

**5.4)** Consider Example 3.7 for a CSTR with a cooling jacket operating in a steady state in which the exothermic reaction  $A + B \xrightarrow{k} C$  takes place. The mass and energy balances that represent this reactor are rewritten as follows:

$$\text{Mass balance for A (mol/min): } Q(C_{Ain} - C_A) - kC_A C_B V = 0 \quad (3.12)$$

$$\text{Mass balance for B (mol/min): } Q(C_{Bin} - C_B) - kC_A C_B V = 0 \quad (3.13)$$

$$\text{Mass balance for C (mol/min): } Q(C_{Cin} - C_C) + kC_A C_B V = 0 \quad (3.14)$$

$$\text{Energy balance for the reactor (J/min): } Q\rho c_p(T_{in} - T) + UA(T_j - T) + kC_A C_B V(-\Delta H)_R = 0 \quad (3.15)$$

$$\text{Energy for the cooling fluid (J/min): } Q_j \rho_j c_{pj}(T_{jin} - T_j) + UA(T - T_j) = 0 \quad (3.16)$$

Using the numerical values in Tables 3.1 and 3.2, solve the nonlinear algebraic equations system using the NR approach (Sect. 5.2) and obtain the concentrations of A, B, and C, and the temperatures of the reactor and the cooling jacket in a steady state. Try to solve this problem using the *Solver* tool (Sect. 5.3) and observe that this approach is not robust (due to a highly nonlinear characteristic of this system).

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