

Problem

Ex 6.4-1 Lactate dehydrogenase adsorption. This enzyme is being adsorbed in a fixed bed 1.3 m long, packed with modified cellulose. The bed is 7 cm in diameter and has a void fraction of 0.30. A diluted feed containing 1.7 mg/L of the enzyme is being fed to this bed; at this dilution, the enzyme is adsorbed according to linear isotherm: $q \text{ (mg/cm}^3\text{)} = 38 y \text{ (mg/cm}^3\text{)}$

The velocity in the bed produces breakthrough in 6.4 h and the bed is exhausted in 10 hr. Calculate the following

- (a) Length of the adsorption zone at breakthrough
- (b) Length of equilibrium zone at breakthrough
- (c) Fraction of the bed's capacity which is being used