

BIOREACTOR ENGINEERING

Chapter 3

Culture Kinetic Study of Continuous Fermentation

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Exercise 1

The following data were obtained using a chemostat for the production of yeast. Determine the μ_{\max} and K_s

Dilution rate (h ⁻¹)	Carbon substrate concentration (mg/L)
0.1	16.7
0.2	33.5
0.3	59.4
0.4	101
0.5	169
0.6	298
0.7	702



Exercise 2

A chemostat is operated to produce single cell protein using ethanol with feed concentration of 22 g/L. The cell growth kinetics on ethanol values are $\mu_{\max} = 0.5/\text{h}$ and $K_s = 30 \text{ mg/L}$. Calculate the required dilution rate for maximising the cell productivity and minimising the loss of unused ethanol in the effluent.

