text{V}$  following equation (5)



3-Main oxidation peak at  $0.4\text{V}$  following equation (6) (5)



We further take in consideration the main reduction peak at  $-0.3\text{V}$  and the main oxidation peak at  $0.4\text{V}$ . This two couple peaks were concentrated in study.

#### Analysis of reduction and oxidation peaks using the different equations.

Voltammetry calculations for the resulted reduction peak and the oxidation peak are illustrated in the next equations. The cathodic and anodic surface coverage explaining the electrode surface covered by electrostatic species is calculated using equation (7) (6-9):

$$\Gamma_a \text{ or } \Gamma_c = I_{p,c} / n^2 F^2 A V \quad (7)$$

Where (R) is the universal gas constant, n is the number of electrons in redox reaction, A in  $\text{cm}^2$  is electrode surface area, T is the absolute temperature. Q the quantity of electricity need for the redox reaction and can be calculated by applying equation (8) for the anodic and cathodic quantity of electricity(9-14).

$$Q_a, Q_c = n F A \Gamma \quad (8)$$

Diffusion coefficient, anodic and cathodic wave calculated by using equation (9) (15,16)

$$I_p = (2.69 \times 10^5) n^{3/2} A C D^{1/2} V^{1/2} \quad (9)$$

Since  $I_p$  is the peak current in ampere unit. A in  $\text{cm}^2$  is working electrode surface area, and D is the diffusion coefficient. D can be calculated for the cathodic wave and known as  $D_c$  cathodic diffusion coefficient,  $D_a$  the anodic diffusion coefficient can be calculated

for the anodic peak. V is the scan rate and C is the permanganate normality.

The different between cathodic and anodic peak potential.  $\Delta E_p$  can be calculated by using equation(10):

$$\Delta E_p = E_{Pa} - E_{Pc} \quad (10)$$

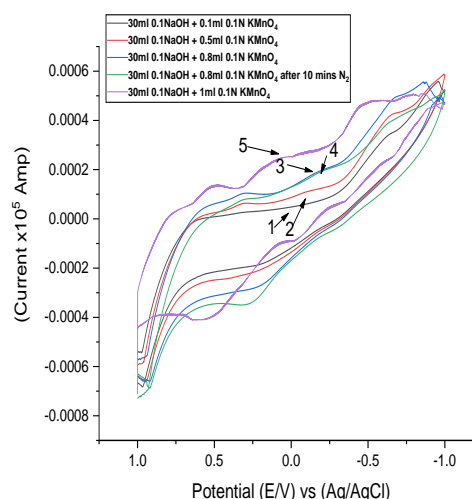
Also for further calculation important parameter  $K_s$ , where  $K_s$  the heterogenous electron rate constant was calculated by using equation(11) (17-21):

$$k_s = 2.18 (D_c \alpha n_a F V / RT)^{1/2} \exp. \{ \alpha^2 n F (E_{Pc} - E_{Pa}) / RT \} \quad (11)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the charge transfer coefficient,  $n_a$  is the number of electrons involved in the anodic, cathodic waves and  $\alpha n_a$  can be calculated by using equation (12) (6.7):

$$(E_{Pc} - \{ E_{Pc} / 2 \}) = (1.857 RT / \alpha n_a F) \quad (12)$$

Where  $E_{Pc} / 2$  is the half peak potential and  $\alpha$  equal 0.5 as approximation for quasi reversible system. The above parameters were estimated for both the cathodic and anodic peaks of  $\text{KMnO}_4$  on addition of natural polymer to it 2ml pectin from 1% (W/W) in water. At different time measurements were cited in table (3) .



**Fig.1.** Effect of different concentrations of  $\text{KMnO}_4$  in  $0.1\text{M NaOH}$  by using glassy carbon electrode at  $296.85\text{K}$  and scan rate  $0.1\text{V.S}^{-1}$ .

Effect of scan rate were done for  $\text{KMnO}_4$  in  $0.1\text{M NaOH}$  at scan rate  $0.1$  and  $0.05$  and we found that parameters are decrease with the decrease on the scan rate indicating that the electrochemical reaction is diffusion controlled different cyclic voltammetry

**Table (1):** Effect of different concentrations of  $\text{KMnO}_4$  in 0.1M NaOH by using glassy carbon electrode at 296.85K and scan rate  $0.1\text{V.S}^{-1}$ .

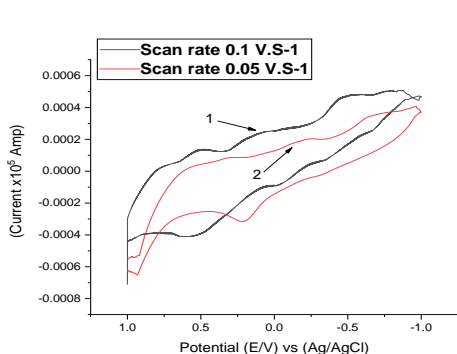
[N] $\times 10^3$ $\text{mol.L}^{-1}$	$E_{p,a}$ Volt	$E_{p,c}$ Volt	$\Delta E_p$ Volt	(-) $I_{p,a}$ $\times 10^5$ Amp	$I_{p,c} \times 10^5$ Amp	$I_{p,a}/I_{p,c}$	$E^\circ$ Volt	$D_a \times 10^{10}$ $\text{cm}^2.\text{s}^{-1}$	$D_c \times 10^{10}$ $\text{cm}^2.\text{s}^{-1}$	ana <sub>c</sub>	Ksc $\times 10^2$	$\Gamma_c \times 10^9$ $\text{mol.cm}^{-2}$	(+) $Q_c$ $\times 10^5$ C	$\Gamma_a \times 10^9$ $\text{mol.cm}^{-2}$	(-) $Q_a$ $\times 10^5$ C
0.332	0.2086	-0.1686	0.3772	5.85	6.26	0.935	0.01999	$5429 \times 10^3$	$6210 \times 10^3$	0.1849	7290	5.2866	3.20	4.9444	3.00
1.64	0.1958	-0.1039	0.2997	4.10	4.72	0.869	0.04590	$1096 \times 10^2$	$1450 \times 10^2$	0.4408	379	3.988	2.42	3.46736	2.10
2.60	0.2499	-0.1301	0.3800	5.48	7.43	0.737	0.059877	77790	$1430 \times 10^2$	0.4306	1790	6.28084	3.81	4.62752	2.80
2.60 After 10 mins N <sub>2</sub>	0.2722	-0.2289	0.5011	8.01	7.29	1.099	0.02166	0.166638	0.138	0.3583	17	6.16046	3.73	6.77268	4.10
3.23	0.5814	-0.1334	0.6175	17.5	3.66	4.785	0.22399	$5165 \times 10^2$	$226 \times 10^2$	0.4602	75700	3.0948	1.88	1.48081	8.97

**Table (2):** Effect of different scan rates of ( $3.23 \times 10^{-3}$  N)  $\text{KMnO}_4$  in 0.1M NaOH by using glassy carbon electrode at 296.85K.

$v$ $\text{V.S}^{-1}$	$E_{p,a}$ Volt	$E_{p,c}$ Volt	$\Delta E_p$ Volt	(-) $I_{p,a}$ $\times 10^5$ Amp	$I_{p,c} \times 10^5$ Amp	$I_{p,a}/I_{p,c}$	$E^\circ$ Volt	$D_a \times 10^{10}$ $\text{cm}^2.\text{s}^{-1}$	$D_c \times 10^{10}$ $\text{cm}^2.\text{s}^{-1}$	ana	ksc $\times 10^2$	$\Gamma_c \times 10^9$ $\text{mol.cm}^{-2}$	(+) $Q_c$ $\times 10^5$ C	$\Gamma_a \times 10^9$ $\text{mol.cm}^{-2}$	(-) $Q_a$ $\times 10^5$ C
0.1	0.5814	-0.1334	0.6175	17.5	3.66	4.785	0.22399	$5165 \times 10^2$	$226 \times 10^2$	0.4602	75700	3.0948	1.88	1.48081	8.97
0.05	0.21295	-0.2330	0.4459	13.1	11.3	1.160	0.01001	0.5738	0.426	0.2573	6.10	19.0248	11.5	22.073	13.4

**Table (3):** Effect of Time on 2ml 1% Pectin + 30ml 0.1M NaOH + 1ml 0.1N  $\text{KMnO}_4$  by using glassy carbon electrode at 296.85K and scan rate  $0.1\text{V.S}^{-1}$ .

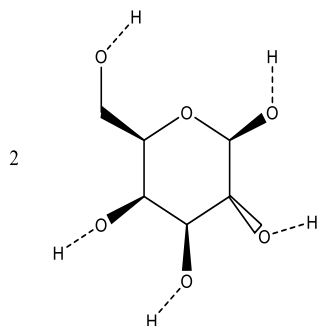
Time min	[N] $\times 10^3$ $\text{mol.L}^{-1}$	[P] $\times 10^3$ $\text{mol.L}^{-1}$	$E_{p,a}$ Volt	$E_{p,c}$ Volt	$\Delta E_p$ Volt	(-) $I_{p,a}$ $\times 10^5$ Amp	$I_{p,c} \times 10^5$ Amp	$I_{p,a}/I_{p,c}$	$E^\circ$ Volt	$D_a \times 10^{10}$ $\text{cm}^2.\text{s}^{-1}$	$D_c \times 10^{10}$ $\text{cm}^2.\text{s}^{-1}$	ana <sub>c</sub>	Ksc $\times 10^2$	$\Gamma_c \times 10^9$ $\text{mol.cm}^{-2}$	(+) $Q_c$ $\times 10^5$ C	$\Gamma_a \times 10^9$ $\text{mol.cm}^{-2}$	(-) $Q_a$ $\times 10^5$ C
0	3.03	6.06	0.4467	-0.2260	0.6727	39.8	4.49	8.860	0.1103	3.02	0.0384	0.7029	0.0364	3.7923	2.3	33.601	20.4
5	3.03	6.06	0.4760	-0.2237	0.6997	37.8	5.24	7.203	0.1262	2.72	0.0524	0.6954	0.0716	4.4276	2.68	31.891	19.3
7	3.03	6.06	0.4910	-0.2214	0.7124	34.8	3.50	9.923	0.1348	2.30	0.0234	0.8147	0.0664	2.9578	1.79	29.349	17.8
10	3.03	6.06	0.5096	-0.2195	0.7291	38.7	3.98	9.741	0.1450	2.86	0.0301	0.8762	0.108	3.3565	2.03	32.695	19.8
15	3.03	6.06	0.5027	-0.2153	0.7180	36.5	4.48	8.141	0.1437	2.54	0.0383	0.8089	0.0945	3.7841	2.29	30.805	18.7
17	3.03	6.06	0.4718	-0.2071	0.6789	32.5	4.05	8.020	0.1323	2.01	0.0312	0.8439	0.0406	3.4186	2.07	27.418	16.6
30	3.03	6.06	0.5060	-0.2051	0.7111	32.8	4.62	7.098	0.1505	2.05	0.0406	0.8414	0.0867	3.8982	2.36	27.67	16.8
40	3.03	6.06	0.5056	-0.2072	0.7127	36.3	3.98	9.117	0.1492	2.51	0.0301	0.8704	0.0784	3.3588	2.04	30.623	18.6



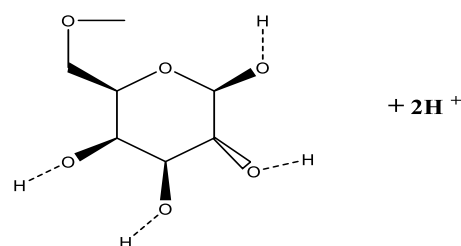
**Fig.2.** Effect of different scan rates of ( $3.23 \times 10^{-3}$  N)  $\text{KMnO}_4$  in 0.1M NaOH by using glassy carbon electrode at 296.85K

1) Increase in  $I_{p,a}$ .

The oxidation mechanism proceed through equations (13) and (15). Equation (14) is an important intermediate.



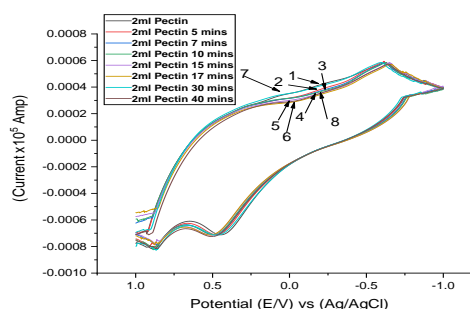
(2R,3S,4S,5R,6R)-6-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2,3,4,5-tetraol  
(Pectin)



Beta-D- Gluco-pyranuronic acid beta-D-glucuronic acid

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[P] is pectin concentration.



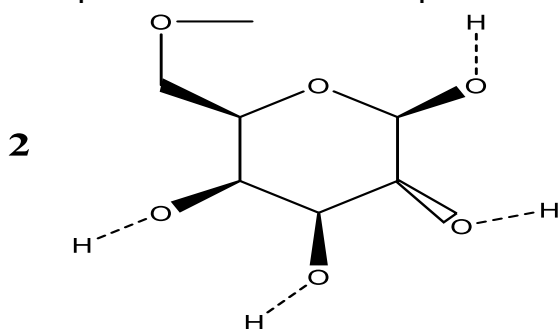
**Fig.3.** Effect of Time on 2ml 1% Pectin + 30ml 0.1M NaOH + 1ml 0.1N  $\text{KMnO}_4$  by using glassy carbon electrode at 296.85K and scan rate  $0.1\text{V.S}^{-1}$ .

Kinetic oxidation parameters for pectin by  $\text{KMnO}_4$  in alkaline medium (0.1M NaOH). the applications of equations (7) to (12) on the oxidation of pectin by  $\text{KMnO}_4$  in 0.1M NaOH were done and the different data were tabulated

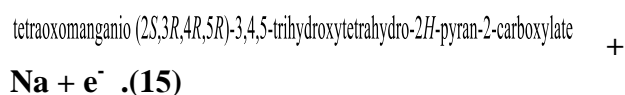
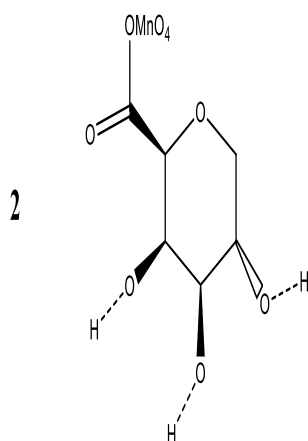
in table (3) at the used different times interval at 296.85K. all measurements were done on the use 1%(w/w) for pectin solution in H<sub>2</sub>O. The difference between anodic and cathodic peaks  $\Delta E_p$  at all time intervals is in the range of 0.7V indicating the quasi reversible redox reaction which is very near to the reversible one 0.59V. This indicates that the reaction is quasi reversible.. Two sharp peaks are obtained, one reduction at -0.3V and one oxidation at 0.4V which indicate agreement of specific reaction of the selected species.

We noticed that oxidation mechanism for pectin by KMnO<sub>4</sub> was observed and supported by:

- 2) Shift of  $E_{pc}$  to more positive values.
- 3) Increase of  $I_{pc}$ .
- 4) Shift of  $E_{pa}$  to more positive values.



+NaMnO<sub>4</sub>



The reaction between the permanganate ion and the Na<sup>+</sup> in NaOH to form neutral molecule. Then the charge on the formed complex will be decreased owing to either presence of Na<sup>+</sup> cation or Mn-O bond polarization (22,23).

This means that the above two processes facilitate the attack of the oxidant on the center of the polymer substrate.

### Kinetic oxidation of pectin by KMnO<sub>4</sub> in alkaline medium:

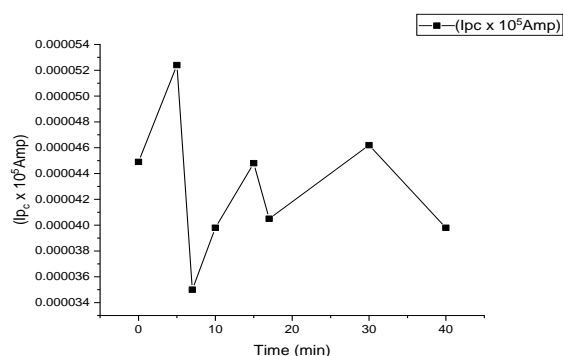


Fig.4. The relation between Time and  $I_{pc}$  for Pectin+KMnO<sub>4</sub>.

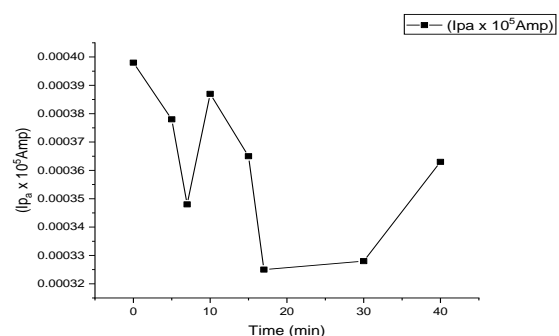


Fig.5. The relation between Time and  $I_{pa}$  for Pectin+KMnO<sub>4</sub>.

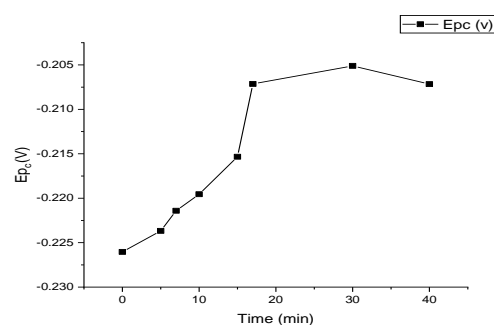


Fig.6. The relation between Time and  $E_{pc}$  for Pectin+KMnO<sub>4</sub>.

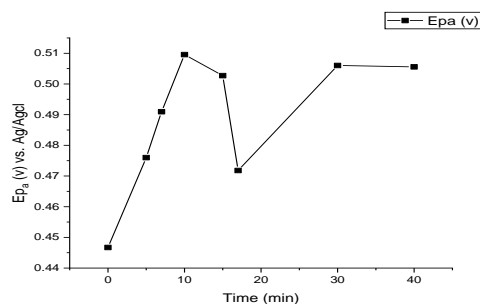
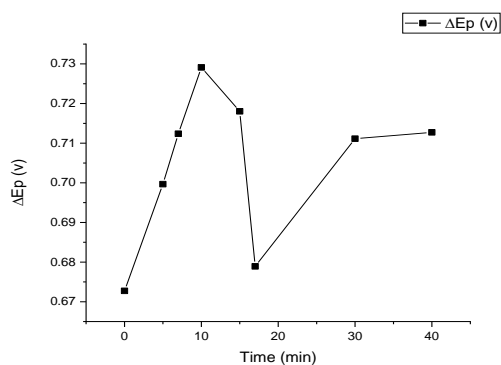
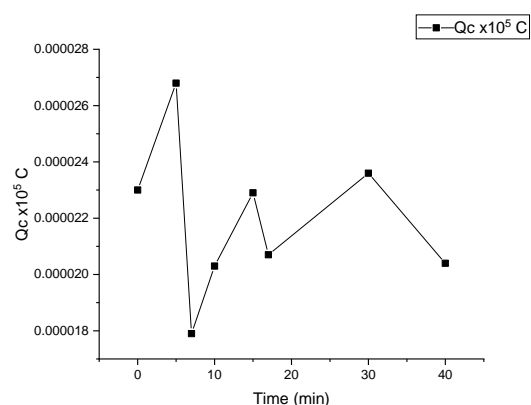


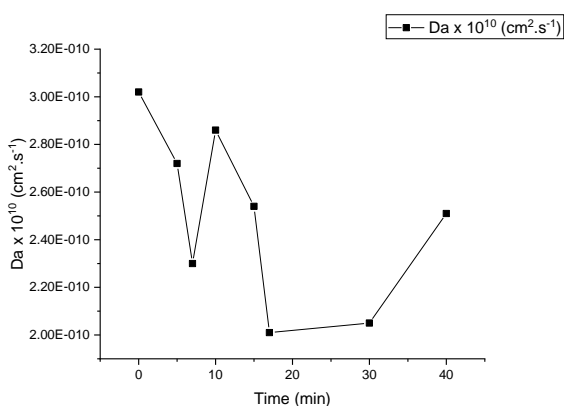
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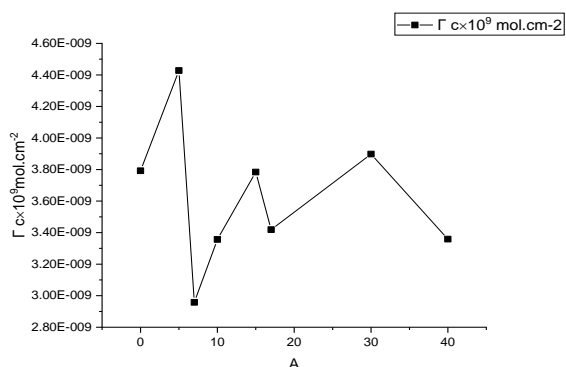
**Fig.8.** The relation between Time and  $\Delta E_p$  for Pectin+ $KMnO_4$ .



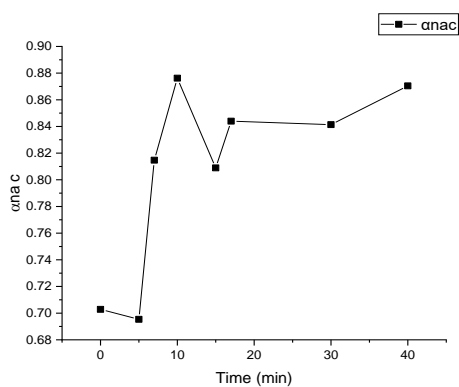
**Fig.12.** The relation between Time and  $Q_c$  for Pectin+ $KMnO_4$ .



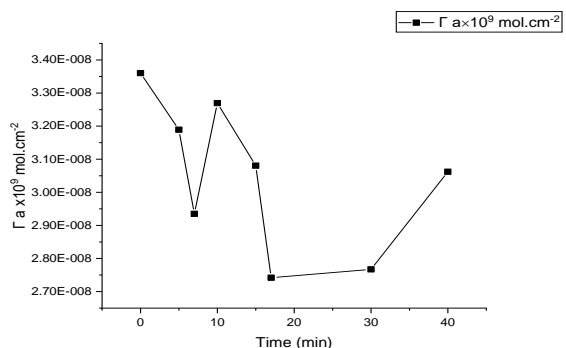
**Fig.9.** The relation between Time and  $D_a$  for Pectin+ $KMnO_4$ .



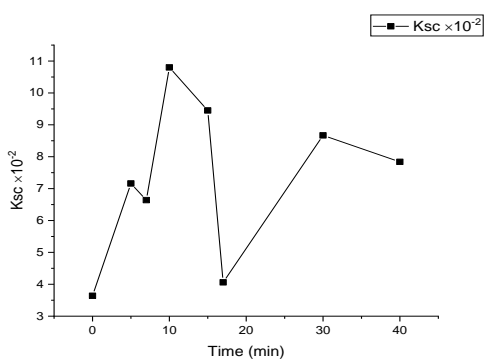
**Fig.13.** The relation between Time and  $\Gamma_c$  for Pectin+ $KMnO_4$ .



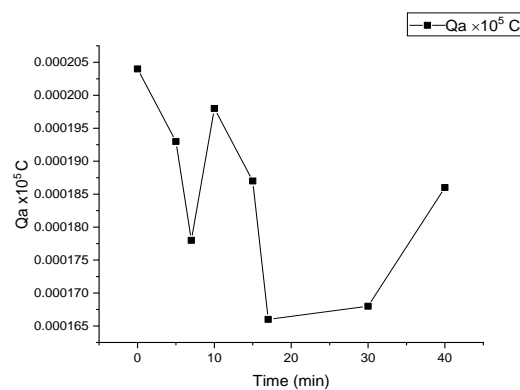
**Fig.10.** The relation between Time and  $\alpha_{na}$  for Pectin+ $KMnO_4$ .



**Fig.14.** The relation between Time and  $\Gamma_a$  for Pectin+ $KMnO_4$ .



**Fig.11.** The relation between Time and  $K_s$  for Pectin+ $KMnO_4$ .



**Fig.15.** The relation between Time and  $Q_a$  for Pectin+ $KMnO_4$ .

The different relations were done above and the obtained curves and data cited in table (3) prove the following remarks:

- 1)  $\Delta E_p$  values are almost the same indicate that the reaction is not complexation but oxidation reaction.
- 2)  $I_{p_c}$  decrease by time indicating more oxidation of pectin by adding  $KMnO_4$  in alkaline 0.1M NaOH.
- 3)  $E_{p_c}$  is shifted to less negative potentials by time indicating increase of the oxidation process by time.
- 4)  $E_{p_a}$  values are shifted to more positive values by time indicating also more oxidation by time.
- 5)  $D_a$ , Diffusion coefficient values are decreased by time indicating increase of diffusion characters.
- 6)  $\alpha n a$  increase by time for the reaction of  $KMnO_4$  + pectin indicating the increase of the quasi reversible reaction towards irreversible one.
- 7) The anodic quantity of electricity  $Q_a$  for pectin +  $KMnO_4$  are decreased by time indicating little quantity of electricity needed by time.

**Table (4):** Oxidation constant for (2 ml Pectin) by  $KMnO_4$  in 0.1M NaOH

Time min	[N] $\times 10^3$ mol.L <sup>-1</sup>	[L] $\times 10^3$ mol.L <sup>-1</sup>	( $E_{p,1/2}$ )M	( $E_{p,1/2}$ )C	$\Delta E$ v	J (L/J)	Log $\beta_j$	$\Delta G$ (KJ/mol)
0	3.03	6.06	0.223999	0.110330	0.113669	2	8.294124	-47.14238
5	3.03	6.06	0.223999	0.126163	0.097836	2	7.756569	-44.08701
7	3.03	6.06	0.223999	0.134776	0.089223	2	7.481926	-42.27815
10	3.03	6.06	0.223999	0.145011	0.078988	2	7.116674	-40.44996
15	3.03	6.06	0.223999	0.143690	0.080309	2	7.161525	-40.70489
17	3.03	6.06	0.223999	0.132321	0.091678	2	7.547510	-42.89876
30	3.03	6.06	0.223999	0.150456	0.073543	2	6.931813	-39.39924
40	3.03	6.06	0.223999	0.149207	0.074792	2	6.974218	-39.64026

The oxidation constant ( $\beta_{ox}$ ) for interaction of  $KMnO_4$  with pectin in 0.1M NaOH was evaluated by using equation (16)

$$(E^{1/2})_{ox} - (E^{1/2})_M = (2.303RT/nF)(\text{Log}\beta_{ox}) + (2.303RT/nF)\text{Log } C_{x..} \quad (16)$$

Knowing that  $(E^{1/2})_M$  is the half wave potential for  $KMnO_4$  in absence of pectin.  $(E^{1/2})_{ox}$  is the half wave potential in presence of pectin at different time intervals. The oxidation Gibbs free energies for interaction of  $KMnO_4$  with pectin in 0.1M NaOH were evaluated by the use of equation (17)

$$\Delta G_{ox} = 2.303RT \text{Log } \beta_{ox} \dots (17)$$

The evaluated thermodynamic parameters  $\beta_{ox}$

and  $\Delta G_{ox}$  for interaction of  $KMnO_4$  + pectin are represented in table (4).

The data on table (3)&(4) and Fig. (3) indicate the oxidation of Pectin by  $KMnO_4$  in alkaline medium and the mechanism of Pectin by  $KMnO_4$  took place by two mechanisms, on step fast and followed by slow one for each

electron one electron consumed in oxidation redox reaction.

#### Conclusion:

Pectin is oxidized by  $KMnO_4$  by two electron mechanism processes. One electron fast and followed by other slow. The Gibbs free energies of oxidation for pectin+ $KMnO_4$  indicate big oxidation parameters.

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