

- 1) (10 points) Consider a semi-batch reactor, *i.e.*, a stirred tank with an input stream but no output. The tank is initially empty (liquid level,  $l(t=0) = 0$ ). The input stream is characterized by a liquid flow rate,  $q$ , and a constant concentration of compound A,  $C_{A,in}$ . A first order chemical reaction converts A to B with 1:1

stoichiometry:  $A \xrightarrow{k} B$ , where  $k$  is a first-order rate constant. Derive a system of ODE's that could be used to calculate the time dependences of  $C_A$  and  $C_B$ . Write your answer in standard form.

Balance on A:  $l A_c C_A|_{t+\Delta t} - l A_c C_A|_t = q C_{A,in} \Delta t - k C_A l A_c \Delta t$

$$A_c \frac{d(l C_A)}{dt} = q C_{A,in} - k l A_c C_A \Rightarrow C_A \frac{dl}{dt} + l \frac{dC_A}{dt} = \frac{q}{A_c} C_{A,in} - k l C_A$$

Total Volume:  $A_c (l|_{t+\Delta t} - l|_t) = q \Delta t \Rightarrow \frac{dl}{dt} = \frac{q}{A_c}$

Balance on B:  $\frac{dC_B}{dt} = -\frac{q}{l A_c} C_B + k C_A$

$$\frac{dl}{dt} = \frac{q}{A_c}$$

- 2) (10 points) The Matlab function ODEHeun correctly implements Heun's method. Write SemiBatchReactor.m, which would be passed to the variable Yprime in ODEHeun in order to solve the ODE derived in Problem 1. Use the following values for the constants:  $A_c = 10$ ;  $q = 1$ ;  $k = \frac{1}{2}$

function [ tSolution, Ysolution ] = ODEHeun( Yprime, tRange, Y0, h )

tSolution = tRange(1):h:tRange(2);

[numberOfEquations, ~] = size(Y0);

Ysolution = zeros(numberOfEquations, length(tRange));

Ysolution(:, 1) = Y0;

for (i = 2:length(tSolution))

Y0 = Ysolution(:, i-1) + h \* Yprime(tSolution(i-1), Ysolution(:, i-1));

Ysolution(:, i) = Ysolution(:, i-1) + h \* 1/2 \* (Yprime(tSolution(i-1), Ysolution(:, i-1)) + Yprime(tSolution(i), Y0));

end

end

function [ Yprime ] = SemiBatchReactor( t, Y ) %to be passed to ODEHeun into Yprime

$A_c = 10$ ;

$q = 1$ ;

$k = \frac{1}{2}$ ;

$C_{A,in} = 1$ ;

$C_A = Y(1,1)$ ;

$C_B = Y(2,1)$ ;

$l = Y(3,1)$ ;

$Yprime = [q/A_c * (C_{A,in} - C_A) - k * C_A; -q/A_c * C_B + k * C_A; q/A_c];$

end