

1. A first-order reaction $A \rightarrow B$ is taking place in a recycle reactor. The initial concentration is 4 mol/liter, the reactor volume is 200 liters and the volumetric flow rate is 20 liters/s. For a recycle ratio of 5, a conversion of 60% is obtained. This configuration is to be replaced with a CSTR-PFR combination. A 50-liter CSTR is followed by a PFR of unknown volume. What volume of PFR is required to achieve the same conversion as in the recycle reactor?

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2. Rate versus concentration data for a reaction is given below. Find the order of the reaction and the reaction rate.

Con. (mol/liter)	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.3
Rate (mol/lit-sec)	28	20	12.8	7.7	4.1	1.8	0.5

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3. An elementary irreversible liquid-phase reaction $A + B \rightarrow C$ is carried out in a CSTR. A and B are fed at molar rates of 1.25 mol/s and 1 mol/s respectively, at a temperature of 300 K. The reactor is jacketed and the jacket temperature can be assumed to be 310 K. An agitator contributes a work of 20.9 kW to the reactor. The volumetric flow rate is 5 lit/s. Additionally:

$$H_A^0(298 K) = -20 \text{ kcal/mol} \quad H_B^0(298 K) = -25 \text{ kcal/mol} \quad H_C^0(298 K) = -60 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

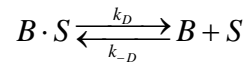
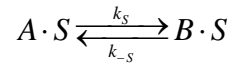
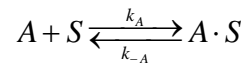
$$C_{pA} = C_{pB} = 40 \frac{\text{cal}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}, \quad C_{pC} = 55 \frac{\text{cal}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}$$

$$k = 0.01 \frac{\text{lit}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{s}} \text{ at } 300 \text{ K}, \quad U \cdot A = 75 \frac{\text{cal}}{\text{s} \cdot \text{K}}, \quad E = 8 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

Determine the volume of the reactor for 60% conversion of A.

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4. Mechanism of a catalytic reaction $A \rightarrow B$ is shown below.



Write down the rates of adsorption, surface reaction and desorption and derive an effective rate when, surface reaction is rate controlling.

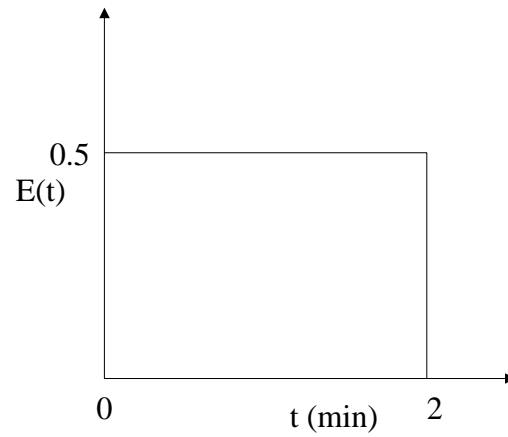
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5. A first-order reaction $A \rightarrow 3B$ is taking place in a PBR. The particles are 10 mm in diameter and the intrinsic rate constant (k') is 0.8 lit/kg-cat-s. A conversion of 75% is desired. Feed at 4 mol/s, containing 40% A and 60% inerts enters the reactor at 127°C and 5 atmospheres. The engineer designing the reactor neglects to consider that there might be internal diffusion to consider.
- What weight of the catalyst does the engineer pack the reactor with?
 - If the diffusion coefficient is 0.08 cm²/s and bulk density of the catalyst is 2.8 kg/liter, what conversion would actually result with the catalyst packed?
 - What weight of the catalyst did he need to use to meet the design specifications of 75% conversion?

Assume that the reactor operates at constant pressure.

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6. The residence time distribution function for a reactor is given below. The reaction is $\frac{1}{2}$ order, $C_{A0} = 1$ mol/lit and the rate constant is $2 \frac{\text{mol}^{1/2}}{\text{lit}^{1/2} \cdot \text{min}}$. Determine the conversion in the reactor using the segregated-flow model.



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