

ABE370 Test 2

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Instructions:

1. Put your name on every sheet of paper you hand in for grading, including this sheet.
2. Please attach your 1 page of notes to your solution.
3. Please clearly indicate the corresponding question/part numbers for your solutions. If partial credit is desired, please clearly show methodology used to solve problems. If the solutions are not clearly explained, no partial credit will be given.
4. Provide the answers in the units requested.

Problem 1 (20 points)

The performance equations for each reactor are:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_m &= (C_o - C_m)/k & \tau_p &= (C_o - C_p)/k \\ k\tau_m &= (C_o - C_m) & k\tau_p &= (C_o - C_p) \\ k\tau_m/C_o &= (C_o - C_m)/C_o = X_m & k\tau_p/C_o &= (C_o - C_p)/C_o = X_p\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_m &= C_o X_m / k & \tau_p &= C_o X_p / k \\ \tau_m / \tau_p &= [C_o X_m / k] / [C_o X_p / k] = X_m / X_p\end{aligned}$$

If q and V are the same for both reactors, then $\tau_m = \tau_p$ so $\tau_m / \tau_p = 1$ and $X_m = X_p$
Therefore, neither reactor has a better conversion than the other.

Problem 2 (50 points)

Problem 2 solution

$$km := 0.4 \quad vm := 3 \quad Co := 18$$

$$\tau_{a1} := \frac{80}{30} \quad \tau_{a1} = 2.667$$

$$\tau_{a2} := \frac{75}{30} \quad \tau_{a2} = 2.5$$

$$\tau_a := \frac{Co - C}{-r} \quad \tau_a := \frac{(Co - C) \cdot (Km + C)}{VmC}$$

Solving for C,

$$C(t, Cx) := \frac{(Cx - t \cdot vm - km) + \sqrt{(km - Cx + t \cdot vm)^2 + 4 \cdot Cx \cdot km}}{2}$$

$$C1 := C(\tau_{a1}, Co)$$

$$C1 = 10.368$$

$$X1 := \frac{Co - C1}{Co}$$

$$X1 = 0.424$$

$$C2 := C(\tau_{a2}, C1)$$

$$C2 = 3.75$$

$$X2 := \frac{Co - C2}{Co}$$

$$X2 = 0.792$$

Problem 3 (30 points)

$$k := 0.17 \quad Y_c := 240 \quad q := 180 \quad C_0 := 70 \quad \tau := \frac{V}{q} \quad \tau = 1.333$$

$$C(Cin) := \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4k \cdot \tau \cdot Cin}}{2k \cdot \tau}$$

Part A. 3 reactors in series

reactor 1

$$C1 := C(C_0) \quad C1 = 15.159$$

reactor 2

$$C2 := C(C1) \quad C2 = 6.145$$

reactor 3

$$C3 := C(C2) \quad C3 = 3.395$$

$$X3 := 1 - \frac{C3}{C_0}$$

$$X3 = 0.952$$

Part B. $3ktC_0 = 50.12$ (see red arrow below)

Follow curve to $N=3$, read down to $1-X=0.048$, so $X=0.952$, which agrees with part A.

