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(a) The specific material balance equations are given by:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{m}_i = r_{X,i} u_i - (\mu + \theta_{m,i}) m_i + \lambda_i & i=1, 2, \dots, N \\ \dot{p}_i = r_{L,i} w_i - (\mu + \theta_{p,i}) p_i \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mu$  is the dilution term.

Dilution: (intracellular)

$$\dot{n}_{X,acc,j} = \dot{n}_{X,in,j}^0 - \dot{n}_{X,out,j}^0 + \dot{n}_{X,gen,j} \quad j=1, 2, \dots, M$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{n}_{X,acc,j} = \dot{n}_{X,gen,j} \quad j=1, 2, \dots, M$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \int_B x_j dB = \int_B (\dots) dB \quad j=1, 2, 3, \dots, M$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x}_j = (\dots) - x_j \bar{B}^T \dot{B} \quad j=1, 2, \dots, M$$

and  $\dot{B} = \dot{X} V_R + \dot{V}_R X$

$$\bar{B}^T \dot{B} = \frac{\dot{X}}{X} \frac{V_R}{V_R} + \frac{\dot{V}_R}{X} \frac{X}{V_R} = \frac{\dot{X}}{X} + \frac{\dot{V}_R}{V_R} \quad \text{not changing volume}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{B}^T \dot{B} = \frac{\dot{X}}{X} = \mu$$

However, this is cell-free system,  $\therefore$  there's no dilution effect

$$\Rightarrow \mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{m}_i = r_{X,i} u_i - \theta_{m,i} m_i + \lambda_i \\ \dot{p}_i = r_{L,i} w_i - \theta_{p,i} p_i \end{cases}$$

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