

III B.Tech II Semester Supplementary Examinations, Apr/May 2008
CHEMICAL REACTION ENGINEERING-I
(Chemical Engineering)

Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 80

Answer any FIVE Questions
 All Questions carry equal marks

1. (a) What are the variables affecting the reaction rate. List out the different forms of definition of reaction rate. [8]
 (b) The following rate equation is reported for vapor- phase reaction $-dP_A/dt = 3.66P_{A_2,atm}/hr$
 - i. What are the units of the rate constant?
 - ii. What is the value of the rate constant if the rate equation is written in terms of molar concentration of A? [8]
2. The gas reaction $2A \rightarrow R + 2S$ is approximately second order with respect to A. When pure A is introduced at 1 atm. into a constant volume batch reactor, the pressure rises 40% in 3 minutes. For a constant pressure batch reactor find
 - (a) the time required for the same conversion [8]
 - (b) the fractional increase in volume at that time. [8]
3. For the non elementary reaction $A + 2B \rightarrow R + S$ if the mechanism suggested is

$$A + B \xrightleftharpoons[k_2]{k_1} R + X$$

$$B + X \xrightarrow{K_3} S$$
 where X is the unstable intermediate compound,
 - (a) Derive an expression for rate of disappearance of A
 - (b) Explain how the rate constants can be evaluated using the rate law. [8+8]
4. The decomposition of gaseous A proceeds as follows

$$A \rightarrow R \quad (-r_A) = kC_A^2$$
 A tubular reactor of 2 liters volume is fed at $2 \text{ m}^3/hr$ of pure A at $300^\circ C$ and 20 atm. Conversion of reactant is 65%. In a commercial plant, it is desired to treat $100 \text{ m}^3/hr$ of feed gases at 40 atm and $300^\circ C$ containing 60% A and 40% diluents to obtain 85% conversion of A. Find the volume of reactor required. [16]
5. The kinetics of the aqueous-phase decomposition of A is investigated in two mixed reactors in series, the second having twice the volume of the first reactor. At steady state with a feed concentration of 1 mol A/liter and mean residence time of 96 sec in the first reactor, the concentration in the first reactor is 0.5 mol A/liter and in the second is 0.25 mol A/liter. Find the kinetic equation for the decomposition? [16]

6. (a) Define a catalyst and describe its properties.
(b) Compare physical adsorption and chemisorption.
(c) What is an adsorption isotherm? Define. [6+6+4]
7. For the first order reactions $A \xrightarrow{k_1} R \xrightarrow{k_2} S$ taking place in a plug flow reactor derive the expression for $C_{R,max}$ and $\tau_{p,opt}$. [16]
8. Write detailed note on:
(a) Enzyme - substrate reactions
(b) Methods of analysis of kinetic data. [8+8]

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1. (a) Derive the Arrhenius law from thermodynamic principles. [8]
 (b) For a given activation energy the rate doubles for 10°C rise in temperature. It is a thumb rule and valid at a specific temperature. Show that the relationship between activation energy and temperature for which the rule holds is $T = \left[\frac{(10^\circ\text{K})E}{R \ln 2} \right]^{1/2}$ [8]
2. The kinetic data for the reaction of sulphuric acid with diethyl sulphate $H_2SO_4 + (C_2H_5)_2SO_4 \leftrightarrow 2C_2H_5SO_4H$ is given in table

Time, min	0	41	48	75	127	162	180	212	318	368	410	∞
$C_2H_5SO_4H$ mole/litre	0	1.18	1.38	2.24	3.31	3.381	4.11	4.45	5.515	5.32	5.42	5.8

Initial concentration of H_2SO_4 and $(C_2H_5)_2SO_4$ are each 5.5 mole/litre . Find a rate equation for this reaction. [16]
3. Experiment shows that the homogeneous decomposition of ozone proceed with a rate $-r_{O_3} = K[O_3]^2[O_2]^{-1}$. Suggest a two step mechanism to explain this rate and explain how would you further test this mechanism? [16]
4. The decomposition of gaseous A proceeds as follows
 $A \rightarrow R \quad (-r_A) = kC_A^2$
 A tubular reactor of 2 liters volume is fed at $2 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$ of pure A at 300°C and 20 atm. Conversion of reactant is 65%. In a commercial plant, it is desired to treat $100 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$ of feed gases at 40 atm and 300°C containing 60%A and 40% diluents to obtain 85% conversion of A. Find the volume of reactor required. [16]
5. Acetic anhydride is to be hydrolyzed in three stirred tank reactors operated in series. The reaction is first order with $k = 0.0806 \text{ min}^{-1}$. Each reactor has a volume of 1.8 liters and the feed rate to the first is 35 liters/hr . Compute the percent of hydrolysis accomplished in the three reactors. [16]
6. (a) Define a catalyst and describe its properties.
 (b) Compare physical adsorption and chemisorption.
 (c) What is an adsorption isotherm? Define. [6+6+4]
7. Derive the energy balance equation for an adiabatically operated CSTR. [16]

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8. Write a brief note on:

(a) Recycle reactors

(b) enzyme - substrate reactions.

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2. (a) Calculate the expansion factor for the reaction $A \rightarrow 4R$ with 30% inert present in the feed. Derive the equation you use for calculating expansion factor. [4]
- (b) Sketch the energies involved in the transformation of reactants to products in an elementary reaction. [4]
- (c) An elementary vapour phase homogeneous reaction $2A \rightarrow R$ is carried out under isothermal and isobaric conditions. The reaction mixture initially contains 80% of A and 20% of inerts. Calculate the % volume change of reaction mixture for 50% conversion of A. [8]
3. Consider the reaction $A + 3B \rightarrow R + 3S$ for which the mechanism suggested is

$$A + B \xrightleftharpoons[k_2]{k_1} S + X$$

$$B + X \xrightleftharpoons[k_2]{k_1} S + Y$$

$$B + Y \xrightarrow{k_5} R + S$$
 - (a) Derive the rate law.
 - (b) Show how the rate law transforms when each of the mechanism steps controls the rate. [16]
4. The reaction $A + B \rightarrow R$ is first order with respect to each of the reactants when conducted in liquid phase in a $1.5m^3$ plug flow reactor using a mole ratio $M = C_{Bo}/C_{Ao} = 2$, a 90% conversion is obtained. What mole ratio M will provide the same amount of product, if the reaction is conducted in a $7.5 m^3$ backmix reactor. [16]
5. (a) Define recycle ratio. What is the effect of varying the recycle ratio from zero to infinity on the performance of the recycle reactor?

- (b) Develop the performance equation for a recycle reactor. Write the performance equation for the two extremes of the recycle ratio. [4+12]
6. For the solid catalyzed reaction $A \rightleftharpoons R$ derive the expression for the rate of reaction if adsorption of A is rate controlling. [16]
7. We have a mixture consisting of 90 mole % A (45 mol/liter) and 10 mole % impurity B (5 mol/liter). To be of satisfactory quality the mole ratio of A to B in the mixture must be 100 to 1 or higher. D reacts with both A and B as follows:
 $A + D \rightarrow R, -r_A = 21 C_A C_D$
 $B + D \rightarrow S, -r_B = 147 C_B C_D$
Assuming that the reactions go to completion, how much D need be added to a batch of mixture to bring about the desired quality? [16]
8. Write a short note on:
- (a) Half life period method
- (b) Excess reactant and stoichiometric proportions methods. [8+8]

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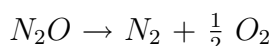
- (a) General mole relation (Stoichiometric equation)
- (b) Fractional conversion
- (c) Rate of reaction
- (d) Law of mass action

Show what form they take when the reaction under consideration is a constant volume reaction.

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3. The primary reaction occurring in the homogeneous decomposition of nitrous oxide is found to be



With rate $-r_{N_2O} = \frac{K_1[N_2O]^2}{1+K_1[N_2O]}$

Devise a mechanism that is consistent with and can explain the observed rate law. [16]

4. The reaction $A + B \rightarrow R$ is first order with respect to each of the reactants when conducted in liquid phase in a $1.5m^3$ plug flow reactor using a mole ratio

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