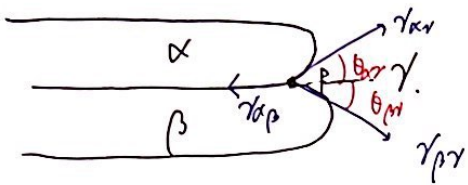


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a) To earn the force balance at the interface.



We have total 3 interfaces. at point P.

$\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$ $\gamma_{\alpha\gamma}$ $\gamma_{\beta\gamma}$

Drawing extension from the point P in the direction of $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$ gives to angle

the force balance is written as.

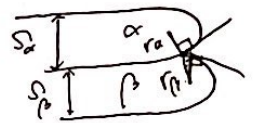
i) $\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = \gamma_{\alpha\gamma} \cos \theta_{\alpha\gamma} + \gamma_{\beta\gamma} \cos \theta_{\beta\gamma}$: $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$ direction

ii) $\gamma_{\alpha\gamma} \sin \theta_{\alpha\gamma} = \gamma_{\beta\gamma} \sin \theta_{\beta\gamma}$: normal to $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$ direction

If the layer tip does not have curvature. the angle should be 90° .

then the equation i) becomes $\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = \gamma_{\alpha\gamma} \cdot 0 + \gamma_{\beta\gamma} \cdot 0 = 0$, which is impossible

So the layer tip should possess curvature.



b) Setting the curvature of α as r_α and that of β as r_β .

$S_\alpha = 2r_\alpha \cos \theta_{\alpha\gamma}$, $S_\beta = 2r_\beta \cos \theta_{\beta\gamma}$... (iii)

to express radius of curvature as a function of layer thickness we should replace θ with S and r .

therefore $\gamma_{\alpha\gamma} \sin \theta_{\alpha\gamma} = \gamma_{\beta\gamma} \sin \theta_{\beta\gamma} \therefore \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^2 \sin^2 \theta_{\alpha\gamma} = \gamma_{\beta\gamma}^2 \sin^2 \theta_{\beta\gamma}$

$\therefore \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta_{\alpha\gamma}) = \gamma_{\beta\gamma}^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta_{\beta\gamma}) \rightarrow \cos \theta_{\beta\gamma} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_{\beta\gamma}^2 - \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^2 + \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^2 \cos^2 \theta_{\alpha\gamma}}{\gamma_{\beta\gamma}^2}}$

using equation i) at problem (i.a)

$\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = \gamma_{\alpha\gamma} \cos \theta_{\alpha\gamma} + \gamma_{\beta\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_{\beta\gamma}^2 - \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^2 + \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^2 \cos^2 \theta_{\alpha\gamma}}{\gamma_{\beta\gamma}^2}}$

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Substituting equation (ii) $S_{\alpha} = 2r_{\alpha} \cos \theta_{\alpha} \gamma$, gives

$$\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = \gamma_{\alpha\gamma} \frac{S_{\alpha}}{2r_{\alpha}} + \sqrt{\gamma_{\beta\gamma}^2 - \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^2 + \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^2 \frac{S_{\alpha}^2}{4r_{\alpha}^2}}$$

Square both sides gives. $\gamma_{\beta\gamma}^2 - \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^2 + \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^2 \frac{S_{\alpha}^2}{4r_{\alpha}^2} = \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^2 - 2\gamma_{\alpha\beta}\gamma_{\alpha\gamma} \cdot \frac{S_{\alpha}}{2r_{\alpha}} + \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^2 \cdot \frac{S_{\alpha}^2}{4r_{\alpha}^2}$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{r_{\alpha}} = \frac{\gamma_{\alpha\beta} - \gamma_{\beta\gamma} + \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}}{S_{\alpha} \gamma_{\alpha\beta} \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}} \rightarrow r_{\alpha} = \frac{S_{\alpha} \gamma_{\alpha\beta} \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}}{\gamma_{\alpha\beta} - \gamma_{\beta\gamma} + \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}}$$

Without loss of generality $\rightarrow r_{\beta} = \frac{S_{\beta} \gamma_{\alpha\beta} \gamma_{\beta\gamma}}{\gamma_{\alpha\beta} - \gamma_{\alpha\gamma} + \gamma_{\beta\gamma}}$

c) We've learned that Gibbs free energy via capillary effect in glasses can be written as

$$\Delta G_{\alpha} = \frac{\gamma_{\alpha} V_{\alpha}}{r_{\alpha}}$$

$$\Delta G_{\beta} = \frac{\gamma_{\beta} V_{\beta}}{r_{\beta}}$$

\therefore total Gibbs free energy is sum of ΔG_{α} & ΔG_{β} $\therefore \Delta G = \Delta G_{\alpha} + \Delta G_{\beta}$

$$\therefore \Delta G = \frac{\gamma_{\alpha} V_{\alpha}}{r_{\alpha}} + \frac{\gamma_{\beta} V_{\beta}}{r_{\beta}} = \frac{\gamma_{\alpha} V_{\alpha}}{S_{\alpha} \gamma_{\alpha\beta} \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}} + \frac{(\gamma_{\alpha\beta} - \gamma_{\beta\gamma} + \gamma_{\alpha\gamma}) \gamma_{\beta} V_{\beta}}{S_{\beta} \gamma_{\alpha\beta} \gamma_{\beta\gamma}}$$

assuming $\frac{V_{\alpha}}{S_{\alpha}} = \frac{V_{\beta}}{S_{\beta}} = \frac{V_m}{S}$

$$\Delta G = \frac{2\gamma_{\alpha\beta} V_m}{S}$$