

Problem 6.15 of Shuler & Kargi. Steady-state operation of a continuous bioreactor.  
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Conversion of substrate to product by an organism (with negligible biomass production)



Monod growth kinetics

$$\mu_m := 1 \text{ (h}^{-1}\text{)} \quad K_s := 0.01 \text{ (g/L)} \quad \mu(s) := \frac{\mu_m \cdot s}{K_s + s}$$

Yield coefficient

$$Y_s := 0.5 \text{ (g cell/g substrate)}$$

Product formation

$$\alpha := 0.4 \text{ (mg product/g cell)} \quad \beta := 0.5 \text{ (h}^{-1}\text{·mg product/g cell)}$$

Operating condition

$$\text{Dilution rate } D := 0.8 \cdot \mu_m \quad D = 0.8 \text{ (h}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$\text{Feed substrate concentration } s_0 := 1 \text{ (g/L)}$$

Find steady-states (via analytical solutions)

$$\frac{d}{dt}x=0=(\mu(s)-D)\cdot x \longrightarrow \mu(s)=D \longrightarrow s(D) := K_s \cdot \frac{D}{\mu_m - D} \quad s(D) = 0.04 \text{ (g)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}s=0=D\cdot(s_0 - s) - \frac{1}{Y_s}\cdot\mu(s)\cdot x \longrightarrow x(D) := Y_s \cdot (s_0 - s(D)) \quad x(D) = 0.48 \text{ (g)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}p=0=-D\cdot p + \alpha\cdot\mu(s)\cdot x + \beta\cdot x \longrightarrow p(D) := \left(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{D}\right)\cdot x(D) \quad p(D) = 0.492 \text{ (mg/L)}$$

Productivity at the given D  $D\cdot p(D) = 0.394 \text{ (mg product/h)}$

Plot steady-states  $D := 0.01, 0.02 \dots 0.99$

