

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 c - kc$$

↖ standard diffusion
↖ proportional metabolism

↖ concentration gradient

Since it is 1D,

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} - kc \quad \dots \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Since the boundary condition at $x=0$ is $c_0 \neq 0$, it's non-homogenous, so, splitting up the solution into

→ Transient solution $c_T(x,t)$

→ Steady state $c_\infty(x)$

So, $c(x,t) = c_T(x,t) + c_\infty(x) \quad \dots \quad \textcircled{2}$

Solving for steady state, we set $\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = 0$

$$\rightarrow 0 = D \frac{d^2 c_\infty}{dx^2} - kc_\infty$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 c_\infty}{dx^2} - \frac{k}{D} c_\infty = 0$$

Using general form $[f'' - k^2 f = 0 \rightarrow f(x) = A \cosh(kx) + B \sinh(kx)]$

$$\rightarrow c_\infty = A \cosh\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} x\right) + B \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} x\right)$$

↪ SI

Applying boundary conditions

$$c_{\infty}(0) = c_0 \rightarrow A(1) + B(0) = c_0 \rightarrow A = c_0$$

$$c_{\infty}(L) = 0 \rightarrow c_0 \cosh\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} L\right) + B \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} L\right) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow B = -c_0 \frac{\cosh\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} L\right)}{\sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} L\right)} = -c_0 \coth\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} L\right)$$

Plugging A and B to (S1),

$$c_{\infty}(x) = c_0 \cosh\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} x\right) - c_0 \coth\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} L\right) \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} x\right)$$

Using $[\sinh(A-B) = \sinh A \cosh B - \cosh A \sinh B]$

$$c_{\infty}(x) = \frac{c_0 \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} (L-x)\right)}{\sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{D}} L\right)} \quad \text{--- (S2)}$$

Now for the transient solution,

Let's place $c = c_T + c_{\infty}$ into (1)

$$\frac{\partial (c_T + c_{\infty})}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 (c_T + c_{\infty})}{\partial x^2} - k(c_T + c_{\infty})$$

Since c_{∞} is not a function of t ,

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial c_T}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 c_T}{\partial x^2} - k c_T \quad \text{--- (T1)}$$

For new boundary conditions,

$$c_T(0, t) = c(0, t) - c_{\infty}(0) = c_0 - c_0 = 0$$

$$c_T(L, t) = c(L, t) - c_{\infty}(L) = 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$c_T(x, 0) = c(x, 0) - c_{\infty}(x) = 0 - c_{\infty}(x) = -c_{\infty}(x)$$

These are homogeneous, so we can separate the variables as:

$$c_T(x,t) = X(x) \cdot T(t) \dots\dots \textcircled{T_2}$$

In $\textcircled{T_1}$,

$$XT' = DX''T - kXT$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{T'}{T} = D \frac{X''}{X} - k$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{T'}{T} + k = D \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda D$$

Separation constant to ensure decaying solutions

So, we have,

$$\text{Spatial: } X'' = -\lambda X$$

$$\text{Time: } \frac{T'}{T} + k = -\lambda D$$

For spatial, using conditions $X(0)=0$, $X(L)=0$, it leads to standard sine eigenfunctions

$$X_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Time then becomes,

$$\frac{T'}{T} + k = -D\lambda_n$$

$$\rightarrow T' + (k + D\lambda_n)T = 0$$

\rightarrow

Using the standard form,

$$T_n(t) = e^{(-t(D(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2 + K))}$$

Thus, T_2 becomes,

$$c_T(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-t(D(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2 + K)} \quad \dots \text{T3}$$

Now, we can apply $t=0 \rightarrow c_T = -c_0(x)$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = \frac{-c_0 \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{K}{D}}(L-x)\right)}{\sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{K}{D}}L\right)}$$

Fourier sine series!

Using orthogonality,

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L -c_0(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

Solving,

$$b_n = -\frac{2c_0 n\pi}{L^2 \left(\frac{K}{D} + \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2\right)} \quad \dots \text{T4}$$

Finally, putting together everything,

$$c(x, t) = c_0(x) + c_T(x, t)$$

$$C(x,t) = C_0 \frac{\sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{K}{D}}(L-x)\right)}{\sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{K}{D}}L\right)}$$

$$- \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 C_0 \cos x}{L^2 \left(\frac{K}{D} + \left(\frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2 \right)} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-t \left(D \left(\frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2 + K \right)}$$

The final solution //