

# A First Course on Kinetics and Reaction Engineering

## Unit 18. Reaction Engineering of Batch Reactors

### Definitions

batch reactor productivity - amount of product produced in a batch reaction process per unit time taking both the reaction time and the turnaround time into account

turnaround time - time required for the draining of a previous batch from a reactor, cleaning and otherwise preparing the reactor for the next batch and charging the reactor with reactants for the next batch

temporal variations - changes in quantities over time at a fixed position

spatial variations - changes in quantities as a function of spatial position at fixed time

### Nomenclature

$S_{D/U}$  instantaneous selectivity parameter for parallel reactions

$k_i$  rate coefficient for the reaction that forms species  $i$

$r_i$  rate of the reaction that forms species  $i$

### Equations



$$S_{D/U} = \frac{r_D}{r_U} \quad (18.5)$$

$$S_{D/U} = \frac{k_D}{k_U} \quad (\text{equal reaction orders}) \quad (18.6)$$