

# Important Formulas in Design of Reactors & Recycle Reactors for Single Reactions PDF



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### Important Formulas in Design of Reactors & Recycle Reactors for Single Reactions

#### 1) Final Reactant Conversion Formula ↻

Formula

$$X_f = \left( \frac{R + 1}{R} \right) \cdot X_1$$

Example

$$0.6002 = \left( \frac{0.3 + 1}{0.3} \right) \cdot 0.1385$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

#### 2) Initial Reactant Concentration for First Order Reaction in Vessel i Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_{i-1} = C_i \cdot \left( 1 + \left( k' \cdot \text{tr}C_2' \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$3415.8 \text{ mol/m}^3 = 30 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot \left( 1 + \left( 2.508 \text{ s}^{-1} \cdot 45 \text{ s} \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

#### 3) Initial Reactant Concentration for First Order Reaction using Reaction Rate Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_o = \frac{\text{tr}C_2' \cdot r_i}{X_{i-1} - X_i}$$

Example with Units

$$76.5 \text{ mol/m}^3 = \frac{45 \text{ s} \cdot 0.17 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot \text{s}}{0.8 - 0.7}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

#### 4) Initial Reactant Concentration for Second Order Reaction for Plug Flow or Infinite Reactors Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_o = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{1}{C} \right) - \left( k'' \cdot \tau_p \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$83.9866 \text{ mol/m}^3 = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{1}{24 \text{ mol/m}^3} \right) - \left( 0.062 \text{ m}^3 / (\text{mol} \cdot \text{s}) \cdot 0.48 \text{ s} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

#### 5) Rate Constant for First Order Reaction using Recycle Ratio Formula ↻

Formula

$$k' = \left( \frac{R + 1}{\tau} \right) \cdot \ln \left( \frac{C_o + (R \cdot C_f)}{(R + 1) \cdot C_f} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$31.1025 \text{ s}^{-1} = \left( \frac{0.3 + 1}{0.05 \text{ s}} \right) \cdot \ln \left( \frac{80 \text{ mol/m}^3 + (0.3 \cdot 20 \text{ mol/m}^3)}{(0.3 + 1) \cdot 20 \text{ mol/m}^3} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



## 6) Rate Constant for Second Order Reaction using Recycle Ratio Formula

Formula

$$k'' = \frac{(R + 1) \cdot C_0 \cdot (C_0 - C_f)}{C_0 \cdot \tau \cdot C_f \cdot (C_0 + (R \cdot C_f))}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$0.907 \text{ m}^3/(\text{mol}\cdot\text{s}) = \frac{(0.3 + 1) \cdot 80 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot (80 \text{ mol/m}^3 - 20 \text{ mol/m}^3)}{80 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot 0.05 \text{ s} \cdot 20 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot (80 \text{ mol/m}^3 + (0.3 \cdot 20 \text{ mol/m}^3))}$$

## 7) Reactant Concentration for First Order Reaction in Vessel i Formula

Formula

$$C_i = \frac{C_{i-1}}{1 + (k' \cdot \tau C_2')}$$

Example with Units

$$0.4391 \text{ mol/m}^3 = \frac{50 \text{ mol/m}^3}{1 + (2.508 \text{ s}^{-1} \cdot 45 \text{ s})}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 8) Reactant Concentration for Second Order Reaction for Plug Flow or Infinite Reactors Formula

Formula

$$C = \frac{C_0}{1 + (C_0 \cdot k'' \cdot \tau_p)}$$

Example with Units

$$23.663 \text{ mol/m}^3 = \frac{80 \text{ mol/m}^3}{1 + (80 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot 0.062 \text{ m}^3/(\text{mol}\cdot\text{s}) \cdot 0.48 \text{ s})}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 9) Reaction Rate for Vessel i for Mixed Flow Reactors of Different Sizes in Series Formula

Formula

$$r_i = \frac{C_{i-1} - C_i}{\tau C_2'}$$

Example with Units

$$0.4444 \text{ mol/m}^3\cdot\text{s} = \frac{50 \text{ mol/m}^3 - 30 \text{ mol/m}^3}{45 \text{ s}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 10) Recycle Ratio Formula

Formula

$$R = \frac{V_R}{V_D}$$

Example with Units

$$0.3 = \frac{40 \text{ m}^3}{133.33 \text{ m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 11) Recycle Ratio using Reactant Conversion Formula

Formula

$$R = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{x_f}{x_1}\right) - 1}$$

Example

$$0.3001 = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{0.6}{0.1385}\right) - 1}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 12) Recycle Ratio using Total Feed Rate Formula

Formula

$$R = \left( \frac{F_0'}{F} \right) - 1$$

Example with Units

$$0.25 = \left( \frac{15 \text{ mol/s}}{12 \text{ mol/s}} \right) - 1$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 13) Space Time for First Order Reaction for Plug Flow or for Infinite Reactors Formula

Formula

$$\tau_p = \left( \frac{1}{k} \right) \cdot \ln \left( \frac{C_0}{C} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.4801 \text{ s} = \left( \frac{1}{2.508 \text{ s}^{-1}} \right) \cdot \ln \left( \frac{80 \text{ mol/m}^3}{24 \text{ mol/m}^3} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 14) Space Time for First Order Reaction for Vessel i using Molar Flow Rate Formula

Formula

$$\text{trC2}' = \frac{V_i \cdot C_0}{F_0}$$

Example with Units

$$48 \text{ s} = \frac{3 \text{ m}^3 \cdot 80 \text{ mol/m}^3}{5 \text{ mol/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 15) Space Time for First Order Reaction for Vessel i using Reaction Rate Formula

Formula

$$\text{trC2}' = \frac{C_0 \cdot (X_{i-1} - X_i)}{r_i}$$

Example with Units

$$47.0588 \text{ s} = \frac{80 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot (0.8 - 0.7)}{0.17 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot \text{s}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 16) Space Time for First Order Reaction for Vessel i using Volumetric Flow Rate Formula

Formula

$$\text{trC2}' = \frac{V_i}{v}$$

Example with Units

$$49.1803 \text{ s} = \frac{3 \text{ m}^3}{0.061 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 17) Space Time for First Order Reaction in Vessel i Formula

Formula

$$\text{trC2}' = \frac{C_{i-1} - C_i}{C_i \cdot k'}$$

Example with Units

$$0.2658 \text{ s} = \frac{50 \text{ mol/m}^3 - 30 \text{ mol/m}^3}{30 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot 2.508 \text{ s}^{-1}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 18) Space Time for First Order Reaction using Recycle Ratio Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$\tau = \left( \frac{R + 1}{k'} \right) \cdot \ln \left( \frac{C_o + (R \cdot C_f)}{(R + 1) \cdot C_f} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.6201s = \left( \frac{0.3 + 1}{2.508s^{-1}} \right) \cdot \ln \left( \frac{80 \text{ mol/m}^3 + (0.3 \cdot 20 \text{ mol/m}^3)}{(0.3 + 1) \cdot 20 \text{ mol/m}^3} \right)$$

## 19) Space Time for Second Order Reaction for Plug Flow or Infinite Reactors Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$\tau_p = \left( \frac{1}{C_o \cdot k''} \right) \cdot \left( \left( \frac{C_o}{C} \right) - 1 \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.4704s = \left( \frac{1}{80 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot 0.062 \text{ m}^3/(\text{mol}^2\text{s})} \right) \cdot \left( \left( \frac{80 \text{ mol/m}^3}{24 \text{ mol/m}^3} \right) - 1 \right)$$

## 20) Space Time for Second Order Reaction using Recycle Ratio Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$\tau = \frac{(R + 1) \cdot C_o \cdot (C_o - C_f)}{C_o \cdot k'' \cdot C_f \cdot (C_o + (R \cdot C_f))}$$

Example with Units

$$0.7314s = \frac{(0.3 + 1) \cdot 80 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot (80 \text{ mol/m}^3 - 20 \text{ mol/m}^3)}{80 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot 0.062 \text{ m}^3/(\text{mol}^2\text{s}) \cdot 20 \text{ mol/m}^3 \cdot (80 \text{ mol/m}^3 + (0.3 \cdot 20 \text{ mol/m}^3))}$$

## 21) Space Time for Vessel i for Mixed Flow Reactors of Different Sizes in Series Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$\text{tr}C2' = \frac{C_{i-1} - C_i}{r_i}$$

Example with Units

$$117.6471s = \frac{50 \text{ mol/m}^3 - 30 \text{ mol/m}^3}{0.17 \text{ mol/m}^3\text{s}}$$

## 22) Total Feed Reactant Conversion Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$X_1 = \left( \frac{R}{R + 1} \right) \cdot X_f$$

Example

$$0.1385 = \left( \frac{0.3}{0.3 + 1} \right) \cdot 0.6$$



### 23) Volume leaving System Formula

Formula

$$V_D = \frac{V_R}{R}$$

Example with Units

$$133.3333 \text{ m}^3 = \frac{40 \text{ m}^3}{0.3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 24) Volume of Fluid returned to Reactor Entrance Formula

Formula

$$V_R = V_D \cdot R$$

Example with Units

$$39.999 \text{ m}^3 = 133.33 \text{ m}^3 \cdot 0.3$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 25) Volume of Vessel i for First Order Reaction using Molar Feed Rate Formula

Formula

$$V_i = \frac{\text{tr}C_2' \cdot F_0}{C_o}$$

Example with Units

$$2.8125 \text{ m}^3 = \frac{45 \text{ s} \cdot 5 \text{ mol/s}}{80 \text{ mol/m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 26) Volume of Vessel i for First Order Reaction using Volumetric Flow Rate Formula

Formula

$$V_i = v \cdot \text{tr}C_2'$$

Example with Units

$$2.745 \text{ m}^3 = 0.061 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \cdot 45 \text{ s}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 27) Volumetric Flow Rate for First Order Reaction for Vessel i Formula

Formula

$$v = \frac{V_i}{\text{tr}C_2'}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0667 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = \frac{3 \text{ m}^3}{45 \text{ s}}$$









Evaluate Formula 



## Variables used in list of Important Formulas in Design of Reactors & Recycle Reactors for Single Reactions above





- **C** Reactant Concentration (Mole per Cubic Meter)
- **C<sub>i-1</sub>** Reactant Concentration in Vessel i-1 (Mole per Cubic Meter)
- **C<sub>f</sub>** Final Reactant Concentration (Mole per Cubic Meter)
- **C<sub>i</sub>** Reactant Concentration in Vessel i (Mole per Cubic Meter)
- **C<sub>0</sub>** Initial Reactant Concentration (Mole per Cubic Meter)
- **F** Fresh Molar Feed Rate (Mole per Second)
- **F<sub>0</sub>** Molar Feed Rate (Mole per Second)
- **F<sub>0</sub>'** Total Molar Feed Rate (Mole per Second)
- **k'** Rate Constant for First Order Reaction (1 Per Second)
- **k''** Rate Constant for Second Order Reaction (Cubic Meter per Mole Second)
- **R** Recycle Ratio
- **r<sub>i</sub>** Reaction Rate for Vessel i (Mole per Cubic Meter Second)
- **trC<sub>2</sub>'** Adjusted Retention Time of Comp 2 (Second)
- **V<sub>D</sub>** Volume Discharged (Cubic Meter)
- **V<sub>i</sub>** Volume of Vessel i (Cubic Meter)
- **V<sub>R</sub>** Volume Returned (Cubic Meter)
- **X<sub>1</sub>** Total Feed Reactant Conversion
- **X<sub>f</sub>** Final Reactant Conversion
- **X<sub>i</sub>** Reactant Conversion of Vessel i
- **X<sub>i-1</sub>** Reactant Conversion of Vessel i-1
- **u** Volumetric Flow Rate (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **τ** Space Time (Second)
- **τ<sub>p</sub>** Space Time for Plug Flow Reactor (Second)

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Important Formulas in Design of Reactors & Recycle Reactors for Single Reactions above


- **Functions:** **ln**, **ln(Number)**  
The natural logarithm, also known as the logarithm to the base e, is the inverse function of the natural exponential function.
- **Measurement:** **Time** in Second (s)  
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Volume** in Cubic Meter (m<sup>3</sup>)  
Volume Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m<sup>3</sup>/s)  
Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Molar Flow Rate** in Mole per Second (mol/s)  
Molar Flow Rate Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Molar Concentration** in Mole per Cubic Meter (mol/m<sup>3</sup>)  
Molar Concentration Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Reaction Rate** in Mole per Cubic Meter Second (mol/m<sup>3</sup>\*s)  
Reaction Rate Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **First Order Reaction Rate Constant** in 1 Per Second (s<sup>-1</sup>)  
First Order Reaction Rate Constant Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Second Order Reaction Rate Constant** in Cubic Meter per Mole Second (m<sup>3</sup>/(mol\*s))  
Second Order Reaction Rate Constant Unit Conversion 



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