





## Notes on DOF Analysis

- My method is slightly different than in the book or on the web
  - The authors like to write out more equations and unknowns (like S.G. to convert mass to volume)
- The important thing is to get the DOF correct
  - TA's will be understanding on grades
  - I will be understanding on exams



## Problem 4.32 (4.22 in 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)

- \*4.22. Gas streams containing hydrogen and nitrogen in different proportions are produced on request by blending gases from two feed tanks: Tank A (hydrogen mole fraction =  $x_A$ ) and Tank B (hydrogen mole fraction =  $x_B$ ). The requests specify the desired hydrogen mole fraction,  $x_P$ , and *mass* flow rate of the product stream,  $\dot{m}_P(\text{kg/h})$ .
  - (a) Suppose the feed tank compositions are  $x_A = 0.10 \text{ mol } H_2/\text{mol}$  and  $x_B = 0.50 \text{ mol } H_2/\text{mol}$ , and the desired blend-stream mole fraction and mass flow rate are  $x_P = 0.20 \text{ mol } H_2/\text{mol}$  and  $\dot{m}_P = 100 \text{ kg/h}$ . Draw and label a flowchart and calculate the required *molar* flow rates of the feed mixtures,  $\dot{n}_A(\text{kmol/h})$  and  $\dot{m}_B(\text{kmol/h})$ .
  - (b) Derive a series of formulas for  $\dot{n}_A$  and  $\dot{n}_B$  in terms of  $x_A$ ,  $x_B$ ,  $x_P$ , and  $\dot{m}_P$ . Test them using the values in part (a).
  - (c) Write a spreadsheet that has column headings  $x_A$ ,  $x_B$ ,  $x_P$ ,  $\dot{m}_P$ ,  $\dot{n}_A$ , and  $\dot{n}_B$ . The spreadsheet should calculate entries in the last two columns corresponding to data in the first four. In the first six data rows of the spreadsheet, do the calculations for  $x_A = 0.10$ ,  $x_B = 0.50$ , and  $x_P = 0.10$ , 0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50, and 0.60, all for  $\dot{m}_P = 100$  kg/h. Then in the next six rows repeat the calculations for the same values of  $x_A$ ,  $x_B$ , and  $x_P$  for  $\dot{m}_P = 250$  kg/h. Explain any of your results that appear strange or impossible.
  - (d) Enter the formulas of part (b) into an equation-solving program. Run the program to determine  $\dot{n}_A$  and  $\dot{n}_B$  for the 12 sets of input variable values given in part (c) and explain any physically impossible results.

















