

Lecture 7

Chemical Reaction Engineering (CRE) is the field that studies the rates and mechanisms of chemical reactions and the design of the reactors in which they take place.

Lecture 7 – Tuesday 1/29/2013

- Block 1: **Mole Balances**
- Block 2: **Rate Laws**
- Block 3: **Stoichiometry**
- Block 4: **Combine**

- California Professional Engineers Exam

In the past, the *exam has not been curved,*
75% or better to pass

Problem 4-12

Choices



1. MOLE BALANCES

PFR $\frac{dX}{dV} = \frac{-r_A}{F_{A0}}$ CSTR $V = \frac{F_{A0}X}{-r_A}$ BATCH $\frac{dX}{dt} = \frac{-r_A V}{N_{A0}}$

2. RATE LAWS

$-r_A = kC_A$ $-r_A = \frac{kC_A}{1 + K_A C_A}$ $-r_A = k \left[C_A - \frac{C_B C_C}{K_e} \right]$

3. STOICHIOMETRY

FLOW $C_A = \frac{F_A}{V}$ BATCH $C_A = \frac{N_A}{V}$
 $F_A = F_{A0}(1 - X)$ $N_A = N_{A0}(1 - X)$

LIQUID Constant flow rate $v = v_0$ IDEAL GAS Variable flow rate $v = v_0(1 + \epsilon X) \frac{P_0 T}{P T_0}$ IDEAL GAS Variable volume $V = V_0(1 + \epsilon X) \frac{P_0 T}{P T_0}$ LIQUID OR GAS Constant volume $V = V_0$

$C_A = C_{A0}(1 - X)$ $C_A = \frac{C_{A0}(1 - X) P T_0}{(1 + \epsilon X) P_0 T}$ $C_A = \frac{C_{A0}(1 - X) P T_0}{(1 + \epsilon X) P_0 T}$ $C_A = C_{A0}(1 - X)$

4. COMBINE (First Order Gas-Phase Reaction in a PFR)

From mole balance From rate law From stoichiometry

$$\frac{dX}{dV} = \frac{-r_A}{F_{A0}} = \frac{kC_A}{F_{A0}} = \frac{k}{F_{A0}} \left(\frac{C_{A0}(1 - X) P T_0}{(1 + \epsilon X) P_0 T} \right)$$

$$\frac{dX}{dV} = \frac{k(1 - X) y T_0}{v_0(1 + \epsilon X) T}, \text{ where } y = \frac{P}{P_0} \quad (A)$$

Integrating for the case of constant temperature and pressure gives

$$V = \frac{v_0}{k} \left[(1 + \epsilon) \ln \left(\frac{1}{1 - X} \right) - \epsilon X \right] \quad (B)$$

General Guidelines for the California Professional Engineering Exam



Some hints:

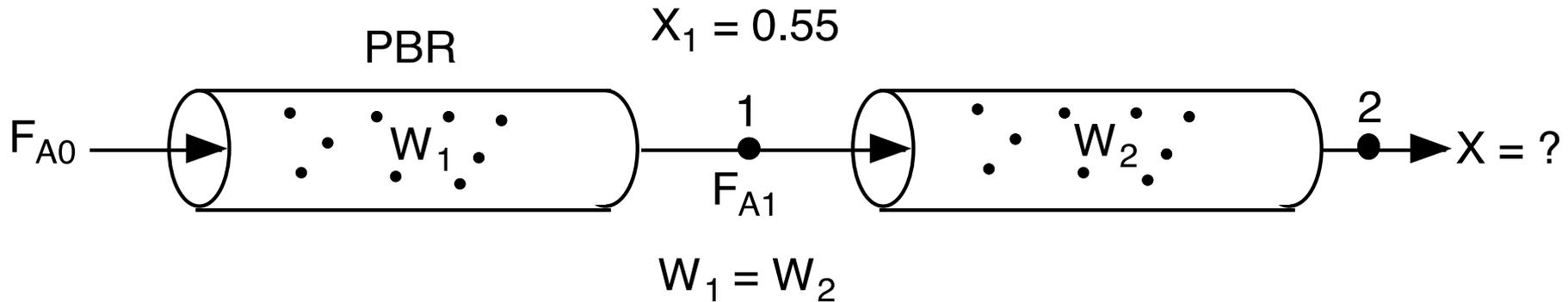
1. Group unknown parameters/values on the same side of the equation

example: [unknowns] = [knowns]

2. Look for a Case 1 and a Case 2 (usually two data points) to make intermediate calculations
3. Take ratios of Case 1 and Case 2 to cancel as many unknowns as possible
4. Carry all symbols to the end of the manipulation before evaluating, **UNLESS THEY ARE ZERO**

P. E. Example

P5-17_B California Professional Exam Problem



$$X_2 = \frac{\text{Total moles reacted at Point 2}}{\text{Mole fed to first reactor}}$$

Knowns: Intermediate Conversion, X_1 , K_C , and $W_1 = W_2$

Unknowns: F_{A0} , W_1 , C_{A0}

P. E. Example

1) Mole Balances

$$\frac{dX}{dW} = \frac{-r'_A}{F_{A0}}$$

2) Rate Laws

$$-r_A = k \left[C_A - \frac{C_B}{K_C} \right]$$

3) Stoichiometry

Liquid, $v = v_0$

$$C_A = \frac{F_A}{v_0} = \frac{F_{A0}(1-X)}{v_0} = C_{A0}(1-X)$$

$$C_B = \frac{F_B}{v_0} = \frac{F_{A0}X}{v_0} = C_{A0}X$$

P. E. Example

4) Combine

$$-r_A = kC_{A0} \left[1 - X - \frac{X}{K_C} \right]$$

$$\frac{dX}{dW} = \frac{-r'_A}{F_{A0}} = \frac{kC_{A0}}{F_{A0}} \left[1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C} \right) X \right]$$

5) Evaluate

$$W_1 = W_2$$

$$W_1 = \frac{F_{A0}}{kC_{A0}} \int_0^X \frac{dX}{\left[1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C} \right) X \right]} = W_2 = \frac{F_{A0}}{kC_{A0}} \int_{X_1}^{X_2} \frac{dX}{\left[1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C} \right) X \right]}$$

P. E. Example

$$W_1 = \frac{F_{A0}}{kC_{A0}} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right)} \ln \frac{1}{1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right)X_1} = \frac{F_{A0}}{kC_{A0}} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right)} \ln \frac{\left(1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right)X_1\right)}{\left(1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right)X_2\right)}$$

Cancel unknowns F_{A0} , k and C_{A0}

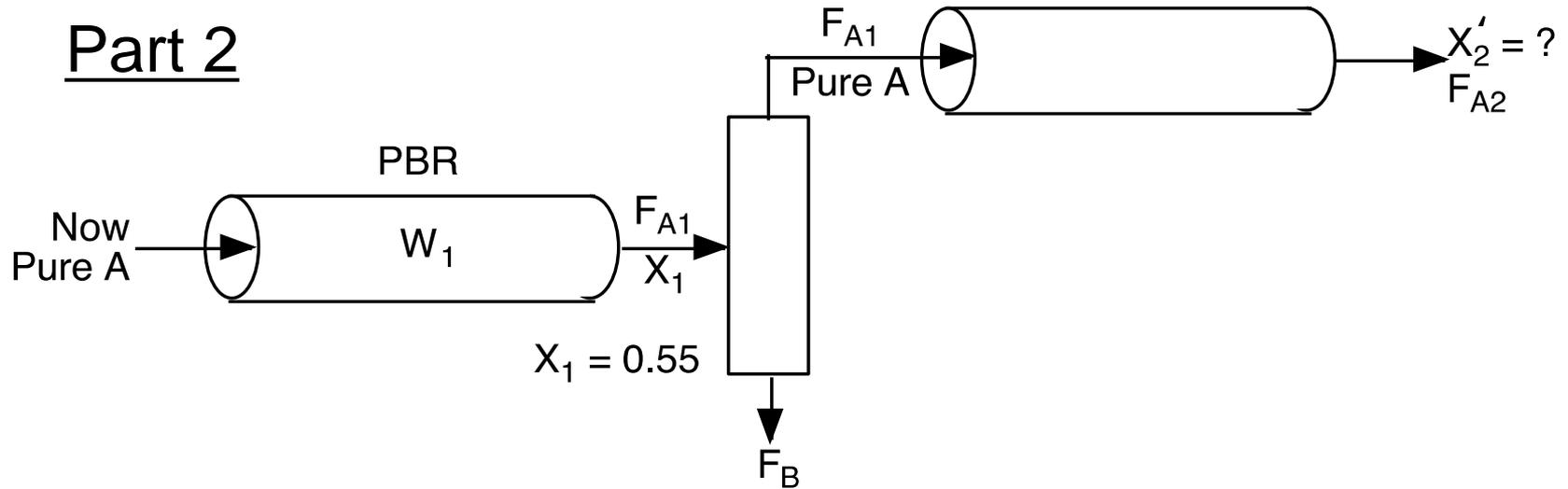
$$X_2 = \frac{\left[1 - \left(1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right)X_1\right)^2\right]}{1 + \frac{1}{K_C}}$$

Substitute $X_1 = 0.55$ and $K_C = 5.8$

$$X_2 = 0.745$$

P. E. Example

Part 2



$$X_{overall} = \frac{F_{A0} - F_{A2}}{F_{A0}}$$

$$F_{A2} = F_{A1} (1 - X'_2)$$

Conversion X'_2 based on F_{A1}

P. E. Example

$$W_1 = \frac{F_{A0}}{kC_{A0}} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right)} \ln \frac{1}{1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right) X_1}$$

$$W_2 = \frac{F_{A1}}{kC_{A0}} \int_0^{X_2'} \frac{dX}{\left[1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right) X\right]} = \frac{F_{A1}}{kC_{A0} \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right)} \ln \frac{1}{\left(1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right) X_2'\right)}$$

$$W_1 = W_2$$

$$F_{A1} = F_{A0} (1 - X_1)$$

Substitute for F_{A1} and cancel F_{A0} , C_{A0} , k

$$\ln \frac{1}{\left(1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right) X_1\right)} = (1 - X_1) \ln \frac{1}{1 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_C}\right) X_2'}$$

$$X_1 = 0.55$$

$$K_C = 5.8$$

P. E. Example

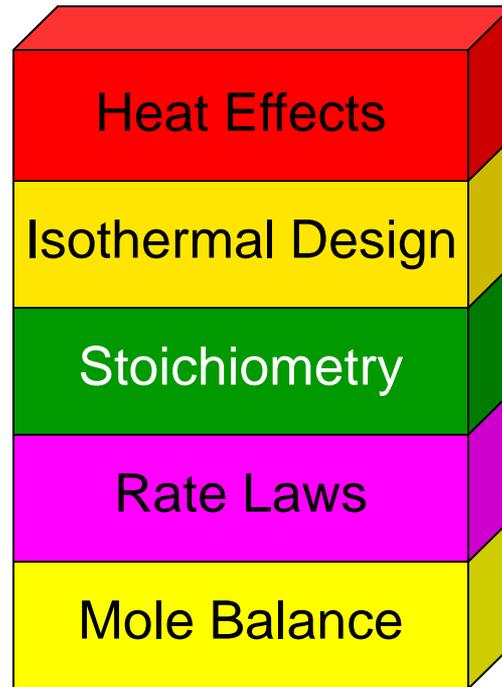
One equation and one unknown

Solving for X'_2

$$X'_2 = 0.768$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_{overall} &= \frac{F_{A0} - F_{A2}}{F_{A0}} = \frac{F_{A0} - F_{A1}(1 - X'_2)}{F_{A0}} = \frac{F_{A0} - F_{A0}(1 - X_1)(1 - X'_2)}{F_{A0}} \\ &= 1 - (1 - X_1)(1 - X'_2) = \underline{0.895} \end{aligned}$$

$$X_{overall} = 0.895$$



End of Lecture 7