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FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Midterm Examination : Semester I

Academic year : 2007

Date : 2 August 2007

Time : 9.00 – 12.00 am

Subject : 230-620 Advance Chemical Engineering Kinetics  
and Reactor Design

Room: R201

**ทูลรลทในการสอบ โทษขั้ันต่ำปรบัตทในรายวขานั้ัน และพั้กการเรยรึน**  
**1 ภาคการศึกษา โทษสูงสตุค ให้ออก**

1. The exam are not allow to leave an exam room
2. All books, notes, and all computing devices (i.e., calculator and computer) are allowed
3. Do not discuss or ask any person during taking an exam
4. Do all problems, the mark of each problem is listed below

| Problem No. | Total Points | Point obtained |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1           | 25           |                |
| 2           | 20           |                |
| 3           | 35           |                |
| 4           | 20           |                |
| <b>รวม</b>  | <b>100</b>   |                |

Please note that the exam must consist of 10 pages (including this page)

Good luck and do your best on the exam

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1. (25 points)

It is desired to carry out an elementary irreversible liquid phase reaction  $A + B \longrightarrow C$  in an existing adiabatic CSTR. An equal molar feed in A and B enter at  $27^\circ\text{C}$  and the volumetric flow rate is  $4 \text{ dm}^3/\text{s}$  and  $C_{A0}$  is  $0.5 \text{ mol}/\text{dm}^3$ . Calculate the reactor volume and steady state reaction temperature necessary to achieve 90% conversion of A.

Additional information:

$$H_A^\circ(273) = -20 \text{ kcal/mol}, H_B^\circ(273) = -15 \text{ kcal/mol}, H_C^\circ(273) = -41 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

$$C_{PA} = C_{PB} = 15 \frac{\text{cal}}{\text{mol K}}, C_{PC} = 30 \frac{\text{cal}}{\text{mol K}}$$

$$k = 0.05 \frac{\text{dm}^3}{\text{mol s}}, \text{ at } 300\text{K}, E = 12,000 \frac{\text{cal}}{\text{mol}}$$

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2. (20 points)

Repeat problem 1 when a heat exchanger is added. The overall heat transfer coefficient and the heat transfer area for such heat exchanger are  $50 \text{ cal/m}^2/\text{s/K}$  and  $40 \text{ m}^2$ , respectively, and the coolant temperature is constant at  $T_a = 350 \text{ K}$ .

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3 (35 points)

The irreversible endothermic gas phase reaction,  $A \longrightarrow B + C$ , follows an elementary rate law and is carried out adiabatically in a PFR. The feed stream is a mixture 40 mol% A and 60 mol% inert gas (I). This mixture is fed to the reactor at a rate of 100 mol/min and a pressure of 5 atm. The entrance temperature of both streams is 1100 K. Calculate the PFR volume and steady state reaction temperature necessary to achieve 80% conversion of A. Show your mass balance and energy equations and explain how to solve your equations to obtain the conversion and temperature profiles along the reactor volume.

Additional information:

$$k = \exp\left(34.34 - \frac{34,222}{T}\right), T \text{ in } K, \frac{dm^3}{mol \text{ min}}$$

$$C_{PA} = 120 \frac{J}{mol \text{ K}}, C_{PB} = 90 \frac{J}{mol \text{ K}}, C_{PC} = 80 \frac{J}{mol \text{ K}}, C_{PI} = 200 \frac{J}{mol \text{ K}}$$

$$\Delta H_{Rx}^o(273) = 800 \frac{J}{mol}$$

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4. (20 points)

From problem 3, if the heat exchanger is added with the  $Ua$  and the coolant temperature of  $100 \text{ cal/m}^3\text{/s/K}$  and  $450 \text{ K}$ , respectively. Detail your mass balance and energy equations. Evaluate the values of all parameters you can and explain how to solve your equations to obtain the conversion and temperature profiles along the reactor volume. (Do not attempt to solve the equations by hand).