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Since $1 - k\Delta t$ must remain non-negative to prevent negative concentrations, it follows that $1 + k\Delta t$ must be positive for the implicit Euler backward scheme to ensure non-negative C^{n+1} values. Since $k\Delta t$ cannot be negative due to physical limitations it follows that $C^{n+1} = \frac{C^n}{1+k\Delta t}$ is always positive for all values of n .