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Fe₃O₄/kaolin magnetic nano-composites were prepared by chemical co-precipitation method. The nano-composites were characterized using various instrumental techniques including X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), Transmission Electron Microscopy Analysis (TEM), Vibrating Sample Magnetometer (VSM) and N₂ adsorption-desorption method. The prepared nano-composites were tested and evaluated as an adsorbent in the removal of the anionic C.I Direct Red 23 dye. The effect of contact time, initial dye concentration, adsorbent dose, temperature and initial pH of the solution on the adsorption process was studied. The experimental data was modeled by using different isotherms and the results showed that linearized Langmuir isotherm is applicable to the process demonstrating a favorable process. Kinetic models were tested and the obtained results fitted best the pseudo-second order model. The calculation of thermodynamic potential functions such as the changes in enthalpy, entropy, and Gibbs' free energy showed that the adsorption is a spontaneous process with an endothermic heat effect and entropy production.

Biography

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