

Modeling of Chemical Engineering Systems

1. Reacting Systems
2. Systems for Mass Transfers
3. Systems for Heat transfers

Mathematical Modeling:

- Mathematical representation of any model, and data analysis of the model.
- Comprises of data, equation and functions.
- There is response variable, predictor, and parameter

$f(x,y,z) = 0$ then we can evaluate it as $y = f(x,z)$ Can be anything for the model parameter, like Heat transfer

$$\$ \$ Q = K * \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta X} \$ \$$$

Now, in such a case,

$$\$ \$ Q = f(K, \Delta T, \Delta X) \$ \$$$

Number of Equations = N Number of Variables = M

We then analyse what are the number of equations and variables, and then we can solve the system of equations.

Degree Of Freedom = M - N

If

1. Number of variables > Number of equations -> Under Specified
2. Number of variables = Number of equations -> Well Specified
3. Number of variables < Number of equations -> Over Specified

$\$ \$$ Question - 1: DOF Analysis $\$ \$$

Consider the perfectly mixed storage tank shown below. A liquid stream with volumetric rate F_1 and density ρ_1 flows into the tank. The outlet stream has volumetric flow rate F_0 , and density ρ_0 . Our objective is to develop a mathematical model for the variation of the tank holdup that is the volume (V) of the fluid in the system. Carry out the degree of freedom analysis for the system.

(to be solved later)

Classification of Model System

Open System (Continuous System)

Has both mass and heat transfer

Closed System (batch system)

Has only energy transfer

Isolated System

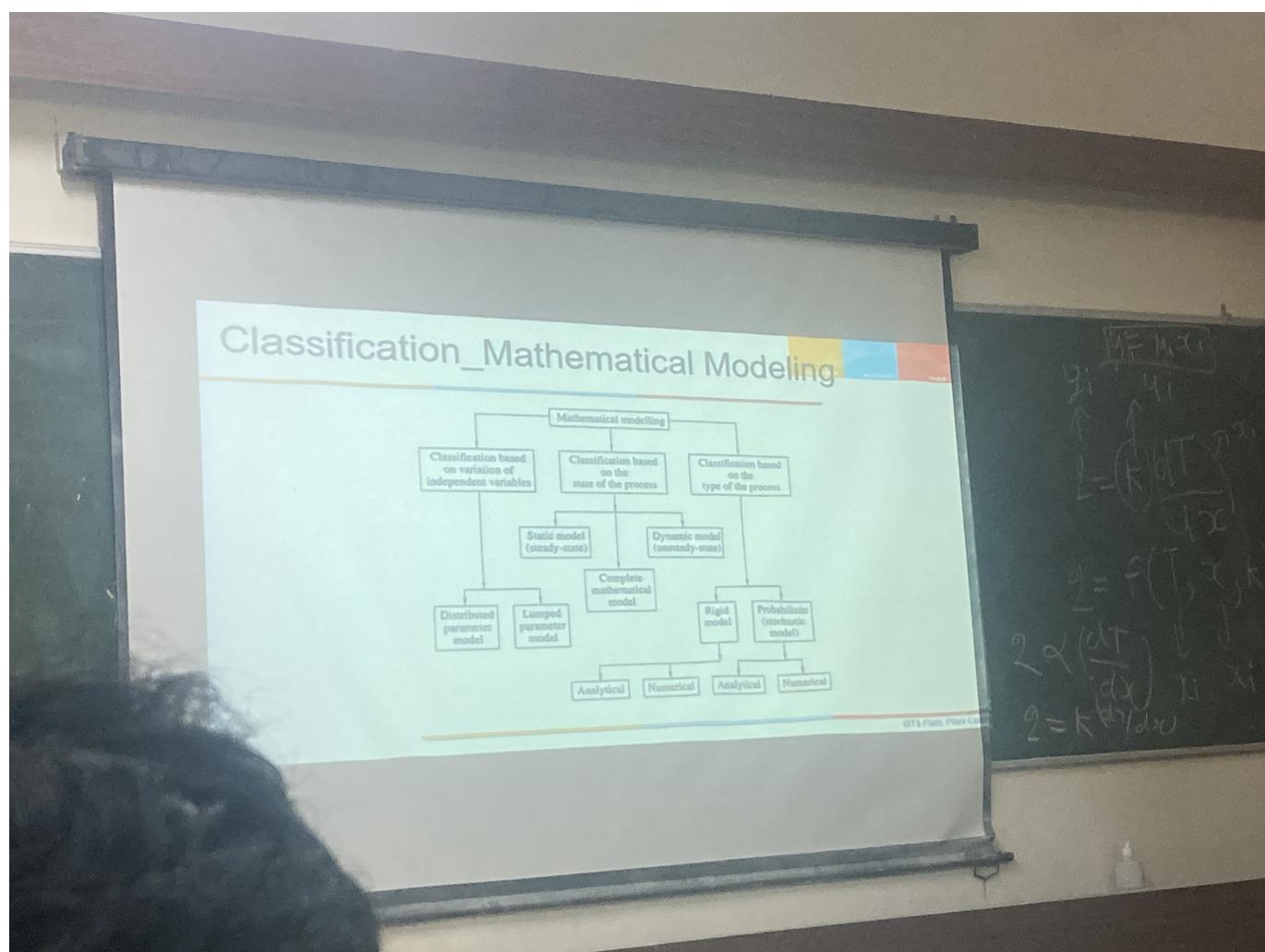
No transfer of either mass or energy

In Chemical Engineering we are only concerned with Open Systems.

From the first law of thermodynamics, we know that the energy balance is given by

$\text{d}U = dQ + dW$ Where, U is the internal energy, Q is the heat transfer, W is the work done.

So, we only deal with the energy balance equation, and the mass balance equation, and there is practically nothing which is an isolated system.



If there is any variable which is not constant with time -> It means the system is an unsteady state. If there is a change in either of the variables with time, it is an unsteady state.

Example: Fick's Second Law of Diffusion (unsteady state)

$$\$ \$ \frac{dC}{dt} = D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} \$ \$$$

Example: Fick's first law of Diffusion (steady state) (this is a simplified form of the above equation, as there is no change with time)

$$\$ \$ \frac{dC}{dx} = -D \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \$ \$$$

Example: Newton's Law of Viscosity (this is also steady state fluid flow)

$$\$ \$ \tau = -\mu \frac{dV}{dx} \$ \$$$

RULE OF THUMB: If there is a change in any variable with time, it is an unsteady state. If there is no change in any variable with time, it is a steady state.

Lumped v/s Distributed Model

Lumped Model

- There is no change with respect to space in x, y, z
- There will be a set of Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs) which will be solved to get the solution

Example: Mass Flow Rate: $\$ \$ \frac{d(\rho V)}{dt} = \rho_f F_f - \rho_i F_i \$ \$$

- No spatial variation in temperature, pressure and concentration, only with time

Distributed Model

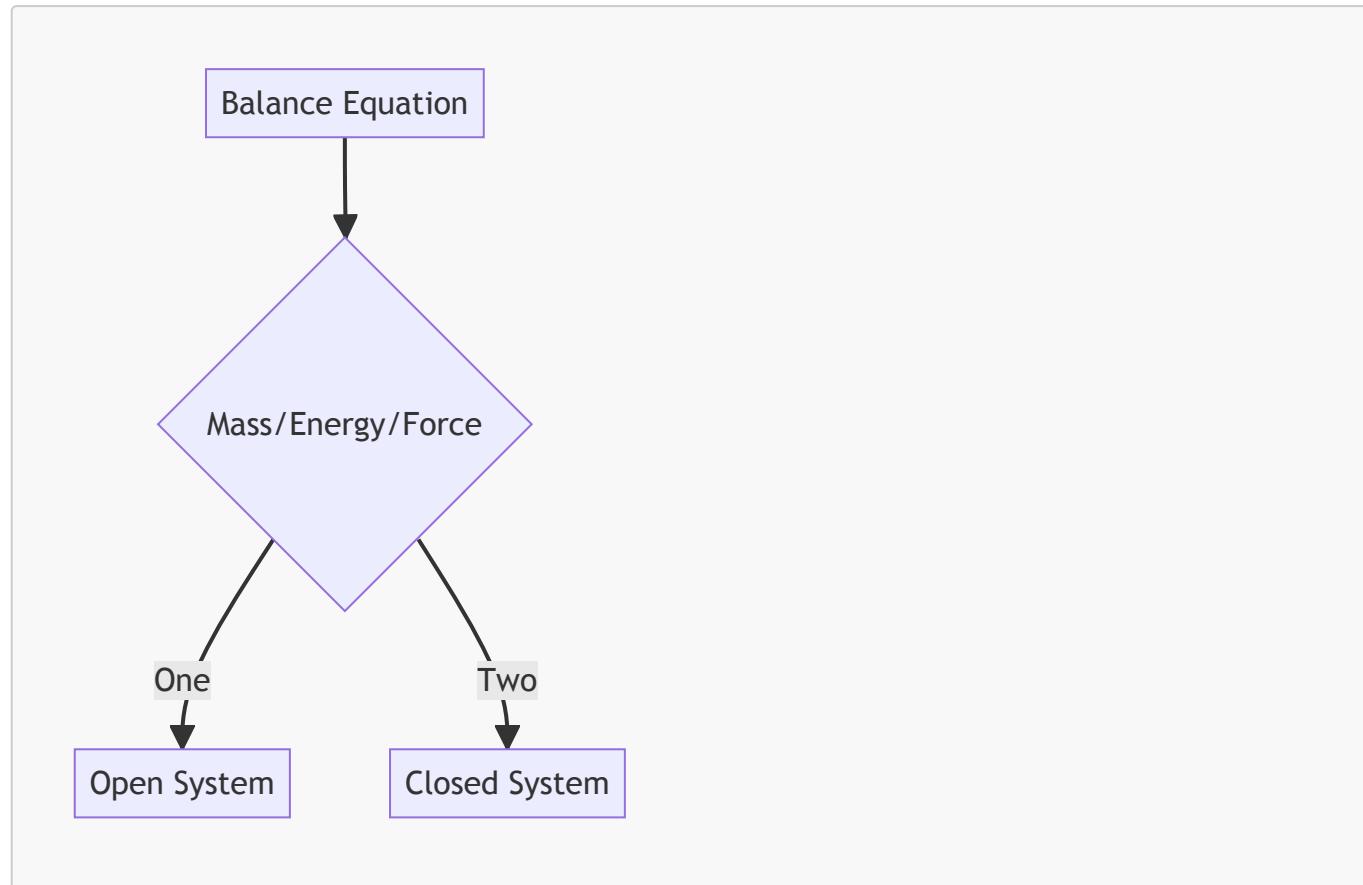
- There is a change with respect to space in x, y, z
- Very complex system of equations, with a lot of variables, and a lot of equations, and partial differential equations (PDEs) are used to solve the system of equations. Solving such systems is very difficult in these cases.
- Both time and spatial variation in flows and states (temperature/pressure and concentration)

Example: Navier Stokes Equation: $\$ \$ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\rho V)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (\rho V)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (\rho V)}{\partial z} = 0 \$ \$$

Steps involved in Modelling and Simulation

- Model Development
- Model Analysis
- Model Optimisation

Fundamental Modelling

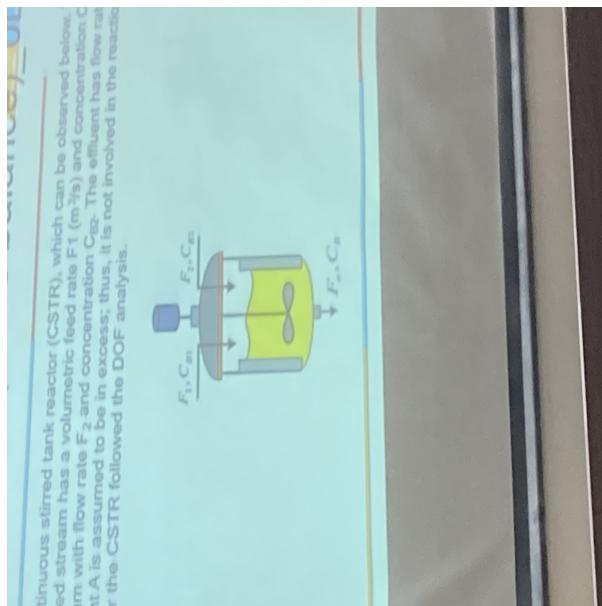


Balance Equation

$$\text{in} - \text{out} + \text{generation} - \text{consumption} = \text{accumulation}$$

Problem Statement 2

The reaction happens in a continuous stirred tank reactor which can be observed below. Two streams are feeding the reactor. The feed stream has a volumetric feed rate F_1 (m^3/s) and concentration CB_1 , the second stream is a dilute stream with flow rate F_2 and concentration CB_2 . The effluent has flow rate F_0 and concentration CB . The reactant is assumed to be in excess thus is not involved in the reaction rate. Carry out the mass balance for the CSTR followed by the DOF analysis.



Solution:

- Component Balance

$$\$ \$ \frac{dVC_B}{dt} = F_{1C}\{B1\} + F_{2C}\{B2\} - F_{0C}\{B0\} \$ \$$$

- Degree of Freedom Analysis
 - Number of Equations = 1
 - Number of Variables = 3 (V , F_0 , C_B)
 - $DOF = 3 - 1 = 2$

The System is under specified. Need to find more equations.

- Overall Mass Balance

$$\frac{d(Ah)}{dt} = F_1 + F_2 - F_0$$

- Now number of equations is 2, DOF is still 1

There is a valve in the end, and that means the final flow rate is a function of the height of the holdup in the tank

\$\$ F_0 = \alpha h \quad \text{---}

Now we have 3 equations, and 3 variables. The degree of freedom is now 0. The system is now well-specified.

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