The object of this column is to enhance our readers' collections of interesting and novel problems in chemical engineering. We request problems that can be used to motivate student learning by presenting a particular principle in a new light, can be assigned as novel home problems, are suited for a collaborative learning environment, or demonstrate a cutting-edge application or principle. Manuscripts should not exceed 14 double-spaced pages and should be accompanied by the originals of any figures or photographs. Please submit them to Dr. Daina Briedis (e-mail: briedis@egr.msu.edu), Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1226.

BIOKINETIC MODELING OF IMPERFECT MIXING IN A CHEMOSTAT an Example of Multiscale Modeling

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athematical software packages such as Excel[®], MA-PLETM, MATHCAD[®], MATLAB[®], Mathematica[®], and POLYMATHTM are currently used routinely for numerical problem solving in engineering education.^[1, 2] From the numerical solution perspective, it is convenient to characterize the various problems as Single Model-Single Algorithm (SMSA) problems and complex problems with some combination of Multiple Models and Multiple Algorithms (MMMA). A typical example of an SMSA problem is the solution of a system of ordinary differential equations coupled with explicit algebraic equations where one numerical integration algorithm (such as the 4th order Runge-Kutta) can be used to solve the problem (*e.g.*, steady-state operation of a tubular reactor).

The application of mathematical software packages for solving SMSA problems has essentially replaced all other solution techniques, as can be seen in many recent textbooks (see, for example, Fogler^[3]). For complex and/or multi-scale problems, however, the solution process is often more involved.

The types of models included in the "complex" category are:

 <u>Multiple Model-Single Algorithm (MMSA) Problem.</u> A typical example is the cyclic operation of a semibatch bioreactor.^[4] The three modes of operation of the

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bioreactor (initialization, processing, and harvesting) are represented by different models comprising ordinary differential equations and explicit algebraic equations. All models can be solved by one numerical integration algorithm (such as the 4th order Runge-Kutta).

- 2. <u>Single Model-Multiple Algorithm (SMMA) Problem.</u> Typical examples are the solution of two-point boundary value problems, where the integration of the model is carried out in the inside loop and a nonlinear equation solver algorithm adjusts the boundary values in an outer loop, or the solution of differential-algebraic systems of equations where the same algorithms are used but in an opposite hierarchy.
- 3. <u>Multiple Model-Multiple Algorithm (MMMA) Problem.</u> A typical example is the modeling of an exothermic batch reactor, where the two stages of operation (heating and cooling) require different models and different integration algorithms (stiff and non-stiff).

The solution of such complex problems can be rather cumbersome and time consuming even if mathematical software packages are used, as manual transfer of data from one model/problem to another and consecutive manual reruns

are often required. Combining the use of several software packages of various levels of complexity, flexibility and user friendliness, however, can considerably reduce the time and effort required for solving complex models.

Following this premise, the models representing the various stages of the problems can be coded and tested using a software package (for example, POLYMATH^[5]) that requires very little technical coding effort. After testing each of the modules separately, they are combined into one program using a programming language, or a mathematical software package that supports programming (say, MATLAB^[6]). To minimize the probability of introducing errors into the model equations, the POLYMATH input for the various modules can be automatically converted within POLYMATH to MATLAB code. This allows MATLAB functions to be created that enable the consecutive and repetitive calls to the various models, apply the appropriate solution algorithms, and assign the hierarchy of the computations during the solution.

A homework assignment that demonstrates this suggested approach is the following problem of biokinetic modeling of a chemostat with imperfect mixing. This problem is a modified version of a problem presented by Cutlip and Shacham.^[7] The solution algorithm presented for this problem includes the use of various computing tools in the different stages of the problem solution (the solution of an SMSA problem, parametric runs of an SMSA problem, and the solution of an SMMA problem).

PROBLEM BACKGROUND

Biokinetic Modeling of Imperfect Mixing in a Chemostat

A chemostat is usually considered to be a completely mixed reactor; however, this is not always the case. Consider the situation where the chemostat may be considered to be modeled as a reactor with a completely-mixed volume V_1 (dm³) that interacts with another completely-mixed volume V_2 (dm³) as shown in Figure 1. Volume V_2 with an exchange flow rate F_2 (dm³/hr) may be considered to model the poorly mixed regions within a production fermenter. The microbial

TABLE 1 POLYMATH Model for the Chemostat with Imperfect Mixing					
No.	Equation # Comment				
1	f(S1) = F1*S0+F2*S2-(1/Yxs)*(mum*S1/(Ks+S1))*X1*V1-F1*S1-F2*S1 # Substrate balance on volume V1				
2	2 $f(S2) = F2*S1-(1/Yxs)*(mum*S2/(Ks+S2))*X2*V2-F2*S2 \#$ Substrate balance on volum V2				
3	f(X1) = F2*X2+(mum*S1/(Ks+S1)-kd)*X1*V1-F1*X1-F2*X1 # Cell balance on volume V1				
4	f(X2) = F2*X1+(mum*S2/(Ks+S2)-kd)*X2*V2-F2*X2 # Cell balance on volume V2				
5	F1 = 0.17 # Feed flow rate to volume V1 (dm ³ /hr)				
6	$F2 = 0.2*F1$ # Feed flow rate to volume V2 (dm^3/hr)				
7	$P1 = Yps*(S0-S1) # Production (g/dm^3)$				
8	D = F1/(V1+V2) # Dilution rate (1/hr)				
9	S0 = 0.6 # Feed substrate concentration (g/dm ³)				
10	kd = 0.002				
11	Yxs = 0.4 # Yield coefficient (g cells/g substrate)				
12	Yps = 0.2 # Yield coefficient (g product/g substrate)				
13	Ks = $0.2 \#$ Saturation constant (g substrate/dm ³)				
14	4 mum = 0.2 # Maximal specific growth rate (1/hr)				
15	15 V1 = 1.7 # Volume V1 (dm^3)				
16	V2 = 0.3 # Volume V2 (dm ³)				
17	$PR_DX1 = D*X1 \# Cell production rate (g/hr)$				
18	PR_DP1 = D*P1 # Product production rate (g/hr)				
19	$S1(0) = 0 \#$ Substrate concentration in volume V1 (g/dm^3)				
20	$S2(0) = 0 \#$ Substrate concentration in volume V2 (g/dm^3)				
21	$X1(0) = 0.025 $ # Cell concentration in volume V1 (g/dm^3)				
22	$X2(0) = 0.025 $ # Cell concentration in volume V2 (g/dm^3)				

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system to be modeled involves substrate S (g/dm³) going to product P (g/dm³) only under the action of cells X (g/dm³). The following separate balances on the substrate, cells, and product in each reactor volume use Monod kinetics and a cell death rate constant given by k_d (hr⁻¹).

Steady-State Substrate Balance on Volume V₁

$$F_{1}S_{0} + F_{2}S_{2} + \frac{1}{Y_{X/S}} \left(\frac{\mu_{m}S_{1}}{K_{S} + S_{1}} \right) X_{1}V_{1} = F_{1}S_{1} + F_{2}S_{1}$$
(1)

where F is flow rate (dm³/hr), $Y_{X/S}$ is yield coefficient (g cells/g substrate), μ_m is the maximal specific growth rate (hr⁻¹), and K_s is the saturation constant (g substrate/dm³). The indexes 0, 1, and 2 are used as shown in Figure 1.

Steady-State Substrate Balance on Volume V,

$$F_{2}S_{1} + \frac{1}{Y_{X/S}} \left(\frac{\mu_{m}S_{2}}{K_{S} + S_{2}} \right) X_{2}V_{2} = F_{2}S_{2}$$
(2)

Steady-State Cell Balance on Volume V,

$$F_{2}X_{2} + \left(\frac{\mu_{m}S_{1}}{K_{s} + S_{1}} - k_{d}\right)X_{1}V_{1} = F_{1}X_{1} + F_{2}X_{1}$$
(3)

Steady-State Cell Balance on Volume V,

$$F_{2}X_{1} + \left(\frac{\mu_{m}S_{2}}{K_{s} + S_{2}} - k_{d}\right)X_{2}V_{2} = F_{2}X_{2}$$
(4)

Overall Steady-State Material Balance for the Product

$$P_{1} = Y_{P/S} (S_{0} - S_{1})$$
(5)

where $Y_{P/S}$ is the yield coefficient (g product/g substrate).

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Microbial growth has been studied in a continuous culture, and the following parameters were obtained: $\mu_m = 0.2 \text{ h}^{-1}$, $K_s = 0.2 \text{ g/dm}^3$, $k_d = 0.002 \text{ hr}^{-1}$, $Y_{x/s} = 0.4 \text{ g}$ cells/g substrate, and $Y_{P/S} = 0.2 \text{ g}$ product/g substrate. Tracer studies have indicated that the incomplete mixing can be described by a well-mixed

TABLE 2 Chemostat Results From POLYMATH For $F_1 = 0.17 \text{ dm}^3/\text{hr}$				
Variable	Value	f(x)	Initial Guess	
$S_{1}(g/dm^{3})$	0.1821	4.20E-11	0	
$S_2(g/dm^3)$	0.03589	3.91E-11	0	
$X_1 (g/dm^3)$	0.1631	-1.68E-11	0.025	
$X_{2}^{2}(g/dm^{3})$	0.2178	-1.56E-11	0.025	
D (1/hr)	0.085			
F_1 (dm ³ /hr)	0.17			
F_2 (dm ³ /hr)	0.034			
PR_DP1 (g/hr)	0.00711			
PR_DX1 (g/hr)	0.01387			

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volume $V_1 = 1.7 \text{ dm}^3$ and a volume of $V_2 = 0.3 \text{ dm}^3$ with an exchange flow rate F_2 . The flow rate relationship with the overall flow rate to chemostat, F_1 , is given by $F_2 = 0.2 F_1$ in dm³/hr. Chemostat operation is such that $F_1 = 0.17 \text{ dm}^3$ /hr, $X_0 = 0$ and $S_0 = 0.6 \text{ g/dm}^3$, and the endogenous metabolism can be neglected.

- (a) Create a single graph of S_{i} , X_{i} , and P_{i} vs. the dilution rate defined by $D = F_{i}/V_{i}$.
- (b) Plot the cell production rate, the product DX_p, and the product production rate, the product of DP_p, as functions of the dilution rate between 0.05 and 0.130 hr⁻¹.
- (c) Estimate the dilution rate that will maximize the production rate, DX_p for the cells and the dilution rate that will maximize the production rate, DP_p, for the product.

PROBLEM SOLUTION

Modeling the Chemostat and Solving the Single Model-Single Algorithm (SMSA) Problem

The mathematical model of the chemostat can be formulated as a system of nonlinear algebraic equations (NLEs) that can be solved by a single algorithm. This simple, uncomplicated model can be easily solved with POLYMATH version 6.1 to obtain the solution of this SMSA problem.

The complete POLYMATH code for the chemostat model is given in Table 1. The model includes four implicit nonlinear algebraic equations that are obtained from the material balances. The POLYMATH model (including the "comments," which start with the # sign) provides complete documentation of the equations, the values of the constants, and the initial estimates used for the four unknowns: S_1 , S_2 , X_1 , and X_2 . Statements 1 through 4 present the implicit equations for obtaining the substrate concentration in the well-mixed volumes (S_1 , S_2 , respectively), and the cell concentration in the well-mixed volumes (X_1 , X_2 , respectively). Explicit variables and constants are described in statements 5-18. Initial estimates for the unknowns in the nonlinear equations are provided in lines 19 to 22.

The results for the case where $F_1 = 0.17 \text{ dm}^3/\text{hr}$ and the initial estimates $S_{1,0} = S_{2,0} = 0$, $X_{1,0} = 0.025$, and $X_{2,0} = 0.025$ are given in Table 2. For this case with the dilution rate D =



Figure 1. Chemostat model.

TABLE 3 MATLAB Function (Model) for the Chemostat with Imperfect Mixing			
No.	Equation % Comment		
1	function fx = MNLEfun(x, F1);		
2	$S1 = x(1)$; %Substrate concentration in volume V1 (g/dm^3)		
3	S2 = x(2); %Substrate concentration in volume V2 (g/dm^3)		
4	$X1 = x(3)$; %Cell concentration in volume V1 (g/dm^3)		
5	$X2 = x(4)$; %Cell concentration in volume V2 (g/dm^3)		
6	F1 = 0.17; %Feed flow rate to volume V1 (dm^3/hr)		
7	$F2 = 0.2 * F1$; %Feed flow rate to volume V2 (dm^3/hr)		
8	Yps = 0.2; % Yield coefficient (g product/g substrate)		
9	V2 = 0.3; %Volume V2 (dm^3)		
10	S0 = 0.6; %Feed substrate concentration (g/dm^3)		
11	kd = 0.002; %Cell death rate (1/hr)		
12	Yxs = 0.4; % Yield coefficient (g cells/g substrate)		
13	$P1 = Yps * (S0 - S1); $ %Production (g/dm^3)		
14	Ks = 0.2; %Saturation constant (g substrate/dm^3)		
15	mum = 0.2; %Maximal specific growth rate (1/hr)		
16	V1 = 1.7; %Volume V1 (dm^3)		
17	D = F1 / (V1 + V2); %Dilution rate (1/hr)		
18	PR_DX1 = D * X1; %Cell production rate (g/hr)		
19	PR_DP1 = D * P1; %Product production rate (g/hr)		
20	$\begin{array}{l} fx(1,1) = F1 * S0 + F2 * S2 - (1 \ / \ Yxs * mum * S1 \ / \ (Ks + S1) * X1 * \\ V1) - (F1 * S1) - (F2 * S1); \% Substrate balance on volume V1 \end{array}$		
21	fx(2,1) = F2 * S1 - (1 / Yxs * mum * S2 / (Ks + S2) * X2 * V2) - (F2 * S2); %Substrate balance on volume V2		
22	fx(3,1) = F2 * X2 + (mum * S1 / (Ks + S1) - kd) * X1 * V1 - (F1 * X1) - (F2 * X1); %Cell balance on volume V1		
23	fx(4,1) = F2 * X1 + (mum * S2 / (Ks + S2) - kd) * X2 * V2 - (F2 * X2); %Cell balance on volume V2		

TABLE 4 Part of the MATLAB "Main Program" for Parametric Studies with the Chemostat No. Equation % Comment 1 options = optimset('Diagnostics',['off'],'TolFun',[1e-9],'TolX',[1e-9]); 2 Yps = 0.2; S0 = 0.6; kd = 0.002; Yxs = 0.4; Ks = 0.2; 3 mum = 0.2; V1 = 1.7; V2 = 0.3;4 F1=0.1; %Initial feed flow rate to volume V1 (dm^3/hr) 5 xguess = [0 0 0.025 0.25]; % initial guess vector 6 for k=1:16 7 xsolv=fsolve(@MNLEfun,xguess,options,F1); 8 S1(k)=xsolv(1); S2(k)=xsolv(2); X1(k)=xsolv(3); X2(k)=xsolv(4); 9 F1list(k)=F1; D(k) = F1 / (V1 + V2); P1(k)= Yps * (S0 - S1(k)); 10 $PR_DX1(k) = D(k) * X1(k); PR_DP1(k) = D(k) * P1(k);$ 11 F1=F1+0.01; %Incrementing feed flow rate to volume V1 (dm^3/hr) 12 end

0.085 hr⁻¹, the cell production rate $DX_1 = 0.0139$ g/hr and the product production rate $DP_1 = 0.00711$ g/hr. Lower initial values of $X_{1,0} = X_{2,0}$ that are less than 0.0247 g/dm³ result in negligible steady-state reaction corresponding to cell washout operation. Thus the simulated chemostat has a critical value of initial cell concentration that leads to a sustained steady-state biochemical reaction. The production rates associated with the operation where washout of the cells is avoided will be studied in more detail.

Parametric Studies on the Chemostat

Parametric runs, requested in the second part of the assignment, can be carried out with POLY-MATH by manually changing the parameter values. This approach, however, is inefficient and cumbersome-particularly for problems where there are many parameters and a wide range of parameter values to be considered. In such cases, programming is desirable for repetitive solution of the problem with the various parameter values. One option is to carry out the parametric runs efficiently using MATLAB. The MATLAB function representing the operation of the chemostat can be automatically and efficiently generated by POLYMATH (Table 3). Note that MATLAB requires input of the variable values into the function in a single array $(\mathbf{x},$ in this case), and return of the function values in a single array (fx, lines 20-23 in Table 3). The variable values are put back into variables with the same names as used in the POLYMATH model (lines 2-5) to make the MATLAB code more meaningful. POLYMATH orders the basic model equations sequentially as required by MATLAB and converts any needed intrinsic functions and logical expressions.

Convenient parametric runs can be made for various values of the feed flow rate (F_1), and this variable can be added as an input parameter to the MNLEfun function (Table 3). A main program can be prepared that changes the value of F_1 , solves the system of nonlinear equations, collects the pertinent data, and plots the results of the parametric runs. Part of this main program is shown in Table 4. The value of F_1 is changed starting at $F_1 = 0.1$ up to $F_1 = 0.25$ with steps of 0.01. The MATLAB library function *fsolve* is used to solve the system of algebraic equations as shown in line 7 of Table 4. The variable values needed for preparing the various plots are calculated and stored in lines 8 through 10.

Excel^[8] can also be used for carrying out the parametric runs efficiently. The model can be automatically exported from POLYMATH to Excel with a single key press. Part of the Excel worksheet as generated by POLYMATH is shown in Table 5, where the variable cell calculations are indicated. The variable names are translated to cell addresses, a new equation that calculates the sum of squares of the function values is added, and the equations are rearranged in a form that is appropriate for solving the equation using the solver add-in available within Excel. The complete worksheet with the solution obtained using solver is shown in Table 6 (next page). The numerical results are identical to those obtained by POLYMATH. The variable names in column B, the POLYMATH equations in column D, and the variable descriptions in column E provide complete documentation for the Excel formulas in column C.

Solution of the system of equations using *solver* for various values of F_1 requires the creation of a macro or a VBA (Visual Basic for Applications^[8]) program. A plot of S_1 , X_1 , and P_1 as functions of the dilution rate is shown in Figure 2, and the cell and product production rates are plotted in Figure 3. Maximum points for the two production rates in the vicinity of D = 0.1 hr⁻¹ can be observed in this figure. A more precise determination of the maximum is discussed in the next section.

Maximization of the Production Rates by Solving an SMMA Problem

The two optimization problems can be posed as the following minimization problems:

 $\min_{F_1} - DX_1 \text{ and } \min_{F_1} - DP_1 \text{ where } D = F_1 / V_1 \quad (6)$



Figure 2. Plot of S_1 , X_1 , and P_1 as functions of dilution rate.





(The minus signs in front of DX_1 and DP_1 are used to convert the maximization problems into minimization problems).

The calculation of D, X_1 , and P_1 associated with a particular value of F_1 involves the solution of a system of NLEs, while a minimization algorithm is required in order to find the values of F_1 that satisfy Eq. (1). This is a single model (the chemostat) and multiple algorithms (one for solution of NLEs and one for minimization) problem.

	POLYMATH Model of the Chemostat Exported to Excel with Display Formulas Option.				
	A	В	C		
1			POLYMATH NLE Migration Document		
2		Variable	Value		
3	Explicit Eqs	F1	=0.17		
4		F2	=(0.2 * C3)		
5		P1	=(C10 * (C7 - C17))		
6		D	=(C3 / (C13 + C14))		
7		S0	=0.6		
8		kd	=0.002		
9		Yxs	=0.4		
10		Yps	=0.2		
11		Ks	=0.2		
12		mum	=0.2		
13		V1	=1.7		
14		V2	=0.3		

TABLE 5

25	Sum of Squares:		=((((C21 ^ 2) + (C22 ^ 2)) + (C23 ^ 2)) + (C24 ^ 2))
24		f(X2)	=(((C4 * C19) + (((((C12 * C18) / (C11 + C18)) - C8) * C20) * C14)) - (C4 * C20))
23		f(X1)	=((((C4 * C20) + (((((C12 * C17) / (C11 + C17)) - C8) * C19) * C13)) - (C3 * C19)) - (C4 * C19))
22		f(S2)	=(((C4 * C17) - ((((1 / C9) * ((C12 * C18) / (C11 + C18))) * C20) * C14)) - (C4 * C18))
21	Implicit Eqs	f(S1)	=(((((C3 * C7) + (C4 * C18)) - ((((1 / C9) * ((C12 * C17) / (C11 + C17))) * C19) * C13)) - (C3 * C17)) - (C4 * C17))
20		X2	0.025
19		X1	0.025
18		S2	0
17	Implicit Vars	S1	0
16		PR_DP1	=(C6 * C5)
15		PR_DX1	=(C6 * C19)
14		V2	=0.3
13		V I	=1.7

The MATLAB library function *fminbnd* for single-value minimization can be used for finding the minimum of the functions in Eq. (1). In order to carry out the minimization, two new functions should be prepared. The first one (shown in Table 7) obtains F₁ as input, uses the *fsolve* library function to solve the chemostat model, and returns - DX₁ to the calling function. The second function does the same except that it returns the value of $-DP_1$. Two calls to the library function fminbnd identify the highest production rate for cells $DX_1 = 0.0142$ g/hr at a dilution rate of D = 0.0986 hr⁻¹ and the highest production rate for product DP₁ = 0.00727 g/hr at a dilution rate of D = 0.0979 hr⁻¹.

CONCLUSIONS

The example presented here provides an opportunity to practice several aspects of modeling and computation:

- Modeling of a bio-reactor and imperfect mixing.
- Categorizing problems according to the number of models and number of algorithms involved.
- Solving SMSA problems with a software package.
- Using Excel (VBA) or MATLAB programming for parametric runs of SMSA problems.
- Using MATLAB programming for solving SMMA problems.

We suggest that a combination of three popular packages— POLYMATH, Excel, and MATLAB—enables the solution of problems of increasing complexity in the educational setting. The example presented is suitable for courses in chemical reaction engineering, biochemical

engineering, numerical methods, and optimization.

The POLYMATH and MATLAB programs used in this study are available at the site <ftp://ftp.bgu.ac.il/shacham/ chemostat/>.

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	A	В	C [D E	F
1	POLYM	IATH I	NLE Migr	ation Docur	nent
2		Variable	Value	Polymath Equation	n Comments
3	Explicit Eqs	F1	0.17	F1=0.17	Feed flow rate to volume V1 (dm^3/hr)
4		F2	0.034	F2=0.2*F1	Feed flow rate to volume V2 (dm^3/hr)
5		P1	0.083588165	P1=Yps*(S0-S1)	Production (g/dm^3)
6		D	0.085	D=F1/(V1+V2)	Dilution rate (1/hr)
7		S0	0.6	S0=0.6	Feed substrate concentration (g/dm^3)
8		kd	0.002	kd=0.002	Cell death rate (1/hr)
9		Yxs	0.4	Yxs=0.4	Yield coefficient (g cells/g substrate)
10		Yps	0.2	Yps=0.2	Yield coefficient (g product/g substrate)
11		Ks	0.2	Ks=0.2	Monod constant (g substrate/dm^3)
12		mum	0.2	mum=0.2	Maximal specific growth rate (1/hr)
13		V1	1.7	V1=1.7	Volume V1 (dm^3)
14		V2	0.3	V2=0.3	Volume V2 (dm^3)
15		PR_DX1	0.013867371	PR_DX1=D*X1	Dilution rate (1/hr)
16		PR_DP1	0.007104994	PR_DP1=D*P1	Cell production rate (g/hr)
17	Implicit Vars	S1	0.182059175	S1(0)=0	Substrate concentration in volume V1 (g/dm^3)
18		S2	0.035888744	S2(0)=0	Substrate concentration in volume V2 (g/dm^3)
19		X1	0.163145542	×1(0)=0.025	Cell concentration in volume V1 (g/dm^3)
20		Х2	0.217791093	X2(0)=0.025	Cell concentration in volume V2 (g/dm^3)
21	Implicit Eqs	f(S1)	-7.7311E-07	f(S1)=F1*S0+F2*S	2-(1/Yxs)*(mum*S1/(Ks+S1))*X1*V1-F1*S1-F2*S
22		f(S2)	-5.0319E-07	f(S2)=F2*S1-(1/Yx	s)*(mum*S2/(Ks+S2))*X2*V2-F2*S2
23		f(X1)	8.79323E-07	f(X1)=F2*X2+(mum*S1/(Ks+S1)-kd)*X1*V1-F1*X1-F2*X1	
24		f(X2)	-5.0428E-07	f(X2)=F2*X1+(mun	n*S2/(Ks+S2)-kd)*X2*V2-F2*X2
25	Sum of Squares:		1.8784E-12	$F = f(S1)^2 + f(S2)^2$	2+f(X1)^2+f(X2)^2

TABLE 7 A Function for Calculating the Cell Production Ratefor a Single Value of F_1				
No.	Equation % Comment			
1	function PR_DX=ProdRateCell(F1) %Cell production rate (g/hr)			
2	V1 = 1.7; %Volume V1 (dm^3)			
3	V2 = 0.3; %Volume V2 (dm^3)			
4	xguess = [0 0 0.025 0.025]; %initial guess vector			
5	options = optimset('Diagnostics',['off'],'TolFun',[1e-9],'TolX',[1e-9]);			
6	xsolv=fsolve(@MNLEfun,xguess,options,F1);			
7	X1=xsolv(3); %Cell concentration in volume V1 (g/dm^3)			
8	D = F1 / (V1 + V2); %Dilution rate (1/hr)			
9	$PR_DX = -D^* X1$; %Cell production rate (g/hr)			

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