

GATE.CH.61

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Question:

The outlet concentration C_A of a plug flow reactor (PFR) is controlled by manipulating the inlet concentration C_{A0} . The following transfer function describes the dynamics of this PFR.

$$\frac{C_A(s)}{C_{A0}(s)} = e^{-(\frac{V}{F})(k+s)}$$

In the above question, $V=1m^3$, $F=0.1m^3min^{-1}$ and $k=0.5min^{-1}$. The measurement and valve transfer functions are both equal to 1. The ultimate gain, defined as the proportional controller gain that produces sustained oscillations, for this system is

Solution: