

Ans: In these calculations,
terms like Optical Density (O.D) and
Absorbance (A) are used interchangeably.

So, as given in Question,

Absorbance of NADH at 340 nm, $A_{\text{NADH}} = 0.233$
(340)

∵ Only NADH absorbs at 340 nm, we can use the following
formula to calculate the concentration of NADH in Solution.

$$\text{Absorbance } A = \underset{\substack{\text{molar extinction} \\ \text{co-efficient}}}{\epsilon} \times \underset{\substack{\text{Concentration} \\ \text{of} \\ \text{Substance}}}{\text{Concentration}} \times \underset{\substack{\text{length} \\ \text{of} \\ \text{Cuvette}}}{\text{length}}$$

$$\therefore A_{\text{NADH}} = 6220 \times C_{\text{NADH}} \times 1 \quad (\text{Given in question}).$$

(Given in
Question)

$$0.233 = 6220 \times C_{\text{NADH}} \times 1$$

$$C_{\text{NADH}} = \frac{0.233}{6220} = 3.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

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At 260 nm,

ϵ of NADH at 260 nm

$$A_{\text{NADH}} = 3.74 \times 10^{-5} \times 15000 \times 1$$

(at 260 nm)

$$\therefore A_{\text{NADH}} = 0.56 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

As we know Total Absorbance = Sum of Individual Absorbances of substances present in a solution.

At 260 nm,

$$A_{\text{total}} = A_{\text{NADH}} + A_{\text{NAD}^+}$$

$$1.000 = 0.56 + A_{\text{NAD}^+}$$

(Given in Question) (from (2))

$$A_{\text{NAD}^+} = 1.000 - 0.56 \Rightarrow 0.44$$

$$A_{\text{NAD}^+} = 0.44 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

from (3) ;

$$A_{\text{NAD}^+} = C_{\text{NAD}^+} \times \underset{\substack{\text{at} \\ 260 \text{ nm}}}{\epsilon_{\text{NAD}^+}} \times \underset{\substack{\text{length} \\ \text{(Given in question)}}}{\text{length}}$$

$$0.44 = C_{\text{NAD}^+} \times 18000 \times 1$$

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from (3)

$$C_{\text{NAD}^+} = \frac{0.44}{18000} = 2.44 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

∴ C_{NAD^+} at 260 nm

$$\therefore C_{\text{NAD}^+} \text{ in solution} = 2.44 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$