

CH 4250: Process Engineering

Assignment 4

Name: _____ Roll No: _____

You have previously, in Assignment 3, developed a flowsheet in Aspen Plus to simulate a process for the production of cyclohexane via benzene hydrogenation.

1. Based on the equipment sizes you have calculated previously, estimate the total capital cost for all the major equipment.

| Equipment | Size | Cost (\$) |
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| Total | | |

2. Also, estimate the annual operating cost for running the plant. Assume that the cost of heating is $\$(30 + a+b+c) / \text{KBTU}$ and cost of cooling is $\$(19 - a+b-c) / \text{KBTU}$ where **abc is the last 3 digits of your roll number**.

| Item | Amount per year (BTU / yr) | Cost per year (\$ / yr) |
|---------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Heating | | |
| Cooling | | |
| Total | | |

3. If the design specifications of the distillation column is relaxed to allow any number of stages, can the process design be modified to reduce the capital cost significantly? What is the impact of this change on operating cost? Other specs should remain the same.

| Item | Old design | New design |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Capital cost | | |
| Operating cost | | |

Deliverables (DUE DATE: 20 Feb 2022, 11:00pm)

1. Two page report in pdf format
2. Aspen Plus file (named as per your Roll Number)