



# OVERVIEW OF UV SPECTROSCOPY DERIVATIVES

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## Abstract:

Multi component analysis uses the analytical method of derivative UV spectrophotometry. It has significant implications for getting both qualitative and quantitative information in order from unresolved band spectra, and it frequently uses the first or higher derivatives of absorbance in accordance with wavelength for both qualitative and quantitative analysis. The most straightforward technique for derivatizing spectra to increase selectivity is derivative spectroscopy. When a drug sample demonstrates significant, irrelevant absorption, this approach is employed. As long as Beer's law is followed by the fundamental spectrum, it entails converting the normal spectrum to its first, second, and higher derivative spectra, where its amplitude is proportional to the analyte concentration.

**Index Terms:** Derivative spectroscopy, Wavelength, First, second and third order spectra.

## 1. INTRODUCTION:

With regard to qualitative and quantitative analysis, derivative UV-spectrophotometry uses the first or higher derivatives of absorbance in accordance with wavelength <sup>(1)</sup>. It is a method that is frequently used to obtain quantitative and qualitative information in order from spectra of unresolved bands. When derivative spectroscopy was first introduced in the 1950s, it had a wide range of applications. However, because it was difficult to produce derivative spectra using UV-Visible spectroscopy, the approach wasn't widely used. Microcomputers helped to overcome this problem in the 1970s by providing derivative spectra in a method that was more specialised, straightforward, quick, and repeatable. This was done in order to broaden the applicability of the derivative approach; spectrum derivatization improves selectivity by eliminating spectral interferences <sup>(2-3)</sup>.

## 2. GENERAL ASPECTS OF DERIVATIVE SPECTROPHOTOMETRY:

The absorption spectra that occur from electron transitions between different energy levels in a molecule are the focus of UV-VIS spectrophotometry. A quantum of energy is absorbed along with such a transition in the UV-VIS region, and this energy absorption is depicted by an absorption curve on the intensity of radiation-wavenumber (wavelength) plot. The value of the transition energy is related to the band's placement in the ultraviolet or visible regions, which is typically described as  $\lambda$ -max. Molar absorptivity is the band parameter associated with this transition, and the intensity of the band is related to the likelihood of an electron transition from the ground state to the excited state. These variables qualitatively describe the system ( $\lambda$ -max) and numerically (E) in conventional molecular spectrophotometry. As opposed to atomic transitions, molar electron transitions are not as narrow. The cause of this is due to interactions between the molecules of the substance and the solvent, as well as the overlapping of ground state energy, oscillation energy, and rotational energy of molecules. The so-called half-width (L), or peak width at half of its height, is a band characteristic that is particularly significant in derivative spectrophotometry <sup>(4-5)</sup>.

### 2.1 Derivative Spectroscopy:

It is a spectroscopic method that distinguishes spectra primarily in fluorescence, IR, and UV-Visible absorption spectrometry. The goal of analytical chemistry's usage of derivative methods is:

- Spectral differentiation
- Spectral resolution enhancement
- Quantitative analysis

### 2.1.1 Spectral Differentiation

It is a qualitative method of spectrum that distinguishes small variations between almost similar spectra's.

### 2.1.2 Spectral Resolution Enhancement

The solution to overlapping spectral bands is as simple as estimating how many bands there are and how long each band is.

### 2.1.3 Quantitative Analysis

Multicomponent analysis is made easier, and the irrelevant background absorption is fixed. The first steps in the differentiation or resolution of overlapping bands are formed by the derivative spectroscopy approach. Broad bands are repressed in comparison to sharp bands, which is one of the essential properties of the derivative process<sup>(6)</sup>.

## 3 MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES OF THE DERIVATIVE SPECTROSCOPY

The path to a derivative spectrum of any order is revealed by differentiating a zero order spectrum of a combination of components. There are numerous techniques for differentiating a spectrum, such as analogue or numerical methods, and spectral differentiation can be recorded in a computer memory or represented graphically on paper. There are three ways to measure the derivative spectra value: graphically, numerically, and via the zero crossing technique<sup>(7)</sup>.

### 3.1 Graphic measurement

Drawing measurements is a theoretical way to calculate derivative spectra on paper, but manual methods have the drawback of producing findings that are wrong since the value that can be estimated numerically can be eliminated or reduced beyond bounds<sup>(7)</sup>.

### 3.2 Numeric measurement

The technique makes use of a set of points to estimate the derivative value at a specific wavelength. By utilising a suitable numerical technique and spectral differentiation, it provides derivatives<sup>(7)</sup>.

### 3.3 Zero crossing technique

At a specific wavelength where the derivative crosses the point at zero line, the procedure measures the derivative spectra. The zero crossing technique can be used to remove interference from one component when determining another component<sup>(7)</sup>.

## 4. THE WAY OF OBTAINING THE DERIVATIVE ORDERS

A normal or zero order spectrum can be converted to its first, second, or higher derivative spectrum using derivative spectroscopy. It results in significant alterations to the produced derivative's shape. Selecting the derivative order correctly allows overlapped signals to be separated in a useful way. It is expected to employ low orders for vast spectrum bands and higher orders for small spectral bands to achieve criteria like signals height, width, and distance between maxima in the basic spectrum. An ideal absorption band represented by a Gaussian band provides a clear understanding of the change that takes place in derivative spectra. When absorbance is plotted against wavelength, a graph is produced that displays a peak with maxima and minima as well as points of inflection that should have passed through zero on the ordinate<sup>(8)</sup>.

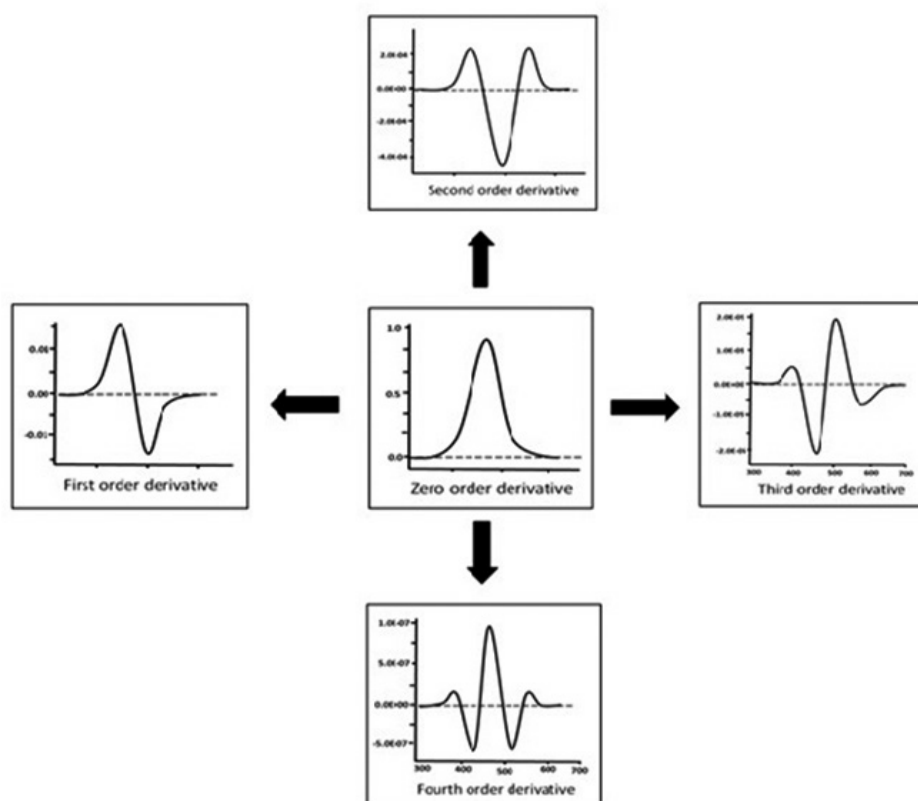


Figure No 01: Oder of Derivative Spectra<sup>(9)</sup>

#### 4.1 Zero order derivative spectrum

The first derivative to be given is the zero order derivative. In other words, a zeroth order spectrum can produce an nth order derivative. The D0 spectrum, or zeroth order, is a characteristic of the typical absorption spectrum in derivative spectroscopy. Directly from the zeroth order spectrum, one may derive the first, second, third, and fourth order derivative spectra. The sensitivity of the determination increases with an increase in derivative order. The derivative spectra are given if a spectrum is expressed as absorbance (A) as a function of wavelength.

$$A = f(\lambda),$$

#### 4.2 First order derivative spectrum

Derivatized zero order spectrum produced spectra. It shows the rate of change of the absorbance with wavelength, or change of absorbance with wavelength, against wavelength  $\lambda$ .

$$dA/d\lambda = f'(\lambda)$$

Even if it is more sophisticated than zero order spectrum in derivatized form. First order spectra pass through 0 at the absorbance band's maximum value. The first order derivative's absorbance band exhibits specific positive and negative bands with maxima and minima. Dual-wavelength spectrophotometers produce first-derivative spectra by scanning the spectrum with a minimum and constant difference between two wavelengths.

#### 4.3 Second order derivative spectrum

Derivatizing the absorbance spectrum twice gives this type of spectra. It is a plot of curvature of absorption spectrum against wavelength.

$$d^2A/d\lambda^2 = f''(\lambda)$$

Second derivative has direct relation with concentration i.e. directly proportional.  $d^2A/d\lambda^2$  must be large, large the ratio greater is the sensitivity. The method is useful in obtaining atomic and gas molecular spectra.

#### 4.4 Third order derivative spectrum

Unlike second order spectrum third derivative spectrum shows disperse function to that of original curve.

$$d^3A/d\lambda^3 = f'''(\lambda)$$

#### 4.5 Fourth-derivative spectrum

Narrow bands are preferentially determined by the fourth derivative of the fourth order, which is the inverted spectrum of the second order and has a sharper central peak than the original band (UV-high pressure).

$$d^4A/d\lambda^4 = f^{(4)}(\lambda) [9].$$

### 5. USES OF DERIVATIVE SPECTROSCOPY

An even order spectrum has a lower spectral bandwidth than its basic spectrum, which is one of the benefits of derivative spectroscopy. A derivative spectrum can accurately determine the maximum of each band and displays finer resolution of overlapping bands than the basic spectrum. When two or more peaks overlap, even in a tiny wavelength range, absorbance bands can be recognized. Derivative spectra allow for the elimination of background effect. It is an easy and economical way. It provides rapid, simple, and replicable data. Selectivity without analyte separation enhances specificity and sensitivity. It can be utilized in situations where traditional methods cannot be since it is speedier.

Derivative spectroscopy's key drawback is its reliance on technical factors like scan speed and slit width. The structure and intensity of the derivative generations of the original zero-order spectrum are strongly influenced by the instrumentation settings used to record it <sup>(6)</sup>.

### 6. CONCLUSION:

The analyst can easily extract important information from the spectra of chemicals thanks to derivative spectroscopy. It is entirely dependent on the tool. You may learn more about derivative spectroscopy from this article.

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