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Flow of viscoelastic fluids past a flat plate, Hermes, R. A., and A. G. Fredrickson, *A.I.Ch.E. Journal*, **13**, No. 2, p. 253 (March, 1967).

Key Words: A. Flow-8, 7, Boundary-Layer Flow-8, Fluids-9, Viscoelastic-0, Elastic-0, Inelastic-0, Elasticity-6, Plates-9, Flat-0, Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose-9, Corn Syrup-9, Drag Force-8, Shear Stress-8.

Abstract: The flow of viscoelastic fluids past a flat plate has been investigated. Experimental studies were performed with aqueous solutions of sodium carboxymethylcellulose used as viscoelastic fluids and corn syrup as a viscous Newtonian fluid. It was observed that the flow patterns of elastic and inelastic fluids are markedly different. A discussion of mathematical solutions to the problem of flow of viscoelastic fluids past a flat plate is given.

Kinetics of xylene isomerization over silica-alumina catalyst, Hanson, K. L., and A. J. Engel, *A.I.Ch.E. Journal*, **13**, No. 2, p. 260 (March, 1967).

Key Words: A. Isomerization-8, 9, Xylene-1, 2, Kinetics-8, Meta-Xylene-1, 2, Ortho-Xylene-1, 2, Para-Xylene-1, 2 Catalyst-10, Silica-10, Alumina-10, Ethylbenzene-1, Reactor-10, Tubular-0, Continuous-0, Differential-0, Temperature-6, Pressure-6, Reaction Rate-7, Activation Energy-7.

Abstract: Eleven mixtures of the three isomers of xylene and ethylbenzene were isomerized over a silica-alumina catalyst in a differential tubular reactor. Analysis showed that meta-xylene isomerizes reversibly to ortho- and para-xylene, but the direct interconversion of ortho-xylene to meta-xylene does not occur. The isomerization of ethylbenzene to xylenes is much more difficult to achieve than the inter-isomerization of xylenes.

Electrokinetic-potential fluctuations produced by pipe flow turbulence, Chuang, Hsing, and J. E. Cermak, *A.I.Ch.E. Journal*, **13**, No. 2, p. 266 (March, 1967).

Key Words: A. Fluctuation-8, 9, Electrokinetic Potential-9, 8, 7, Turbulence-6, Velocity-6, Flow-9, 8, Shear Stress-8, Pipe-9, Water-9, Electrodynamics-8, Energy Spectra-8, Measurement-8, Electrokinetic Probe-10, Anemometers-10, Equations-8.

Abstract: The distributions across a pipe of turbulent intensities, shearing stress, and energy spectra are inferred from measured electrokinetic-potential fluctuations in a fully developed flow of distilled water. A set of equations governing the interrelation between the electrokinetic-potential fluctuations and the turbulent velocity-fluctuation components of the flow field in fully developed pipe flow is deduced.

Two-phase flow in Hele-Shaw models, Greenkorn, R. A., J. E. Matar, and R. C. Smith, *A.I.Ch.E. Journal*, **13**, No. 2, p. 273 (March, 1967).

Key Words: A. Flow-8, 9, Two-Phase-0, Hele-Shaw Model-10, Movement-8, 7, Porous Medium-10, Interface-9, Plate Spacing-6, Channel Height-6, Permeability-6, Area-6, Air-9, Glycerine-9, Castor Oil-9, Water-9.

Abstract: A study of the motion of the interface in two-phase flow in two dimensions with gravity force parallel to the plane of motion is described. The experiments were run in a porous medium analog, the Hele-Shaw model.

Stability of loop reactors, Luss, Dan, and Neal R. Amundson, *A.I.Ch.E. Journal*, **13**, No. 2, p. 279 (March, 1967).

Key Words: A. Stability-8, 7, Steady State-8, 7, Loop Reactors-9, 8, Recycle Reactors-9, 8, Tubular-0, Reactors-9, 8, Plug Flow-10, Recycle-6, Start-Up-6.

Abstract: A method of determining all the possible steady states of a tubular recycle reactor with plug flow is presented. The effects of changes in the recycle ratio and start-up conditions are examined. Several numerical examples are included to demonstrate the use of the method for various types of recycle reactors.

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In the paper "Free-Radical Yields in *n*-Alcohols Resulting from Gamma Irradiation" by Imre Zwiebel and Randolph H. Bretton (Vol. 10, No. 3, pp. 339-344, 1964), the following corrections should be noted.

(1) The units of k_1 and k_3 in Table 2 should be $(\text{moles/liter})^{-1}(\text{min.})^{-1}$. Please note, however, the discussion of Table 2 given below in (3).

(2) The left-hand side of Equation (8) should read $-2K_0t$. The coefficient of the log term on the right side of

Equation (8) should read $\frac{\sqrt{4k_3K_0}}{k_1}$.

(3) As a result of (2) the constants k_1 and k_3 appear as a fixed ratio $\frac{k_3}{k_1^2}$ in Equation (8) and consequently cannot be separated by the technique described in the paper, and the results for k_1 and k_3 in Table 2 are meaningless. The results for K_0 were determined independently of k_1 and k_3 and are valid.

(4) It is stated in the paper that Equation (9)

$$S - S_0 = -K_0t$$

is obtained from Equation (8) for the limiting condition $S \rightarrow S_0$. This is not true for the incorrect form of Equation (8) given in the paper nor is it true for the correct form given in (2) above. If it is assumed that y is small compared with S where

$$y^2 = \frac{4K_0k_3}{k_1^2}$$

then as $S \rightarrow S_0$, it can be shown that

$$(S - S_0) \left(1 + \frac{y^2}{4SS_0} \right) = -K_0t \quad (9A)$$

Thus, Equation (9) is obtained as $S \rightarrow S_0$ only if the term $\frac{y^2}{4SS_0}$ is small.

For free radical reactions k_1 would be expected to be quite large and y small. It will be noticed from the form of Equation (9A) above that if y is significant, then there should be a pronounced effect of S_0 on the slope of the curve S vs. time. That this is not the case is clearly shown in Figure 2 of the paper.

Thus, the use of Equation (9) for the evaluations of free radical yields is justified.

(5) In Figure 1 of the paper the lettering of the curves is in reverse order of the scavenger concentrations listed.