

III B.Tech I Semester Regular Examinations, November 2006

BIO-CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

(Bio-Technology)

Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 80

Answer any FIVE Questions
All Questions carry equal marks

1. (a) Define the following terms: order of a reaction, molecularity, elementary and non-elementary reactions.
(b) Explain the term steady-state approximation ? [8+8]
2. Consider a 1000-litre CSTR in which Biomass is being produced with glucose as the substrate. The Microbial system follows a Monod relationship with $\mu_{Max}=0.4 \text{ hr}^{-1}$, $K_s=1.5 \text{ g/litre}$ and the yield factor $Y_{x/s}=0.5 \text{ g } \frac{\text{g biomass}}{\text{g substrate}}$ consumed. If Normal operation is with a sterile feed containing 10g/lit glucose at the rate of 100 lit/hr.
(a) What is the specific Biomass production rate at steady state?
(b) If Recycle is used with a recycle stream of $10 \frac{\text{lit}}{\text{hr}}$ and a recycle biomass concentration five times as large as that in the reactor exit, what would be the new specific biomass production rate? [8+8]
3. Define Ideal Bioreactors? What are the conditions that contribute for their ideality, Explain different classes of Ideal bioreactors? [16]
4. A Reversible, first order reaction $A \xrightleftharpoons[K_2]{K_1} R$ is carried out in a mixed flow reactor. When the temperature of operation was 300°K , for a 60% conversion of A, the volume of the reactor was found to be 100 litres. Show that it is not possible to obtain a conversion of 60%. If the temperature of operation is 400°K . Find the temperature of operation which would minimize the size of the mixed reactor for the same conversion and feed rate.
Given $K_1 = 10^3 \text{ e}^{-\frac{4800}{RT}}$; $\Delta C_P = C_P R$? $C_P A = 0$.
 $\Delta H_r = -8 \text{ Kcal/mol}$ at 300°K .
 $K = 10$ at 300°K . Feed is pure A and total pressure is constant. [16]
5. Qualitatively find the optimum temperature progression to maximize C_s for the Reaction scheme
 $A \rightarrow R \rightarrow S \rightarrow T$
Data $E_1=10, E_2=25, E_3=15, E_4=10, E_5=20, E_6=25$ [16]
6. The following data is obtained from a tracer test conducted in Non ideal reactor

| Time(Sec) | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| $C \frac{\text{Mol.s}}{\text{lit}}$ | 0 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

- (a) What fraction of the material is spent in the reactor between 20 and 50 sec?
(b) What fraction of the material is spent, less than the mean residence time of the reactor. [8+8]

7. Response measurements to a step-function input time are made for a reaction vessel.

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|--------------------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Time Sec | 0 | 15 | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 | 75 | 95 |
| Tracer g/cm^3 concn. | 0 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 7.7 |

- (a) Plot the R_{TD} Vs time
(b) What is the mean residence time for this flow rate? [8+8]
8. Explain in detail the stiochiometry involved in the cell growth? [16]

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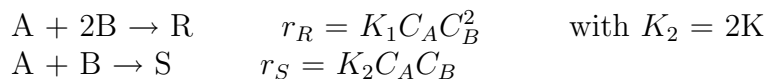
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1. Data on the effect of temperature on the reaction between ethanol and acetic acid are reported below. Find out the values of the constants in the Arrhenius equation. [16]

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|---------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| $T^{\circ}\text{C}$ | : | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 |
| K lit/gmol-hr | : | 0.5 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 6.0 |

2. (a) Explain the significance of dissolved oxygen stat?
(b) Explain the significance of PH stat? [8+8]
3. 100 liters/hr of Radio active fluid having a half life of 20 hr is to be treated by passing it through two ideal stirred tanks in series, $V=40,000$ liters each. In passing through the system how much has the activity decayed? [16]

4. Given the Reactions



- (a) What are the fractional yield expressions $\phi\left(\frac{R}{A}\right)$ and $\phi\left(\frac{R}{B}\right)$ for this reaction system.
- (b) How to operate a mixed reactor so as to maximize the production of R from a single feed consisting of $C_{AO} = C_{BO} = 1$. [8+8]

5. The Reversible first order Gas reaction $A \xrightleftharpoons{1/2} R$ is to be carried out in a mixed flow Reactor. For operations at 300 K, the volume of Reactor required is 100 liters for 60% conversion of A. What should be the volume of the reactor for the same feed rate and conversion but with operations at 400 K? [16]

$$\text{Data} \quad K_1 = 10^3 e^{-\frac{2415}{T}}$$

$$\Delta C_p = C P_R - C P_A = 0$$

$$\Delta H_r = -8000 \text{ Cal/mol at } 300\text{K}$$

$$K = 10 \text{ at } 300\text{K}$$

Feed consists of Pure 'A' total pressure stays constant

6. Develop an expression for external age distribution of N number of equal sized back mixed reactor in series assuming tank in series model holds good. [16]
7. Discuss the Techniques employed in Diagnosing the ills of operating equipment with regard to Non ideal flow ? [16]

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(b) Explain the term steady-state approximation ? [8+8]
2. How cells grow in continuous culture and explain about specific devices for continuous culture? [16]
3. Explain CSTR designs for Enzyme catalyzed reactions with neat sketches? [16]
4. Reactant A in a liquid either isomerizes (or) dimerizes as follows
 $A \rightarrow R$ desired $r_R = K_1 C_A$
 $A + A \rightarrow S$ undesired $r_S = K_2 C_A^2$

(a) Write ϕ (R/A) and ϕ ($\frac{R}{R+S}$) with a feed stream of concentration C_{AO} find C_{RMax} which can be formed

(b) in a plug flow reactor

(c) in a Mixed reactor. [4+6+6]

5. A tubular-flow reactor is to be designed for the production of butadiene from butene by the gas phase reaction



The composition of the feed is 10 moles of steam per mole of butene and no butadiene. The hydrogen operates at 2 atmospheres pressure with an inlet (feed) temperature of 1200°F. The reaction rate follows a first order, irreversible reaction for which the rate constant 'K' as a function of temperature is

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|------|-------------|------|------|------|------|
| T, K | 922(1200°F) | 900 | 877 | 855 | 832 |
| K | 11.0 | 4.90 | 2.04 | 0.85 | 0.32 |

$$\left(K = \frac{\text{Imol Butene reacted}}{(\text{Hour / Liter}) \text{ atm}} \right)$$

The heat of reaction may be taken as constant and equal to $\Delta H_R = 26360$ cal/gmol. The specific heat of the feed stream may be regarded as constant and equal to 0.5 But/lb °R.

What would be the volume required for a conversion of 20% if the reactor were operated isothermally at 1200°F with a butene plus steam feed rate of 22 lb mol/hr.

[16]

6. Develop an expression for external age distribution of N number of equal sized back mixed reactor in series assuming tank in series model holds good. [16]
7. A 12 m ? length of pipe is packed with 1 m of 2 mm material, 9m of 1 cm material and 2 m of 4 mm material. Estimate the variance in output c curve for this packed section if the fluid takes 2 min to flow through the section. Assume a constant bed voidage and a constant intensity of dispersion given by $\frac{D}{4dp}=2$. [16]
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2. Pencillin is produced by P. Chrysogenum in a fed batch culture with the intermittent addition of glucose solution to the culture medium. The initial culture volume at quasi ? steady state is $V_0=500$ lit and Glucose containing nutrient solution is added with a flow rate of $F=50$ lit/hr. Glucose concentration in the feed solution and initial cell concentration are $S_0=300$ g/lit and $X_0= 20$ g/lit respectively. The kinetic and yield coefficients of the organism are $\mu_{max}=0.2 \text{ hr}^{-1}$ $K_s=0.5$ g/lit and $Y_{x/s}=0.3 \text{ g } \frac{dw}{g \text{ glu cose } e}$.
(a) Determine the Culture volume at $t=10\text{hr}$.
(b) Determine the concentration of glucose at $t=10\text{hr}$ at quasi-steady state.
(c) Determine the concentration and total amount of cells at quasi-steady state when $t=10\text{hr}$. [4+6+6]

3. (a) One liter/min of liquid containing A and B ($C_{AO}=0.10$ mol/liter, $C_{B0}=0.01$ mol/liter) flow into a mixed Reactor of volume $V=1$ liter. The materials react in a complex manner for which the stiochiometry is unknown. The outlet stream from the reactor contains A, B, and C ($C_{Af}=0.02$ Mol/liter). Find the rate of reaction of A, B and C for the conditions with in the reactor?
(b) Pure Gaseous Reactant A ($C_{A0}=100$ Milli Mol/liter) is fed at steady Rate into a mixed Reactor ($V=0.1$ liter) where it dimerizes ($2A \rightarrow R$). For different gas feed rates the following data are obtained.

| Run Number | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|------|------|-----|------|
| V_0 lit./hr | 30.0 | 9.0 | 3.5 | 1.5 |
| C_A , out $\frac{\text{Millimol}}{\text{Lit}}$ | 85.7 | 66.7 | 50 | 33.3 |

Find a Rate equation for this reaction.

[4+12]

4. Equimolar quantities of A, B and D are continuously fed to a mixed flow reactor. The elementary reactions that proceed in the reactor are as follows:
 $A + D \xrightarrow{K_1} P;$ $B + D \xrightarrow{K_2} Q$

Given $K_1/K_2 = 0.2$, calculate the fraction of 'P' forced when

(a) 50% of A is consumed and

(b) 50% of D is consumed

[8+8]

5. The reaction between sodium thiosulfate and Hydrogen peroxide in dilute aqueous solution is irreversible and second order in thiosulfate. The rate constant is the following function of temperature

$$K = 6.85 \times 10^{-4} e^{\frac{-18300}{RT}} \text{ } \text{Cm}^3 / \text{moles sec}$$

Reaction stiochiometry indicates that 2 moles of H_2O_2 react with one mole of $Na_2S_2O_3$. The heat of reaction at 25°C is $\Delta H_R = -131000 \text{ cal/gmol}$

Reactor volume = 2790 cm^3

Feed temperature = 25°C

Feed Rate = $14.2 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$

Consider Adiabatic operation and feed concentration of $2.04 \times 10^{-3} \text{ gmol/cm}^3$ and $4.08 \times 10^{-4} \text{ gmol/cm}^3$ of thiosulfate and H_2O_2 respectively. What would be the conversion and temperature in the reactor effluent? [16]

6. Develop an expression for external age distribution of N number of equal sized back mixed reactor in series assuming tank in series model holds good. [16]

7. (a) The concentration readings in table given below represent a continuous response to a delta function input into a closed vessel which is to be used as a chemical reactor. Plot the exit age distribution E.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Time(Min) | 0 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 |
| Tracer output conce.I/lit. | 0 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

- (b) The vessel of above problem is to be used as a reactor for a liquid decomposing with rate $-r_A = K_{CA}$. $K = 0.307 \text{ min}^{-1}$. Find the fraction of reactant unconverted in the real reactor and compare with the fraction unconverted in a plug flow reactor of the same size. [8+8]

8. Explain in detail the stiochiometry involved in the cell growth? [16]
