ASSIGNMENT-5 PROCESS ENGINEERING

T = (a+b+10*c) = 0 + 2 + 10*0 = 2

 $X = 2 \mod 9 = 2$

 $Y = 2 \mod 19 = 2$

1. Achieving given specifications

Design specifications that can't be directly achieved: maintaining less than 37 lbmol/hr waste gas, 99% conversion, 99.2% purity cumene in output. To achieve these specifications we vary parameters that haven't been directly given in the problem. Those are as follows:

| Specification | Parameter varied | Value of parameter for |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | which specs achieved |
| 37 lbmol/hr waste gas | Vapor fraction in distillate | 0.02 |
| 99% conversion | Length of the reactor | 3.54731947 m (DS-1) |
| 99.2% purity cumene | Propylene inlet flow rate | 50.5205273 kmol/hr (DS-2) |

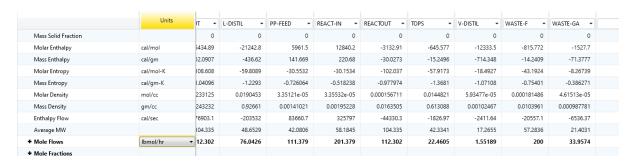


Figure-1: Waste gas flow < 37 lbmol/hr

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| | Units | BZ-FEED ▼ | COLD-OUT ▼ | CUMENE + | FI |
| Average MW | | 78.1136 | 48.6529 | 119.836 | |
| ◆ Mole Flows | kmol/hr | 40.8233 | 34.4924 | 40.7516 | |
| Mole Fractions | | | | | |
| BENZE-01 | | 1 | 0.39087 | 0.00852322 | |
| CUMENE | | 0 | 0 | 0.991477 | |
| METHA-01 | | 2.04001e-07 | 0.470807 | 4.60956e-11 | |
| METHA-02 | | 9.30346e-13 | 0.0567036 | 1.06058e-26 | |
| ACETY-01 | | 1.90075e-10 | 0.0815999 | 6.64405e-20 | |
| NITRO-01 | | 2.1198e-21 | 8.18724e-06 | 0 | |
| OXYGE-01 | | 2.24188e-20 | 1.1965e-05 | 0 | |
| PROPY-01 | | 0 | 0 | 7.48682e-09 | |

Figure-2: Achieving 99.2% purity

All these were achieved using Flowsheeting options -> Design Specs in ASPEN. It is also found that 206.247 °F is the temperature for 30 degrees of superheating.

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2. Cumene product flowrate vs Preheater Temperature

Figure-3: Cumene product flowrate with the preheater temperature

3. PFD for process and stream table.

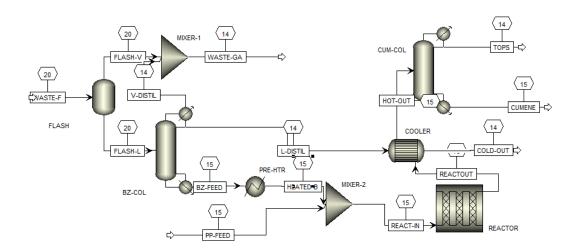


Figure-4: PFD

We see a significant pressure drop at the two distillation columns: BZ-COL and CUM-COL, so pumps are present in those two units (say, 1 pump for each).

Due to space constraints, I am sharing the stream table in this <u>drive link</u>.