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- Gas phase, adiabatic, irreversible reaction
- NO ΔP
- Packed bed.

a) Mole balance $F_{A0} \frac{dX}{dW} = -r_A$ — (1)

rate law $-r_{As} = k' C_{As}$

C_{As} is not known

Assume reaction is mass transfer limited.

$W_A = k_c (C_A - C_{As}) = k' C_{As}$

$C_{As} = \frac{k_c C_A}{k_c + k'}$

$-r_{As} = \frac{k' k_c C_A}{k_c + k'}$ — (2)

Estimate k_c

$Sh = 100 Re^{1/2}$

$\frac{k_c dp}{De} = 100 \left(\frac{u \cdot dp}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} \Rightarrow k_c = 70.7 \text{ cm/s}$

converting $\Rightarrow k_c = 70.7 \times a_{cat} = 70.7 \times 60 = 4242 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s-g-cat}$

Stoichiometry :

$C_A = C_{A0} \left(\frac{1-x}{1+\epsilon x} \right)$

$\epsilon = y_{A0} \delta = 0.5 \times 0 = 0$

$C_A = C_{A0} (1-x)$ — (3)

const. P & T.

Solve eq. (1), (2), (3) numerically.

\Rightarrow For $x = 0.6$ $W_{cat} = 916 \text{ kg}$.

b) Adiabatic operation

Mole balance and rate law remain same.

$$k(T) = 0.01 \exp \left[\frac{4000}{1.987} \left[\frac{1}{300} - \frac{1}{T} \right] \right] \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Stoichiometry:

$$C_A = C_{A0} (1-x) \frac{T_0}{T} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Energy balance:

$$\frac{dF}{dT} = \frac{\cancel{Q} - \cancel{W_s} - \sum F_i C_{p_i} (T - T_0) + F_0 \Delta H_{rx}}{\sum N_i C_{p_i}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum F_i C_{p_i} (T - T_0) = 10 \times 25 (T - 300) + 10 \times 75 (T - 300) \\ = 1000 (T - 300)$$

$$-1000 (T - 300) + 10 \cdot x \cdot 10000 = 0 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Solve numerically.

$$\text{For } x = 0.6 \quad W_{cat} = 538 \text{ kg.}$$

Final temperature in the reactor = 360 K