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Instructions:

- **1. Attempt all questions.**
- 2. **Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.**
- 3. **Figures to the right indicate full marks.**

The process in Figure below is being designed to remove H_2S from sour coke oven gas (COG), which is a mixture of H_2 . CH₄, CO, N₂, NH₃, CO₂, and H₂S. The removal is necessary because $H₂S$ is corrosive and becomes the pollutant $SO₂$ when the gas is combusted. It is proposed to remove the H₂S and send it to a Claus unit to convert it to sulfur. However, because the conversion of the H_2S is incomplete, the tail gases must be recycled for H_2S removal. Distillation to remove the H_2S is not feasible, but absorption is feasible. Thus, it is proposed to design a MEN based on absorption. One possible MSA is aqueous ammonia, noting that ammonia is already present in the COG and that the flow rate and composition of the recycle stream are specified before the HEN is designed. An alternative MSA is chilled methanol, which is an external MSA. Both ammonia and chilled methanol are to be considered as possible absorbents for the removal of H₂S from the COG and the tail gas. As shown in Figure below, the rich absorbent streams are regenerated by stripping to recover the acid gases, which are sent to the Claus unit.

To begin the development of the MEN, the sour COG and the tail gases are not mixed, and absorption can utilize ammonia, methanol, or both. Mass transfer in all mass exchangers is from the gas phase to the liquid phase.

The specifications for the rich and lean streams are as follows, where compositions, y for gases and x for liquids, are in mass fractions, F is the stream mass flow rate, and n is the mass flow rate of H_2S transferred to or from the stream:

Note that the flow rate of aqueous ammonia is limited, but chilled methanol is considered to be available in unlimited amounts. Note, also that the total amount of H₂S to be transferred to the absorbent(s) is $0.06255 + 0.00507 = 0.06762$ kg/s. This is less than the capacity of the aqueous ammonia. However, as in heat exchange, where a driving force is necessary to transfer the heat, mass exchange also requires a driving force and, at this point in the synthesis, it is not known whether sufficient mass-transfer driving forces exist to utilize the capacity of the aqueous ammonia. If not, then the use of chilled methanol must be considered.

All conditions in the above specifications table are considered to be dilute in the solute, H_2S . Therefore, stream flow rates are assumed constant and at the expected operating conditions of temperature and pressure, the following linear equilibrium equations apply:

Aqueous ammonia (1), $y = m_1 x = 1.45x$

Chilled methanol (2), $y = m_2 x = 0.26x$

For concentrated solutes, it is preferable to use solute-free flow rates and the mass ratios of solute to solute-free solvent.

At this stage in process synthesis, it is desired to determine, by the CI method, the minimum amount of chilled methanol required for a MEN involving these four streams, noting that it may be possible to eliminate the need for chilled methanol. Matched the COG and lean gas streams with the aqueous ammonia stream. $\Delta x_{min} = 0.0001$

