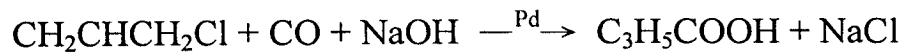


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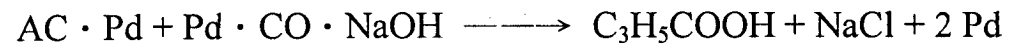
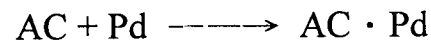
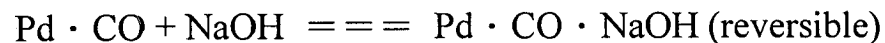
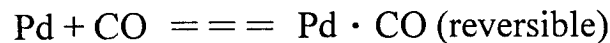
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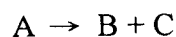
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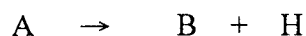
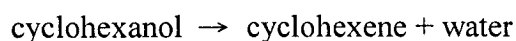
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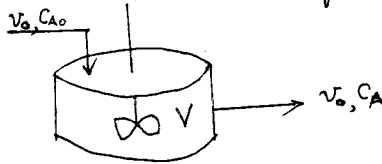
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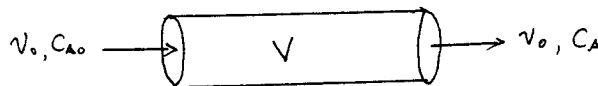
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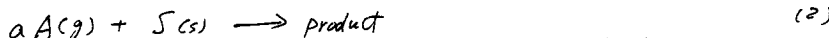
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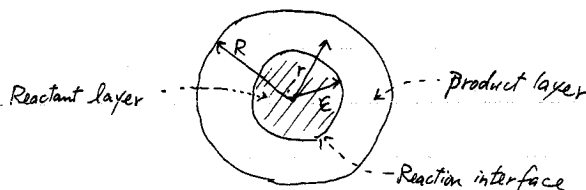
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Please write out

- (1) balance equation for gas A
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Use following notations in your equations.

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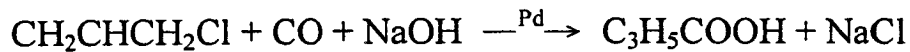
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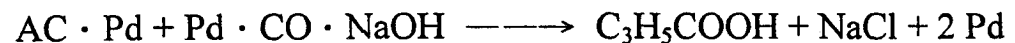
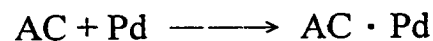
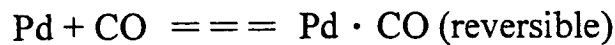
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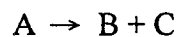
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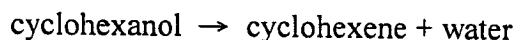
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