

# Advanced Reaction Engineering

Objective: Comprehend logic  
of decision making for design  
operation, evaluation of  
reacting systems

Process Industry

organic chemicals

biochemicals

Inorganic chemicals

Fermentation products.

Agriculture

Environment

Biology

Medicine

Methodology: Problem Solving  
will be the vehicle of  
communication

Philosophy:

Science is about models  
of reality.

# Equipment Choices

Tubular Vessels

stirred Vessels

Fluid Beds

Rotary Kilns

Blast Furnaces

# Criteria of Reactor Choice<sup>6</sup>

Quality

Reliability

Safety

Productivity

cost

Task:

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Design, operation

Development

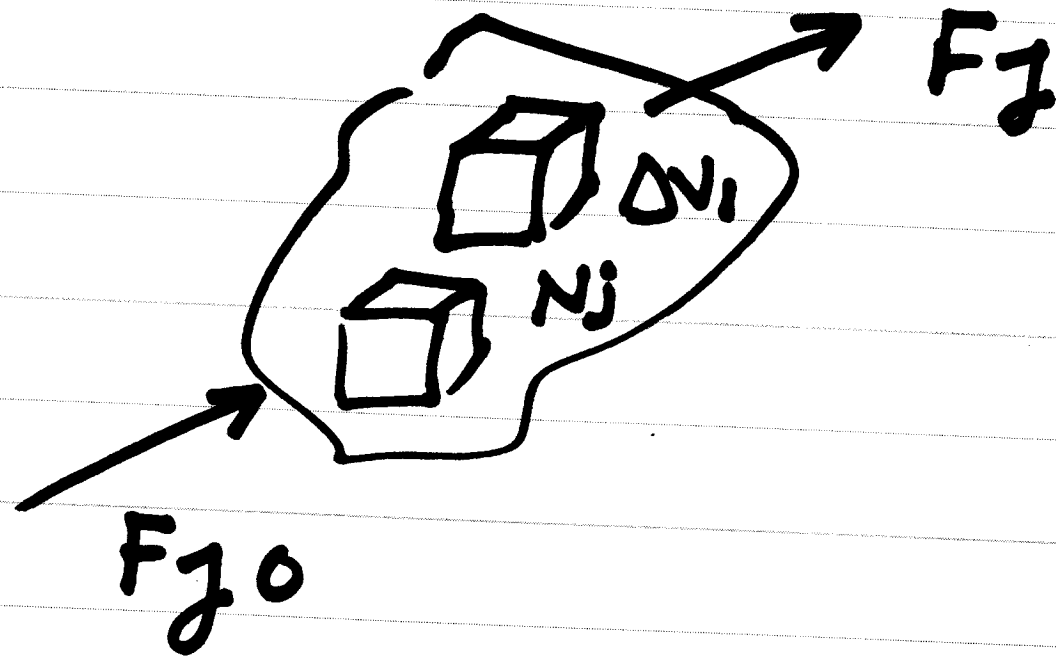
# Advanced Reaction Engineering<sup>8</sup>

Design Equations.



# DESIGN EQUATIONS

## General Balance Equation 9



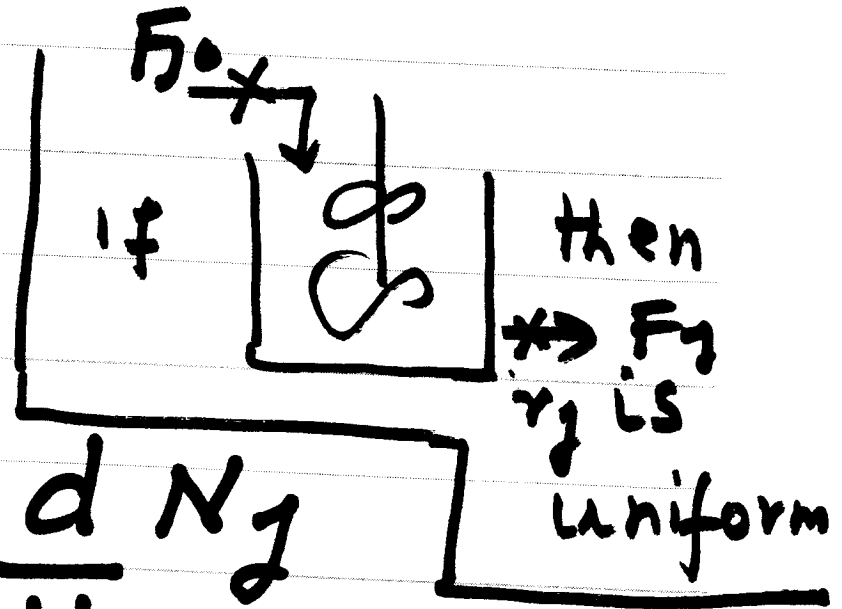
Mole Balance on species 'j'

$$F_{j0} - F_j + G_j = \frac{d \cdot N_j}{dt}$$

I/P - O/P + Generation = Accumulation

$$G_j = r_{j1} \Delta V_1 + r_{j2} \Delta V_2 + \dots$$

$$= \int_V r_j dv$$

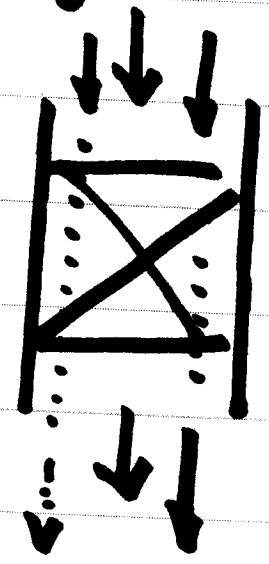
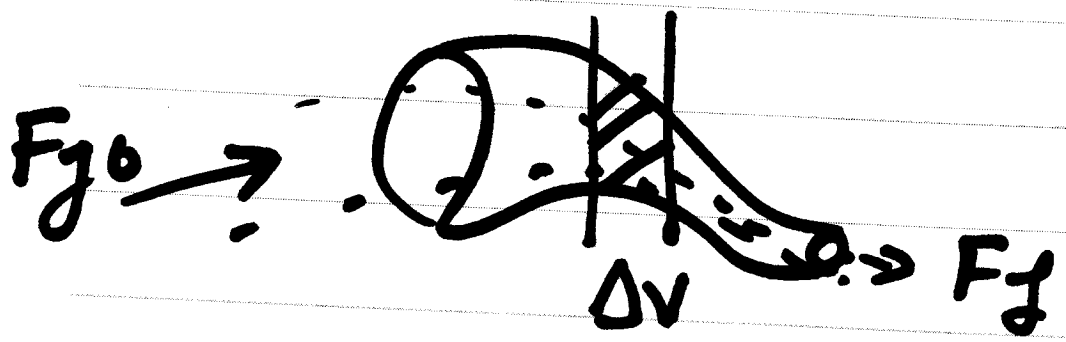


$$F_{j0} - F_j + \int_V r_j dv = \frac{dN_j}{dt}$$

If  $r_j$  is uniform over volume  $V$   
 We have, in a stirred vessel

$$F_{j0} - F_j + r_j V = \frac{dN_j}{dt}$$

# Balance Equation for Plug Flow Vessels



$$I/P - O/P + Gen = Acc$$

$$F_j(v, t) - F_j(v + \Delta v, t) + r_j(v, t) \cdot \Delta v = \frac{\partial (C \Delta v)}{\partial t}$$

$$-\frac{\partial F_j}{\partial v} + r_j = \frac{\partial C_j}{\partial t}$$

at steady state

$$\frac{\partial F_j}{\partial v} = r_j$$

Plug Flow.  
steady state

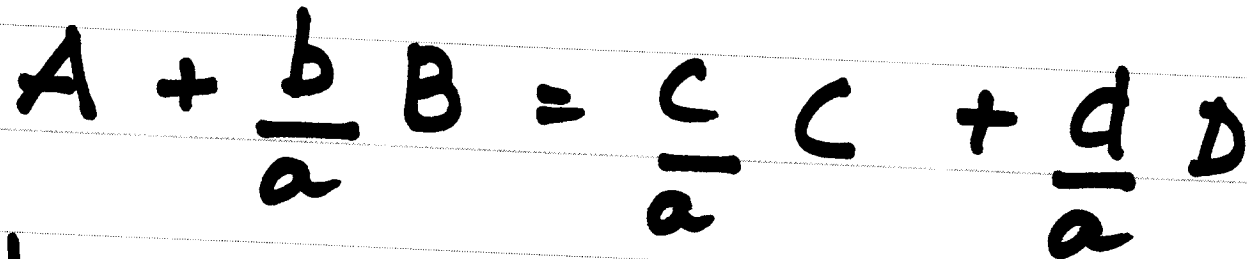
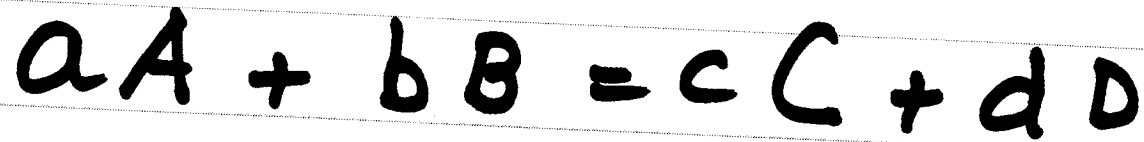
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$$\frac{dF_j}{dV} = r_j$$

Plug flow means fluid  
elements do not mix as it  
moves through equipment

# stoichiometric Table

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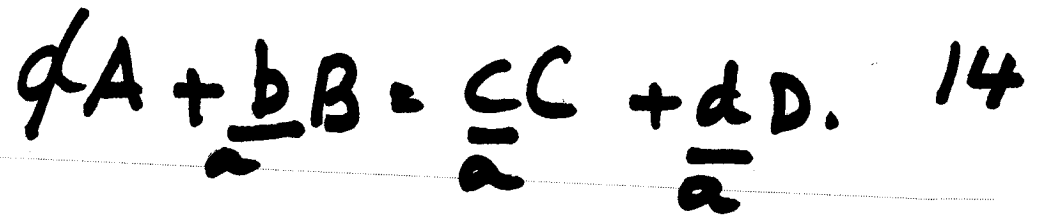
also

$$\frac{\gamma_A}{-a} = \frac{\gamma_B}{-b} = \frac{\gamma_C}{c} = \frac{\gamma_D}{d} = \gamma_1$$

CONVERSION  $X_A = \frac{N_{A0} - N_A}{N_{A0}}$  (Batch Process)

$X_A = \frac{F_{A0} - F_A}{F_{A0}}$  (Continuous)

BATCH SYSTEM



Species	Moles (Initial)	Moles Remaining
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A	$N_{A0}$	$N_A = N_{A0} (1 - X_A)$
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B	$N_{B0}$	$N_B = N_{B0} - N_{A0} X_A (b/a)$
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C	$N_{C0}$	$N_C = N_{C0} + N_{A0} X_A (c/a)$
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D	$N_{D0}$	$N_D = N_{D0} + N_{A0} X_A (d/a)$
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I	$N_{I0}$	$N_I = N_{I0}$
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<hr/> $N_{t0}$	<hr/> $N_t = N_{t0} + N_{A0} \left( \frac{d}{a} + \frac{c}{a} - \frac{b}{a} - 1 \right) X_A$
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$$N_t = N_{t0} \left( \frac{d}{a} + \frac{c}{a} - \frac{b}{a} - 1 \right) N_{A0}^{x_A}$$

$$\frac{N_t}{N_{t0}} = \left( 1 + y_{A0}^{x_A} \delta_A \right) \begin{array}{l} \text{Change in moles} \\ \text{due to rxn w.r.t A} \end{array}$$

$$\delta_A = \left( \frac{d}{a} + \frac{c}{a} - \frac{b}{a} - 1 \right) \Rightarrow \text{change in moles due to rxn w.r.t A}$$

$$y_{A0} = \frac{N_{A0}}{N_{t0}}$$

When you use B as reference

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we get

$$\frac{N_t}{N_{t0}} = 1 + y_{B0} \delta_B X_B \quad X_B = \frac{N_{B0} - N_B}{N_{B0}}$$

where  $\delta_B = \left( \frac{d}{b} + \frac{c}{b} - a/b - 1 \right)$

$$y_{B0} = \frac{N_{B0}}{N_{t0}}$$



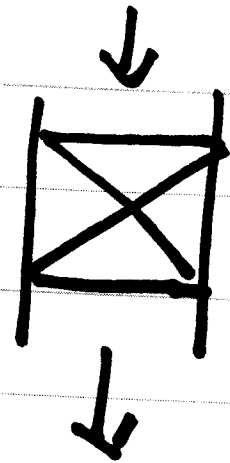
# FLOW SYSTEM

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For a flow system our equations look similar. Simply replace  $N$  by  $F$

$$F_t = F_{t0} + F_{A0} (\delta_A) x_A$$

$$\frac{F_t}{F_{t0}} = 1 + y_{A0} x_A \delta_A$$

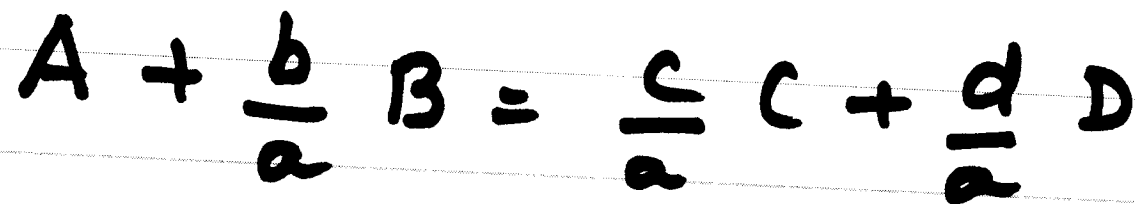
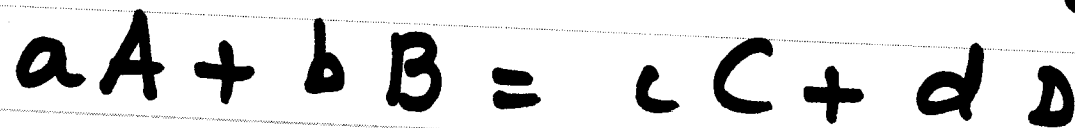


# Design Equation(s) Batch System <sup>18</sup>

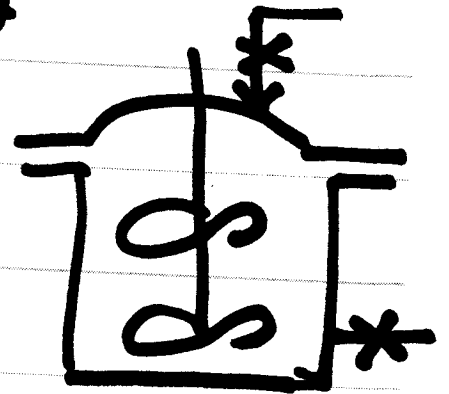
Well Stirred Batch

I/p - O/p + Gen = Accumulation

$$\cancel{F_{j0}} - \cancel{F_{j1}} + r_j V = \frac{d}{dt} N_j$$



$$r_A V = \frac{d}{dt} N_A$$



$$x_A = (N_{A0} - N_A) / N_A$$

$$N_A = N_{A0} (1 - x_A)$$

$$\text{So } -N_{A0} \frac{dx_A}{dt} = r_A V$$

$$dt = \frac{N_{A0} dx_A}{-r_A V}$$

Integrating

$$t_r = N_{A0} \int_0^x \frac{dx_A}{-r_A V}$$

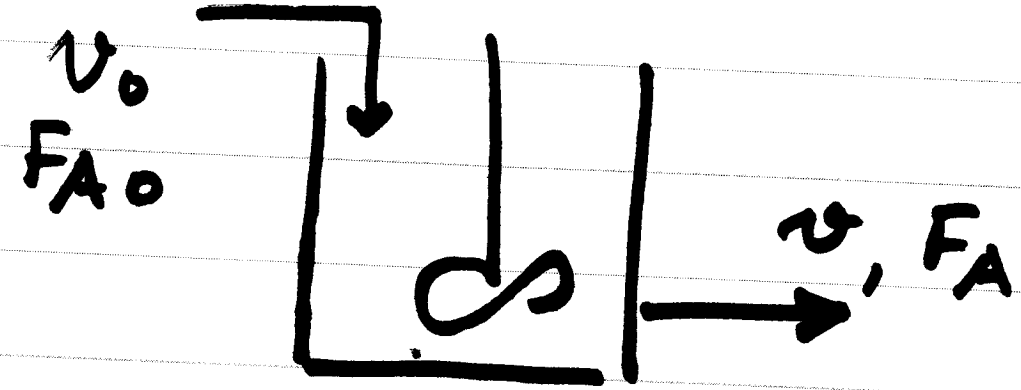
Batch design Eqn

$$t_r = N_{A0} \int \frac{dx_A}{-r_A \cdot V}$$

$t_r$ : reaction time

Note that if  $V$  changes during reaction its effects are taken into account

# Design Equation for CSTR (at steady state)



$$aA + bB = cC + dD$$

$$A = \frac{b}{a} B = \frac{c}{a} C + \frac{d}{a} D$$

I/P - O/P + Gen = Accumulation

$$F_{A0} - F_A + r_A V = \frac{dN_A}{dt}$$

$$F_{A0} X_A = -r_A V$$

$$V = \frac{F_{A0} X_A}{-r_A}$$

RXN

$$aA + bB = cC + dD$$

$$\tau = V/v_0$$

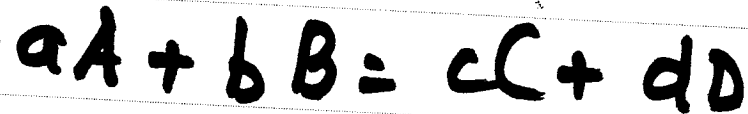
Since  $V = \frac{F_{A0} X_A}{-r_A}$

$\tau = \frac{C_{A0} X_A}{-r_A}$

$\tau$ : residence time based on inlet flow

# PLUG FLOW

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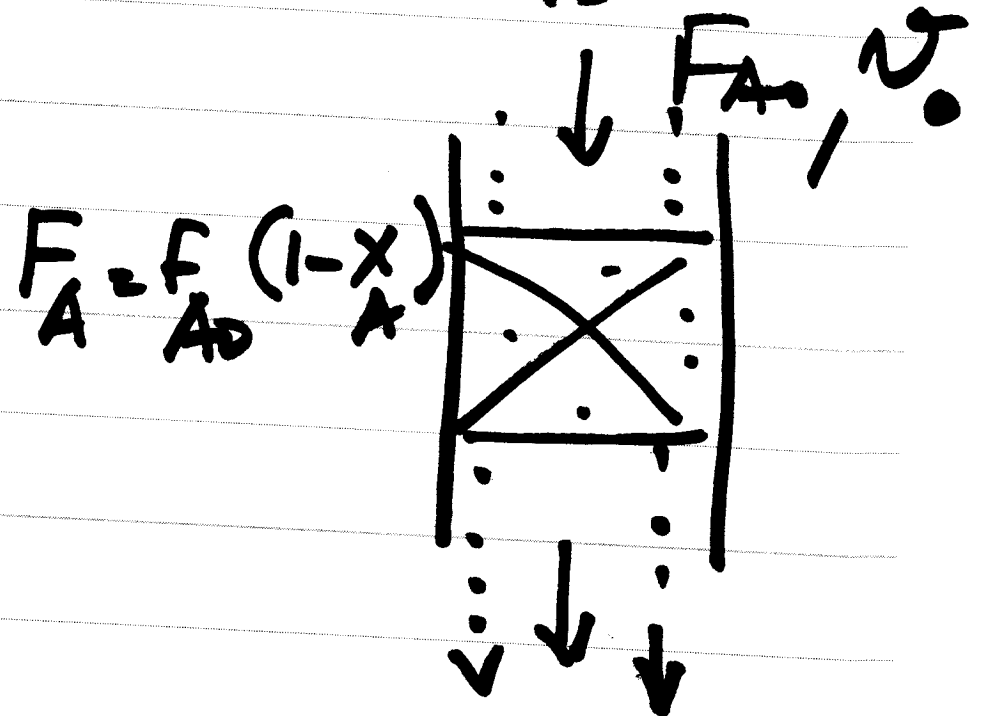


$$\frac{dF_A}{dV} = r_A$$

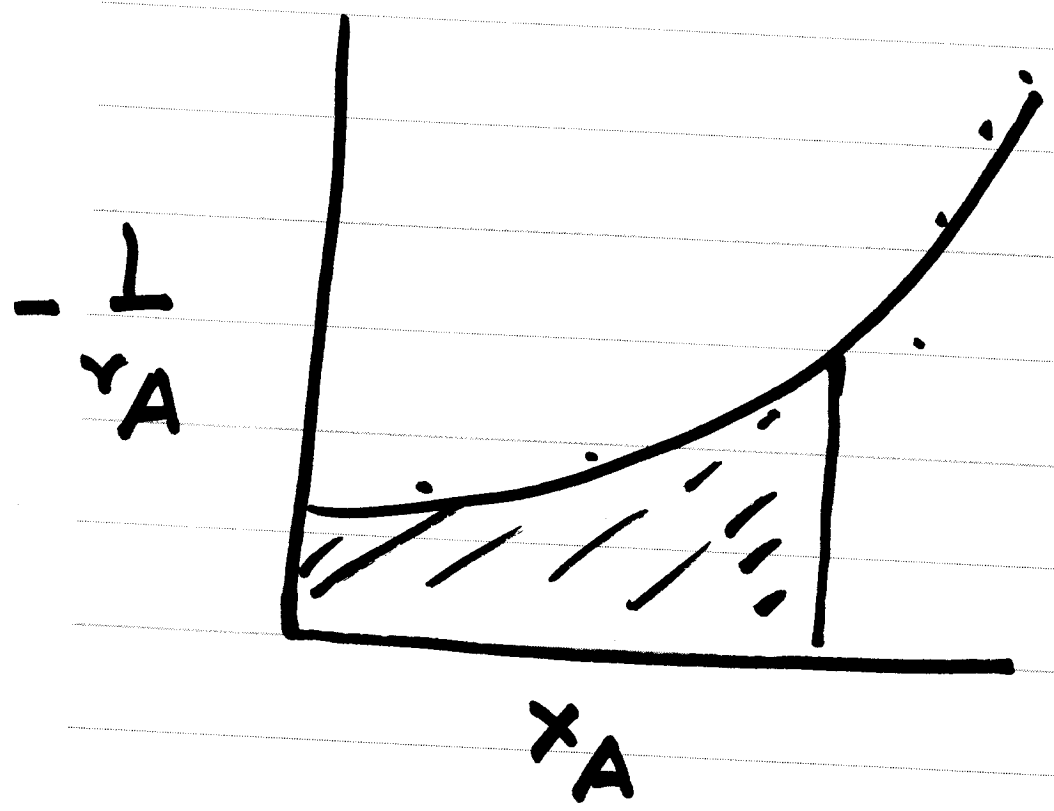
$$-F_{A0} \frac{dx_A}{dV} = r_A$$

$$V = F_{A0} \int_0^{x_A} \frac{dx_A}{-r_A}$$

$$\tau = V/v_0 = C_{A0} \int_0^{x_A} \frac{dx_A}{-r_A}$$



$$F_A = F_{A0} (1 - x_A)$$

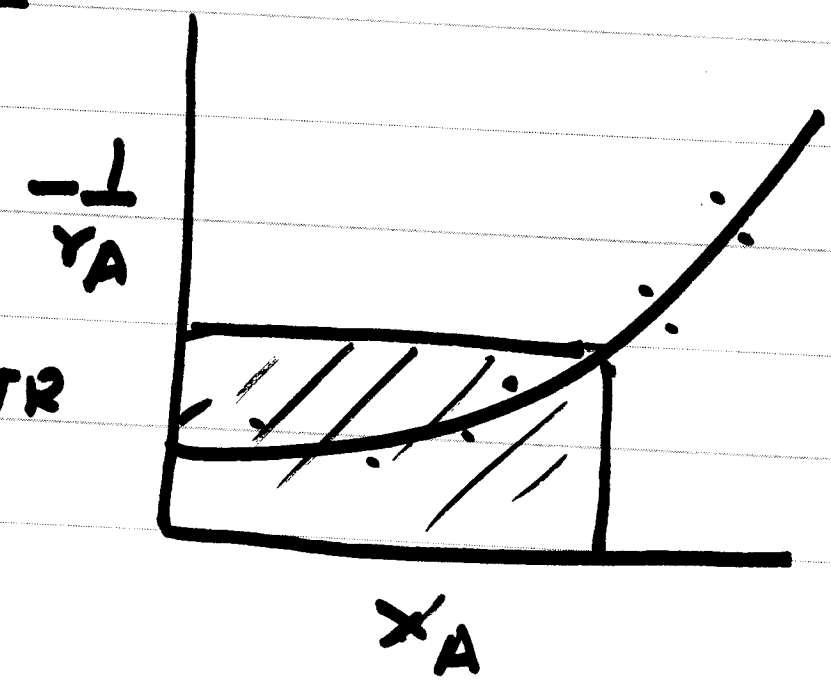


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$$V = F_{A0} \int_0^{x_A} \frac{dx}{-r_A}$$

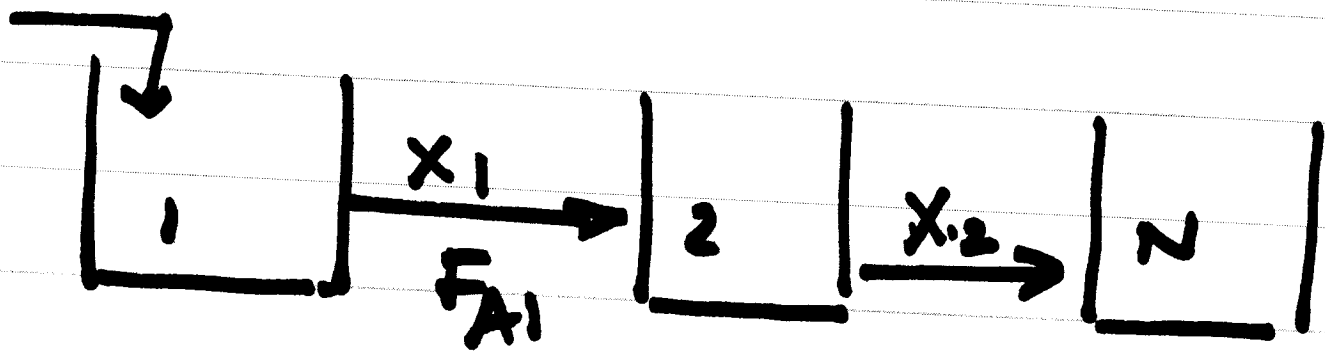
single CSTR

$$V = \frac{F_{A0} x_A}{-r_A}$$





# Sequence of CSTR's of Equal Volume



$$F_{A0} - F_{A1} + r_{A1}V_1 = 0 \quad \text{Steady state}$$

$$V_1 = F_{A0} x_1 / -r_{A1}; \quad \tau_1 = \frac{C_{A0} x_1}{-r_{A1}}$$

Tank 2

$$F_{A1} - F_{A2} + r_{A2}V_2 = 0$$

$$F_{A1} = F_{A0} (1 - x_1) \quad \text{by definition}$$

$$F_{A2} = F_{A0} (1 - x_2) \quad \text{by definition}$$

$$F_{A0} (1 - x_1) - F_{A0} (1 - x_2) + \gamma_{A2} V_2 = 0$$

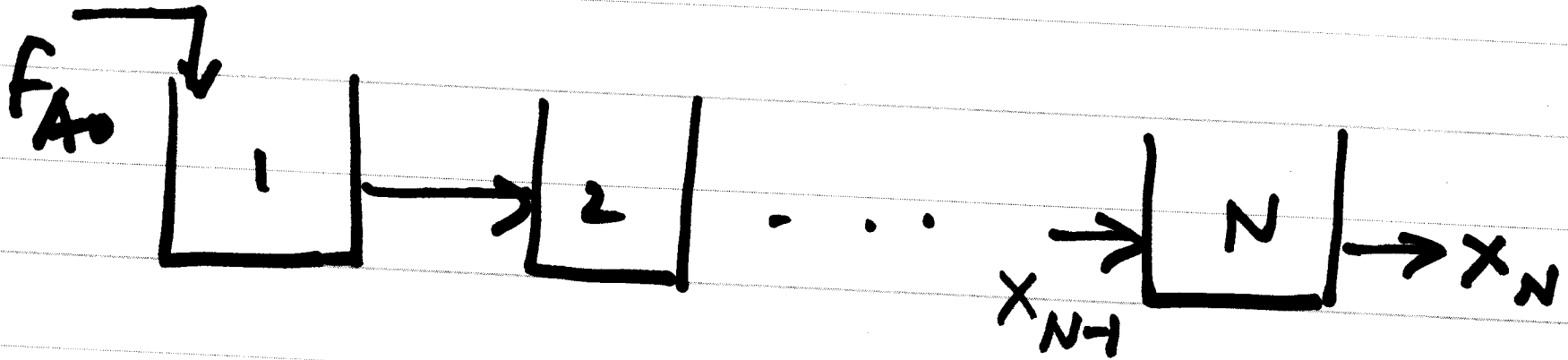
$$F_{A0} (x_2 - x_1) = -\gamma_{A2} V_2$$

$$V_2 = \frac{F_{A0} (x_2 - x_1)}{-\gamma_{A2}} \quad \tau_2 = V_2 / U_0$$

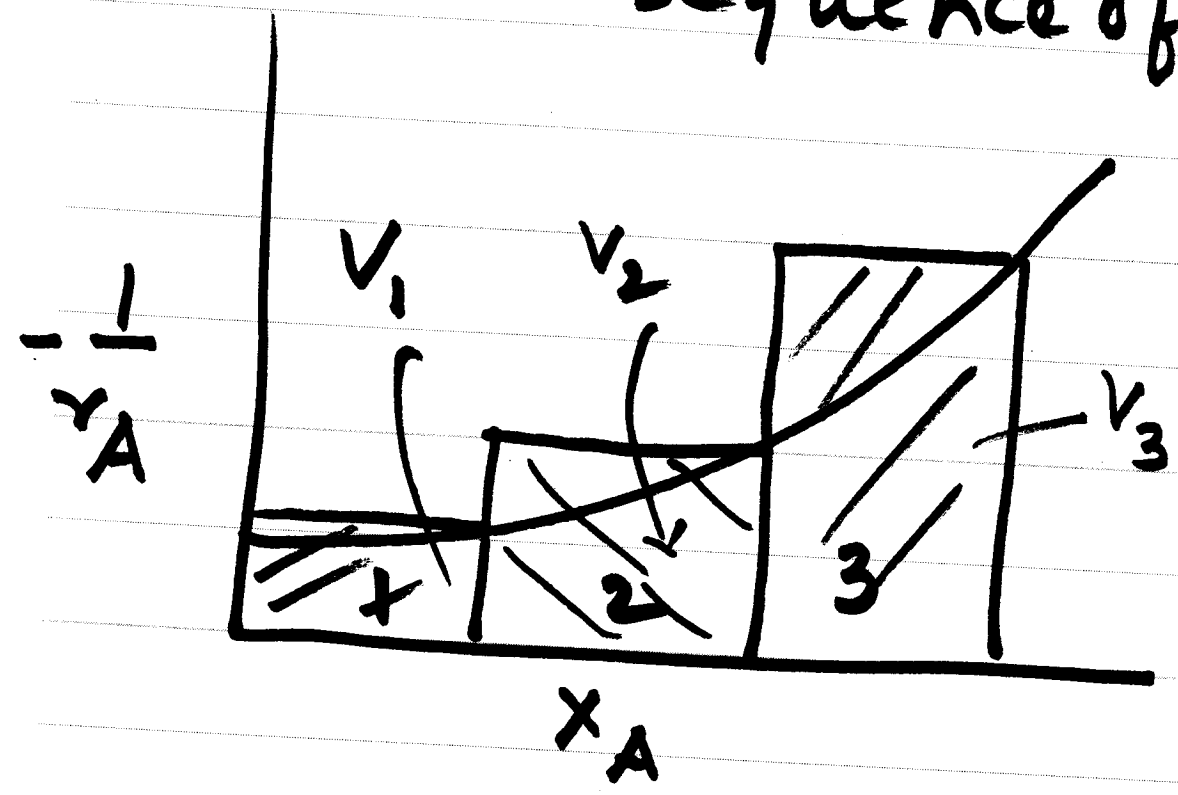
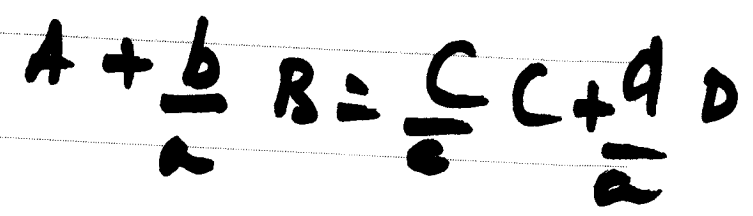
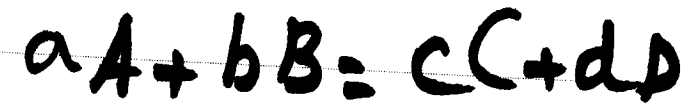
$$\tau_2 = G_{A0} (x_2 - x_1) / (-\gamma_{A2})$$

$$V_n = F_{A0} (x_n - x_{n-1}) / (-r_{An})$$

$$\tau_n = C_{A0} (x_n - x_{n-1}) / (-r_{An})$$



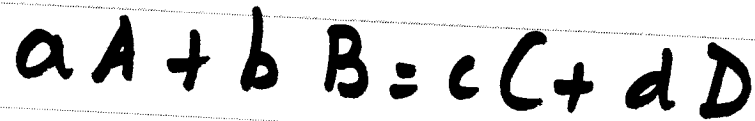
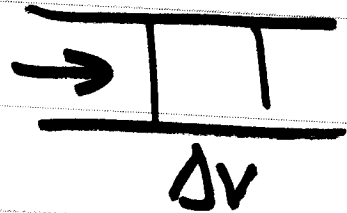
# Sequence of CSTRs



$$V_1 = \frac{F_{A0} (x_1)}{-r_{A1}}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{F_{A0} (x_2 - x_1)}{-r_{A2}} ; \quad V_3 = \frac{F_{A0} (x_3 - x_2)}{-r_{A2}}$$

# Actual Residence time in PFR

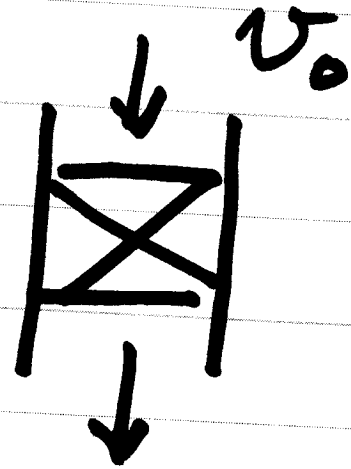


$$d\tau = dv/u$$

$$\frac{dF_A}{dv} = r_A$$

$$d\tau = \frac{dF_A}{r_A v} = \frac{F_{A0} dx_A}{-r_A v}$$

$$\tau_{actual} = F_{A0} \int \frac{dx_A}{-r_A v}$$



$$\tau = V/v_0$$

$$\tau_a =$$

$$\tau_{\text{actual}} = F_{A0} \int_0^{x_A} \frac{dx_A}{-r_A \cdot v}$$

Volume change occurs due to  
Stoichiometry of reaction, temperature  
effects, due to pressure drop.