

ally high value), and the yield factor  $Y_{X/S} = 0.5$  g biomass/g substrate consumed. If normal operation is with a sterile feed containing 10 g/l glucose at a rate of 100 l/h:

- a. What is the specific biomass production rate (g/l-h) at steady state?
  - b. If recycle is used with a recycle stream of 10 l/h and a recycle biomass concentration five times as large as that in the reactor exit, what would be the new specific biomass production rate?
  - c. Explain any difference between the values found in parts a and b.
- 9.2.** In a two-stage chemostat system, the volumes of the first and second reactors are  $V_1 = 500$  l and  $V_2 = 300$  l, respectively. The first reactor is used for biomass production and the second is for a secondary metabolite formation. The feed flow rate to the first reactor is  $F = 100$  l/h, and the glucose concentration in the feed is  $S = 5.0$  g/l. Use the following constants for the cells.

$$\mu_m = 0.3 \text{ h}^{-1}, \quad K_S = 0.1 \text{ g/l}, \quad Y_{X/S} = 0.4 \frac{\text{g dw cells}}{\text{g glucose}}$$

- a. Determine cell and glucose concentrations in the effluent of the first stage.
  - b. Assume that growth is negligible in the second stage and the specific rate of product formation is  $q_P = 0.02$  g P/g cell h, and  $Y_{P/S} = 0.6$  g P/g S. Determine the product and substrate concentrations in the effluent of the second reactor.
- 9.3.** Consider the following batch growth data:

Time h	$X$ g/l	$P$ g/l	$dX/dt$ g/l-h	$dP/dt$ g/l-h
0	0.3	<0.01	—	—
3	1.0	<0.01	0.30	—
6	2.3	<0.01	0.55	—
8	4.0	0.010	1.0	0.005
9	5.1	0.025	1.3	0.010
10	6.5	0.060	1.4	0.045
10.5	7.0	—	1.4	—
11	7.4	0.10	0.60	0.059
12	7.7	0.17	0.20	0.072
13	7.8	0.26	0.02	0.105
14	—	0.36	—	0.130
15	8.0	0.47	~0	0.087
16	8.0	0.54	~0	0.042
17	—	0.58	—	0.021
18	—	0.60	—	0.005

You have available three tanks of different volumes: 900, 600, and 300 l. Given a flow rate of 100 l/h, what configuration of tanks would maximize product formation?

- 9.4.** Penicillin 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  $V_0 = 500$  l, and glucose-containing nutrient solution is added with a flow rate of  $F = 50$  l/h. Glucose concentration in the feed solution and initial cell concentration are  $S_0 = 300$  g/l and  $X_0 = 20$  g/l, respectively. The kinetic and yield coefficients of the organism are  $\mu_m = 0.2 \text{ h}^{-1}$ ,  $K_S = 0.5$  g/l, and  $Y_{X/S} = 0.3$  g dw/g glucose.