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Question 1 {5 marks}

An Aluminum-Copper alloy initially containing 0.4 wt% Cu is placed and held in an atmosphere that gives a constant surface Aluminum concentration of 1.0 wt%. If after 43 h the concentration of copper is 0.55 wt% at a position 4.0 mm below the surface, determine the diffusion coefficient of copper in aluminum for the treatment conditions.

$$\text{Non-Steady State Diffusion } \hat{a} \quad \frac{C(x,t) - C_0}{C_s - C_0} = 1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right)$$

Solution

Data from the question:

$$C_0 = 0.4 \text{ wt\%}$$

$$C_s = 1.0 \text{ wt\%}$$

$$C_x = 0.55 \text{ wt\%}$$

$$t = 43 \text{ h}$$

$$x = 4.0 \text{ mm} = 4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{C(x,t) - C_0}{C_s - C_0} = 1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right) \rightarrow \frac{0.55 - 0.4}{1 - 0.4} = 1 - \operatorname{erf}(z)$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{erf}(z) = 0.75$$

Now we must now determine from Table 5.1 the value of z for which the errors function is 0.75. An interpolation is necessary as follows:

z	$\operatorname{erf}(z)$
0.80	0.7421
0.85	0.7707

$$\frac{z - 0.8}{0.85 - 0.8} = \frac{0.75 - 0.7421}{0.7707 - 0.7421} \rightarrow z = 0.81$$

Now solve for finding D:

$$\therefore D = \left(\frac{x^2}{4z^2t}\right) = \left(\frac{(4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})^2}{4(0.81)^2(43 \text{ h})}\right) \cdot \frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 3.94 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

Question 2 {5 marks}

The following data were collected from a 12.8 mm diameter test specimen of an Aluminum alloy (the gauge length, $l_0 = 50.800$ mm). At fracture, the minimum diameter at the neck was 9.40 mm and fracture load was 36400 N. Using the given plot calculate:

- The modulus of elasticity;
 - The 0.2% offset yield strength;
 - The tensile strength;
 - Ductility in terms of the % elongation;
 - The true stress at fracture; and
- Briefly explain how each value is obtained.

Solution

- a) The elastic modulus is the slope in the linear elastic region (Equation 6.10) as

$$E = \frac{D\sigma}{D\epsilon} = \frac{200 \text{ MPa} - 0 \text{ MPa}}{0.0032 - 0} = 62.5 \cdot 10^3 \text{ MPa} = 62.5 \text{ GPa}$$

- For the yield strength, the 0.002 strain offset line is drawn dashed. It intersects the stress-strain curve at approximately 285 MPa.
- The tensile strength is approximately 370 MPa, corresponding to the maximum stress on the complete stress-strain plot.
- The ductility, in percent elongation, is just the plastic strain at fracture, multiplied by one-hundred. The total fracture strain at fracture is 0.165; subtracting out the elastic strain (which is about 0.005) leaves a plastic strain of 0.160. Thus, the ductility is about 16%EL.
- True stress at fracture:

$$\sigma_T = \frac{F}{A_i} = \frac{36400}{(\pi/4)(9.40)^2} = 524.51 \text{ MPa}$$

