

# Lab Session 3

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## AIM

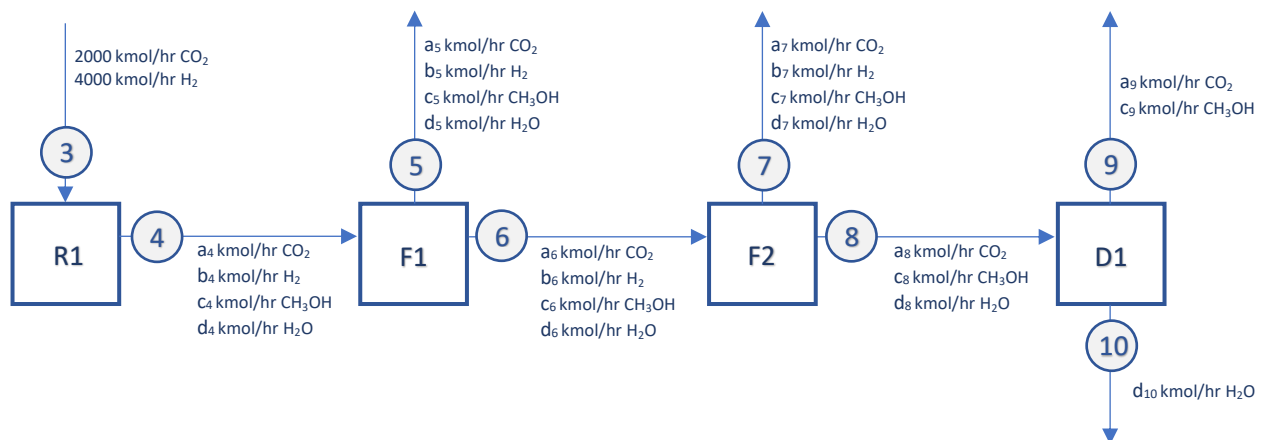
The goal of the laboratory session is to determine the total molar flow rates of all the streams and make a contour plot illustrating the variation of CH<sub>3</sub>OH production cost as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> prices.

## METHOD

**Approach 1:** We first assign variables to different molar rates at each process as shown below,

$$a_3 = 2000 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

$$b_3 = 4000 \text{ kmol/hr}$$



**Approach 2:** Using appropriate mass and energy balances, we can form equations as follows:

Equations at reactor flask:

$$a_4 = 0.6675 \cdot a_3$$

$$b_4 = b_3 - 0.9975 \cdot a_3$$

$$c_4 = 0.3325 \cdot a_3$$

$$d_4 = 0.3325 \cdot a_3$$

Equations at flash drum 1:

$$a_5 = 0.972 \cdot a_4$$

$$b_5 = 0.9927 \cdot b_4$$

$$c_5 = 0.0235 \cdot c_4$$

$$a_6 = a_4 - a_5$$

$$b_6 = b_4 - b_5$$

$$c_6 = c_4 - c_5$$

$$d_6 = d_4 - d_5$$

Equations at flash drum 2:

$$a_7 = 30.89^* a_8$$

$$b_7 = b_6$$

$$c_7 = 0.0125 * c_8$$

$$d_7 = 0.00265 * d_8$$

$$a_8 = 0.031 * a_6$$

$$c_8 = 0.987 * c_6$$

$$d_8 = 0.997 * d_6$$

Equations at distillation column:

$$a_9 = a_8$$

$$C_9 = C_8$$

$$d_{10} = d_8$$

**Approach 3:** We have the following matrix equation. Using MATLAB function `linsolve`, we will solve for variables:

1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	a <sub>4</sub>	=	0.6675*a <sub>3</sub>
-0.972	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	a <sub>5</sub>		0
-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	a <sub>6</sub>		0
0	0	0	1	-30.89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	a <sub>7</sub>		0
0	0	-0.031	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	a <sub>8</sub>		0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	b <sub>4</sub>		b <sub>3</sub> -0.9975*a <sub>3</sub>
0	0	0	0	0	-0.972	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	b <sub>5</sub>		0
0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	b <sub>6</sub>		0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	b <sub>7</sub>		0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	c <sub>4</sub>		0.3325*a <sub>3</sub>
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.024	1	0	0	0	0	0	c <sub>5</sub>		0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	c <sub>6</sub>		0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-0.013	0	0	0	c <sub>7</sub>		0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	c <sub>8</sub>		0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	d <sub>4</sub>	0.3325*a <sub>3</sub>	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0	0	d <sub>6</sub>	-3.103	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-0.003	d <sub>7</sub>	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.997	0	d <sub>8</sub>	0	

## RESULTS and ANALYSIS

After solving using linsolve in MATLAB we get:

Total molar flow rates for:

$$n_4 = 4670 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

$$n_5 = 3306.70 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

$$n_6 = 1363.27 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

$$n_7 = 60.58 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

$$n_8 = 1302.66 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

$$n_9 = 642.52 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

$$n_{10} = 660.14 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

For stream 4:

$$a_4 = 1335 \text{ kmol/hr CO}_2$$

$$b_4 = 2005 \text{ kmol/hr H}_2$$

$$c_4 = 665 \text{ kmol/hr CH}_3\text{OH}$$

$$d_4 = 665 \text{ kmol/hr H}_2\text{O}$$

For stream 5:

$$a_5 = 1297.6 \text{ kmol/hr CO}_2$$

$$b_5 = 1990.4 \text{ kmol/hr H}_2$$

$$c_5 = 15.6 \text{ kmol/hr CH}_3\text{OH}$$

$$d_5 = 3.103 \text{ kmol/hr H}_2\text{O}$$

For stream 6:

$$a_5 = 37.38 \text{ kmol/hr CO}_2$$

$$b_5 = 14.63 \text{ kmol/hr H}_2$$

$$c_5 = 649.37 \text{ kmol/hr CH}_3\text{OH}$$

$$d_5 = 661.89 \text{ kmol/hr H}_2\text{O}$$

For stream 7:

$$a_5 = 36.20 \text{ kmol/hr CO}_2$$

$$b_5 = 14.63 \text{ kmol/hr H}_2$$

$$c_5 = 8.01 \text{ kmol/hr CH}_3\text{OH}$$

$$d_5 = 1.74 \text{ kmol/hr H}_2\text{O}$$

For stream 8:

$$a_5 = 1.17 \text{ kmol/hr CO}_2$$

$$c_5 = 641.35 \text{ kmol/hr CH}_3\text{OH}$$

$$d_5 = 660.14 \text{ kmol/hr H}_2\text{O}$$

For stream 9:

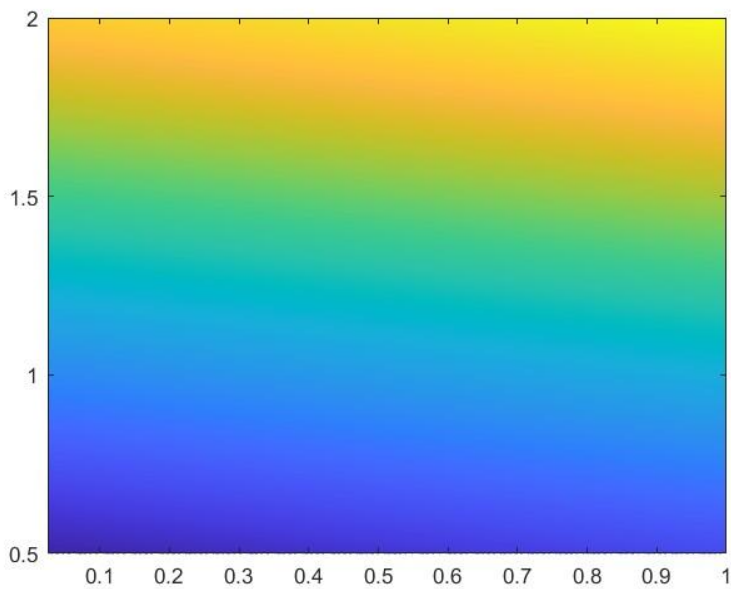
$$a_5 = 1.17 \text{ kmol/hr CO}_2$$

$$c_5 = 641.35 \text{ kmol/hr CH}_3\text{OH}$$

For stream 10:

$$d_5 = 660.14 \text{ kmol/hr H}_2\text{O}$$

The contour plot illustrating the variation of CH<sub>3</sub>OH production cost as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> prices is shown below:



## CONCLUSION

We got the molar flow rate for all the processes. Then we calculated the variation of cost of production of CH<sub>3</sub>OH by varying the prices of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> in the feed. Using this data, we plotted this on a contour graph.

## APPENDIX

The MATLAB code to solve the problem is as follows:

```
C02_3 =2000;
H2_3 = 4000;
% Using equations, we get following matrix
A= [1      0 0      0 0      0      0 0 0 0      0 0      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    -0.972 1 0      0 0      0      0 0 0 0      0 0      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    -1      1 1      0 0      0      0 0 0 0      0 0      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      1 -30.89 0      0 0 0 0      0 0      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    0      0 -0.031 0 1      0      0 0 0 0      0 0      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      1      0 0 0 0      0 0      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      -0.972 1 0 0 0      0 0      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      -1      1 1 0 0      0 0      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      0      0 -1 1 0      0 0      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      0      0 0 0 1      0 0      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      0      0 0 0 -0.024 1 0      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      0      0 0 0 -1      1 1      0 0      0 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      0      0 0 0 0      0 0      1 -0.013 0 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      0      0 0 0 0      0 -0.987 0 1      0 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      0      0 0 0 0      0 0      0 0      1 0 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      0      0 0 0 0      0 0      0 0      -1 1 0 0;
    0      0 0      0 0      0      0 0 0 0      0 0      0 0      0 0 1 -0.003;
    0      0 0      0 0      0      0 0 0 0      0 0      0 0      0 -0.997 0 1];

b= [0.6675*C02_3; 0; 0; 0; 0; H2_3-0.9975*C02_3; 0; 0; 0; 0.3325*C02_3; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0.3325*C02_3;
-3.103; 0; 0];
x = linsolve(A, b);

% flow rates of streams 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10
n4=x(1)+x(6)+x(10)+x(15);
n5=x(2)+x(7)+x(11)+3.103;
n6=x(3)+x(8)+x(12)+x(16);
n7=x(4)+x(9)+x(13)+x(17);
n8=x(5)+x(14)+x(18);
n9=x(5)+x(14);
n10=x(18);

% C_op calculation
C_ele = (9.7+21.5)*72*3600;
C_steam = (0.28+0.8+15.7)*1000*3600*2.5*(10^-6);
C_cool = (12+20.9+22.6+15.4)*1000*3600*2.12*(10^-7);

% graph
cost_C02 = linspace(0.025,1,100);
cost_H2 = linspace(0.5,2,100);
P_CH3OH = (7884*(x(14)*32/1000));
phi = 0.1;
F3 = C02_3*44 + H2_3*2;
C_cap = 14694200 + 29418000 + (1.53*(10^7)*((F3/54000)^0.65)) + 269600 + 171300 + 168100 + 63000 +
1507900;

for i=1:100
    for j=1:100
        C_op(i,j) = (C_ele + C_steam + C_cool + (2000*44)*cost_C02(i) + (4000*2)*cost_H2(j))*7884;
        TAC(i,j) = phi*C_cap + C_op(i,j);
        C_methanol(i,j) = TAC(i,j)/P_CH3OH;
    end
end
contour(cost_C02, cost_H2, C_methanol,1000);
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