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3. a) What is the mechanism involved in the natural circulation evaporators?
- b) A salt solution is concentrated from 5 to 40% in weight of salt. For this reason, 15,000 kg/h of the diluted solution are fed to a double-effect evaporator that operates under backward feed. The steam used in the first effect is saturated at 2.5 atm, maintaining the evaporation chamber of the second effect at a pressure of 0.20 atm. If feed is at 22°C, calculate:
- steam flow rate needed and economy of the system;
 - heating area of each effect;
 - temperatures and pressures of the different evaporation and condensation chambers.
- Data: consider that only the 40% salt solution produces a boiling point rise of 7°C. The specific heat of the salt solutions can be calculated by the expression: $C_p = 4.18 - 3.34 X$ kJ/(kg·°C), where X is the mass fraction of salt in the solution. The global heat transfer coefficients of the first and second effect are, respectively, 1860 and 1280 W/(m² °C). Specific heat of water vapor is 2.1 kJ/(kg·°C).
4. a) Explain the importance of Vapor-Liquid Equilibrium (VLE) relationship to the distillation process.
- b) Methanol water solution containing 50% by weight methanol at 26°C is to be continuously rectified at 1 standard atm pressure at a rate of 5000 Kg/h to provide a distillate containing 95% methanol by weight and a residue containing 1% methanol by weight. The feed enters at boiling point. The relative volatility is 3.2 and the reflux ratio is 1.5 times the minimum. If the overall efficiency is 75%. Design a suitable sieve tray distillation column by calculating its number of plates, height, diameter and pressure drop. Also sketch the tray with all the design details.

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5. a) Write a brief note on various designs of packing supports and liquid distributors.
- b) It is desired to use the combustion gases from an oil fraction in a drying process. It was observed that the mixture of gases, after eliminating steam, contains 6% of SO₂ and 94% of dry air on a molar basis. In order to remove the SO₂, 453.6 kg/h of the gas mixture are fed to a tower packed with Raschig rings of 1 in. The column works at 50% of its flooding rate, using a water flow two times the minimum flow required to carry out the desired operation in an infinite height column. The column works under isothermal conditions at 30°C and 1 atm of pressure. If it is desired that the gas stream leaving the column not exceed 0.1% molar of SO₂, determine the diameter and the height of the column.

Data: equilibrium data at 30°C:

P _{SO₂} (mm Hg)	0.6	1.7	4.7	8.1	11.8	19.7	36.0	52.0	79
C _{SO₂} kg SO ₂ /100 kg H ₂ O	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.30	0.50	0.70	1

The individual mass transfer coefficients can be calculated from the equations:

$$(K_{y,a}) = 0.1G^{0.776} \cdot L^{0.2} \frac{Kmols}{h.m^3.mol.fraction}$$

$$(K_{x,a}) = 0.65L^{0.82} \frac{Kmols}{h.m^3.mol.fraction}$$

where G and L are the mass flux of the gas and liquid streams, respectively, expressed in kg/(h.m²). Properties of the liquid stream: density = 944.4 kg/m³; viscosity = 1 m Pa·s.

6. a) How do you design a vapor-liquid separator or a flash drum?

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- b) Size a kettle reboiler to transfer $43.3 (10^6)$ btu/hr o vaporize a hydrocarbon mixture at 170 psia using steam available at 395°F. The critical pressure of this liquid is 434 psia and it has a boiling range of 60°F . The boiling temperature is 330°F. Design the reboiler using $\frac{3}{4}$ in OD tubes on 1.125 in square pitch.

Data:

Latent heat of liquid 144 btu / lb_m

Liquid density 41 lb_m/ft³

7. a) Explain drying times for various drying rate models.
b) The rotary drier forms an important part of the plant. The drier has a capability of removing about 60% of the water entering the feed. The drier is a counter current drier, with air as the heating medium. The RH of the air entering is 10%. The air entering is heated to a temperature of 156°C. The slurry is fed into the drier at a temperature of 80°C.

Feed to the drier:

Water in feed = 1722.38 lb/Hr

Dry Solid in feed = 68205.51 lb/Hr

Water Content in Product = 688.94 lb/Hr

Water removed by the drier = 1033.44 lb/Hr

Condition of inlet air:

Ambient temperature of air = 30°C

RH = 10%

Wet bulb temperature = 22°C

Humidity WG = 0.002 lb water/lb dry air.

Inlet temperature of air = 156°C

Calculate the Diameter, Length, RPM and Number of Flights of the drier

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