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CVG 3132 Physical/Chemical Unit Operations of Water and Wastewater Treatment
Winter 2011

Assignment #3

Due Thursday March 10th

1. Problems 6.10 from Tchobanoglous and Shroeder

6.10. A reactor that behaves as an ideal PFR is to be used to carry out a BOD removal reaction. The removal rate in the system is given approximately by:

$$r_{BOD_u} = -(k BOD_u) / (K + BOD_u)$$

where

$$k = 0.12 \text{ g/m}^3 \cdot \text{s}$$

$$K = 30 \text{ g/m}^3$$

For a flow of $0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ determine the reactor volume necessary to produce an effluent having 20 g/m^3 BOD_u from the influent which has a BOD_u of 150 g/m^3

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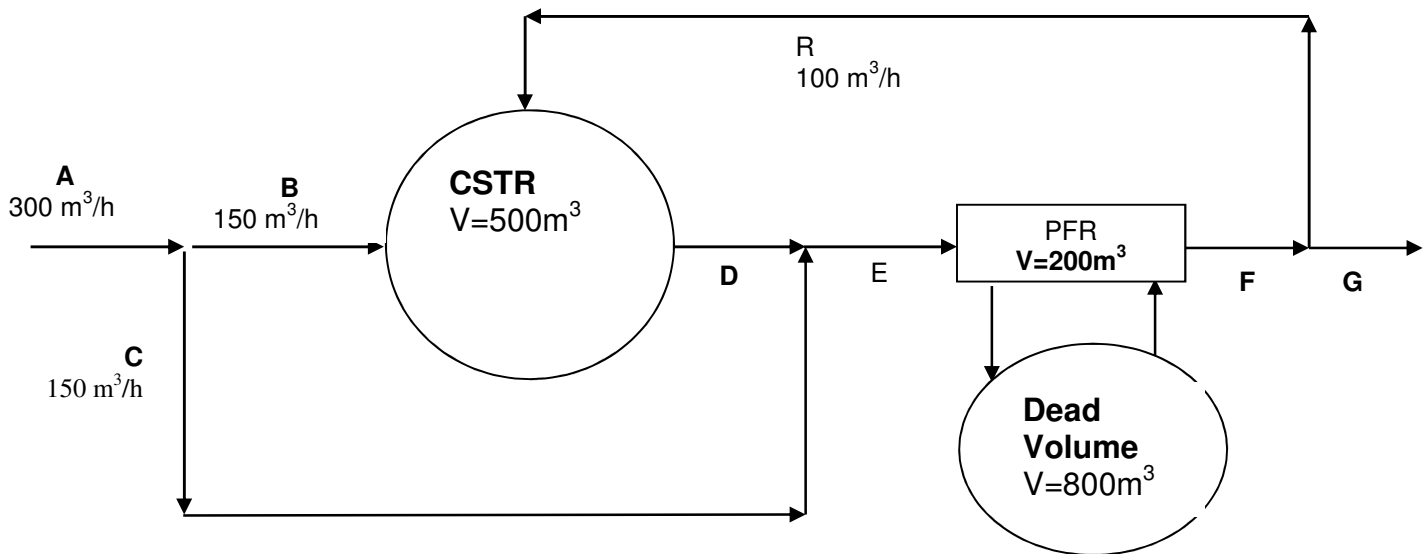
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PROBLEM

Problem statement - See text page 298

Solution

1. Write steady-state materials balance expression (Eqn. 6.4, p. 278).

$$\frac{d \text{BOD}_u}{d \theta_H} = r_{\text{BOD}_u} = -\frac{k \text{BOD}_u}{K + \text{BOD}_u}$$

2. Rearrange materials balance and solve for θ_H .

$$\left(\frac{K + \text{BOD}_u}{\text{BOD}_u}\right) d \text{BOD}_u = -k d \theta_H$$

$$\int_{\text{BOD}_{u_i}}^{\text{BOD}_u} \left(\frac{K}{\text{BOD}_u} + 1\right) d \text{BOD}_u = k \int_0^{\theta_H} d \theta_H$$

$$K \ln \frac{\text{BOD}_u}{\text{BOD}_{u_i}} + \text{BOD}_u - \text{BOD}_{u_i} = -k \theta_H$$

3. Substitute given values for BOD_u and BOD_{u_i} and solve for θ_H .

$$(30 \text{ g/m}^3 \ln \frac{20 \text{ g/m}^3}{150 \text{ g/m}^3} + 20 \text{ g/m}^3 - 150 \text{ g/m}^3) = -0.12 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{m}^3} \theta_H$$

$$\theta_H = 1587 \text{ s}$$

4. Determine reactor volume, V .

$$V = Q \theta_H$$

$$= 0.5 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} (1578 \text{ s}) = 794 \text{ m}^3 \text{ ans.}$$

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We are given the projected population of the town as well as the average per capita daily consumption of water. The product of these two values will be the average discharge through the baffled tank. The projected population is 30000, so in later calculations $P=30$.

$$Q_{avg} = 380 \frac{L}{capita} \times 30000 \text{ people} = 11400 \frac{m^3}{d}$$

The peak hourly flow factor was also provided as a function of the population of the town in thousands. This will allow us to determine the peak hourly design flow.

$$\frac{Q_{peak \text{ hourly}}}{Q_{avg}} = \frac{18 + \sqrt{P}}{4 + \sqrt{P}} = \frac{18 + \sqrt{30}}{4 + \sqrt{30}} = 2.477$$

$$Q_{peak \text{ hourly}} = 11400 \frac{m^3}{d} \times 2.477 = 28240 \frac{m^3}{d} = 1176.7 \frac{m^3}{hr} = 19.111 \frac{m^3}{min}$$

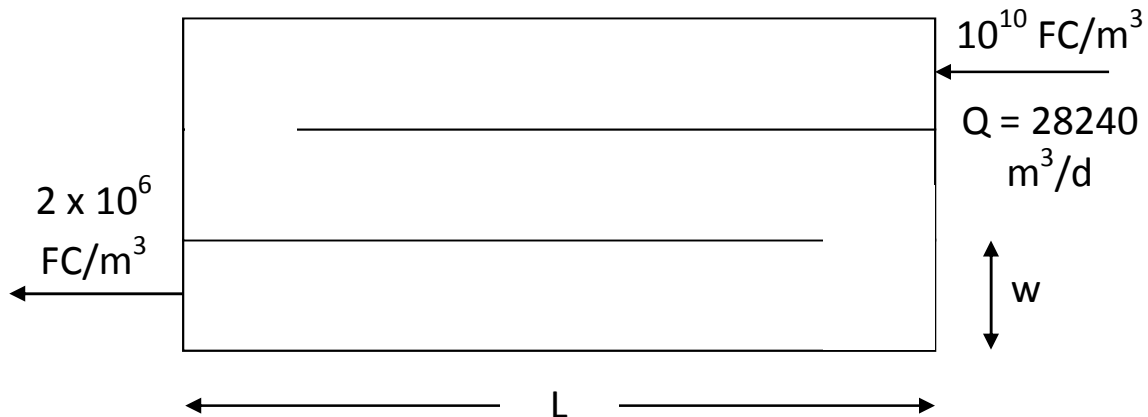
From the specified minimum hydraulic residence time and the design flow, we are able to compute the required volume for the tank.

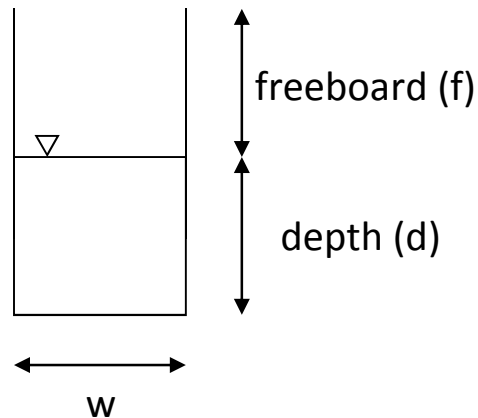
$$\frac{V}{Q_{peak \text{ hourly}}} \geq \theta_{minimum}$$

$$V \geq 15 \text{ min} \times \frac{h}{60 \text{ min}} \times \frac{d}{24 \text{ h}} \times 28240 \frac{m^3}{d}$$

$$V \geq 294.171 \text{ m}^3$$

Take 300 m^3 as the initial design volume.





The dimensioning of the tank's features must meet certain criteria. These ratios will help us define the measurements for our design.

$n = \text{number of passes}$

$$f = 0.3 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{L}{w} \geq 10$$

$$0.5 \leq \frac{w}{d} \leq 2$$

We can start by expressing each dimension as a function of the width of a pass. Setting this equal to our design volume will give us preliminary dimensions.

$$L \geq 10w$$

Setting $\frac{w}{d} = 1$ we find $w = d$

$$V = (nw)(d)(L) = (3w)(w)(10w) = 300 \text{ m}^3$$

$$w = 2.154 \text{ m}$$

Therefore

$$L \geq 21.544 \text{ m}$$

$$d \approx 2.154 \text{ m}$$

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Now we can select the actual dimensions and then check to ensure they will meet the established requirements.

$$L = 25 \text{ m}, \quad w = 2 \text{ m}, \quad d = 2 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{L}{w} = \frac{25 \text{ m}}{2 \text{ m}} = 12.5 \geq 10$$

$$0.5 \leq \frac{w}{d} \leq 2$$

$$V = (nw)(d)(L) = (3 \cdot 2\text{m})(2 \text{ m})(25 \text{ m}) = 300 \text{ m}^3$$

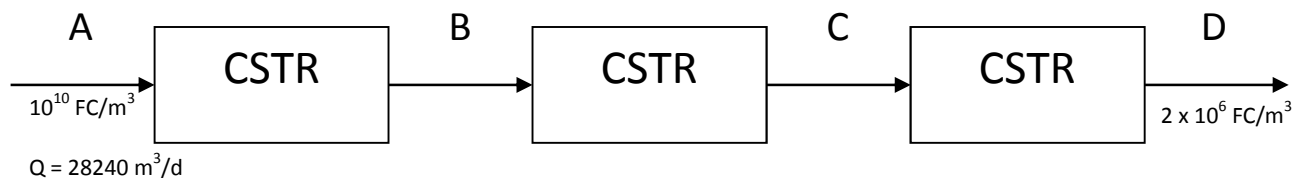
$$\theta = \text{detention time} = \frac{V}{Q} = \frac{300 \text{ m}^3}{19.61 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}} = 15.3 \text{ min} > 15 \text{ min O.K.}$$

Each pass is to be modeled as a CSTR with an active volume fraction of 0.85. Each reactor will constitute a third of this active volume.

$$V_{\text{active}} = 0.85V = 255 \text{ m}^3$$

$$V_{\text{CSTR}} = \frac{V_{\text{active}}}{3} = 85 \text{ m}^3$$

$$r_{FC} = -10^{-5}FC$$



We have to verify whether the current number of passes is sufficient to meet the effluent standard for fecal coliforms. All densities are equal to that of water.

Total mass balance around the first CSTR

$$\text{Accumulation} = \sum M_{in} - \sum M_{out}$$

$$0 = Q_A \rho_A - Q_B \rho_B$$

$$0 = \left(28240 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{d}} \right) - Q_B$$

$$Q_B = 28240 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{d}}$$

Total mass balance around the second CSTR

$$\text{Accumulation} = \sum M_{in} - \sum M_{out}$$

$$0 = Q_B \rho_B - Q_C \rho_C$$

$$0 = \left(28240 \frac{m^3}{d} \right) - Q_C$$

$$Q_C = 28240 \frac{m^3}{d}$$

Total mass balance around the third CSTR

$$\text{Accumulation} = \sum M_{in} - \sum M_{out}$$

$$0 = Q_C \rho_C - Q_D \rho_D$$

$$0 = \left(28240 \frac{m^3}{d} \right) - Q_D$$

$$Q_D = 28240 \frac{m^3}{d}$$

FC balance around the first CSTR (First pass)

$$\text{Accumulation} = Q_A \rho_A - Q_B \rho_B - V_{CSTR} r_{FC}$$

$$0 = Q_A FC_A - Q_B FC_B - V_{CSTR} (10^5 FC_B)$$

$$0 = 10^{10} \frac{FC}{m^3} - FC_B - \frac{85 m^3}{28240 \frac{m^3}{d}} (10^5 FC_B)$$

$$FC_B = 3.3768 \times 10^7 \frac{FC}{m^3}$$

FC analysis for the second CSTR (Second pass)

$$\text{Accumulation} = Q_A \rho_A - Q_B \rho_B - V_{CSTR} r_{FC}$$

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$$FC_B = 1.14027 \times 10^5 \frac{FC}{m^3}$$

FC analysis for the Third Pass (Third CSTR)

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$$0 = Q_A FC_A - Q_B FC_B - V_{CSTR} (10^5 FC_B)$$

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$$FC_B = 385 \frac{FC}{m^3}$$

Since the effluent FC is less than 2000FC/L, the disinfection basin performs adequately.

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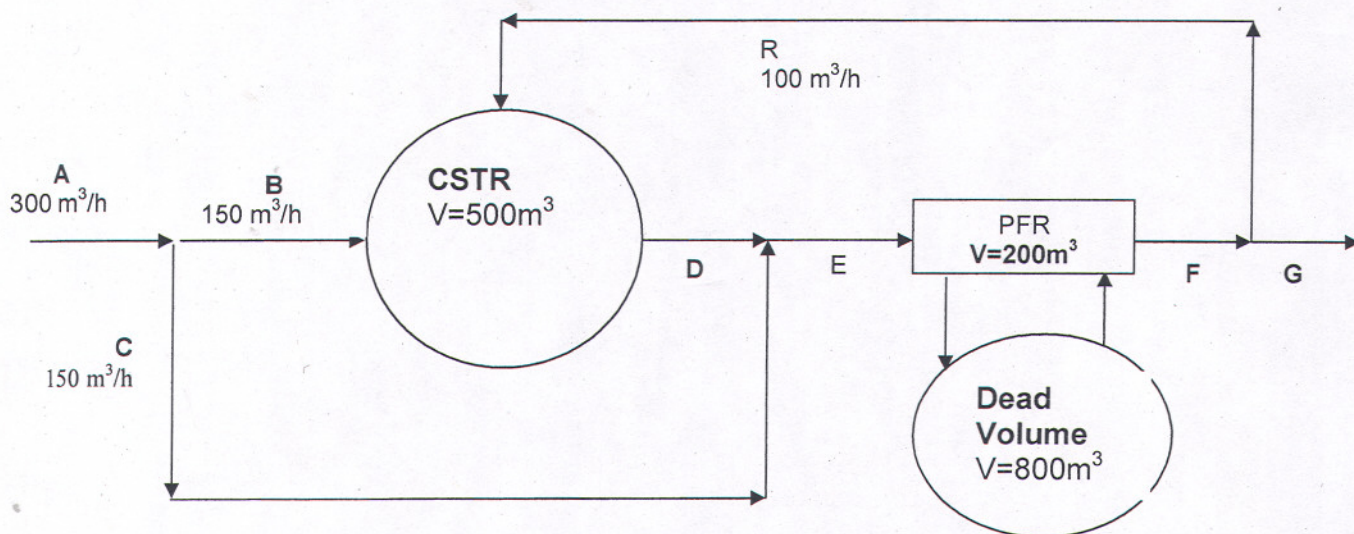
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- Assume steady state conditions prevail
- Assume the density of all the stream = 1000 kg/m^3

Total Mass Balance Around the CSTR

$$\overset{\circ}{\text{Acc.}}_{\text{ss.}} = Q_B \rho_B + Q_R \rho_R - Q_D \rho_D \quad \text{since } \rho_B = \rho_R = \rho_D = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \quad (1)$$

$$Q_D = Q_B + Q_R = 150 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} + 100 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} = 250 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} = Q_D \quad (2)$$

Total Mass Balance Around the Entire System

$$\overset{\circ}{\text{Acc.}}_{\text{ss.}} = Q_A \rho_A - Q_G \rho_G \quad \text{since } \rho_A = \rho_G = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \quad (3)$$

$$Q_G = Q_A = 300 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} \quad (4)$$

Total Mass Balance Around Mixing point of Streams E & D

$$\overset{\circ}{\text{Acc.}}_{\text{S.S.}} = Q_D \rho_D + Q_C \rho_C - Q_E \rho_E \quad \text{since } \rho_D = \rho_C = \rho_E = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \quad (5)$$

$$Q_E = Q_D + Q_C = 250 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{hr}} + 150 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} = 400 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} = Q_E \quad (6)$$

Total Mass Balance Around the split of Stream S

$$\overset{\circ}{\text{Acc.}} = Q_F \rho_F - Q_R \rho_R - Q_G \rho_G \quad (7)$$

$$Q_F = Q_R + Q_G = 100 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} + 300 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} = Q_F = 400 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} \quad (8)$$

TOC Mass Balance Around Mixing of Streams D & C

$$\text{Accumulation} = \overset{\text{in}}{Q_D \cdot C_D} + \overset{\text{in}}{Q_C \cdot C_C} - \overset{\text{out}}{Q_E \cdot C_E} \quad (9)$$

Since there is a split $C_B = C_C = C_A = 300 \text{ g/m}^3$

$$0 = \left(250 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} \cdot C_D\right) + \left(150 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} \cdot 300 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{m}^3}\right) - \left(400 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}} C_E\right)$$

$$\therefore C_D = -180 + 1.6 C_E \quad (10)$$

$$\text{or } C_E = 0.625 C_D + 112.5 \quad (11)$$

TOC Analysis Around the PFR

$$\frac{dc}{d\theta} = -k C^{0.888} \quad (12)$$

rearrange $\frac{dc}{C^{0.888}} = C^{-0.112} dc = -k d\theta$

Integrate $\int_{C_E}^{C_F} C^{-0.888} dc = -k \int_0^{\theta_{\text{PFR}}} d\theta$

$$\frac{1}{0.112} C^{0.112} \Big|_{C_E}^{C_F} = -k \theta \Big|_0^{\theta_{\text{PFR}} = \frac{V}{Q} = \frac{200 \text{ m}^3}{400 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}} = 0.5 \text{ h}}$$

$$C_F^{0.112} - C_E^{0.112} = -0.112 \cdot 96 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{m}^{0.336} \cdot \text{d}} \cdot \frac{\text{d}}{24 \text{ h}} \cdot 0.5 \text{ h}$$

$$\therefore C_F^{0.112} = C_E^{0.112} - 0.224 \quad (13)$$

$$C_F = \left(C_E^{0.112} - 0.224\right)^{1/0.112} = 8.929 \quad (14)$$

and

$$C_E = (C_F^{0.112} + 0.224)^{1/0.112}$$

(15)

And by substituting (15) into (14)

$$C_F = (C_E^{0.112} - 0.224)^{1/0.112}$$

$$= \left(\{0.625 C_D + 112.5\}^{0.112} - 0.224 \right)^{1/0.112} \quad (16)$$

And since stream F splits into G & R

$$C_R = C_G = C_F \quad (17)$$

$$\text{so } C_R = \left(\{0.625 C_D + 112.5\}^{0.112} - 0.224 \right)^{1/0.112} \quad (18)$$

Now analyze the CSTR.

$$\frac{d(VC)}{dt} \rightarrow 0^{SS} = Q_B C_B + Q_R C_R - Q_D C_D - V \cdot K C_D^{0.888} \quad (19)$$

$$0 = \left(\frac{150 \text{ m}^3}{\text{h}} \cdot \frac{300 \text{ g}}{\text{m}^3} \right) + \left(\frac{100 \text{ m}^3}{\text{hr}} C_R \right) - \left(\frac{250 \text{ m}^3}{\text{h}} \cdot C_D \right)$$

$$- 500 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \frac{96 \text{ g}}{\text{m}^3} \cdot \frac{1}{0.336 \cdot d} \cdot \frac{1}{24 \text{ hr}} \cdot C_D^{0.888} \quad (20)$$

Substitute in (18)

$$0 = \left(\frac{45000 \text{ g}}{\text{h}} \right) + \left(100 \cdot \left[\left(\{0.625 C_D + 112.5\}^{0.112} - 0.224 \right)^{1/0.112} \right] \right)$$

ANSWER

$$- \left(250 \cdot C_D \right) - \left(2000 C_D^{0.888} \right)$$