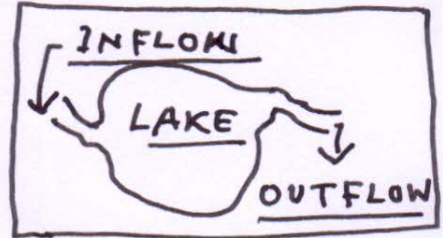


# A Lake Pollution Model

Assumptions: 1. Lake has constant volume.  
2. Pollution is uniform throughout (well-mixed)

- i.) Amount of pollutant in the lake is  $M(t)$  (mass).
- ii.) If the lake has a constant volume, ~~volume~~  $V$ , then pollutant concentration is  $M(t)/V$ .
- iii.) To maintain constant volume, both inflow and outflow rate is  $F$  (volume per time).  
(constant).
- iv.) ~~The~~ The pollutant concentration ~~in~~ the inflow is  $C_{in}$ . Hence, amount of pollutant entering the lake is  $FC_{in}$  (mass per unit time).
- v.) After uniform mixing the amount of pollutant leaving the lake is  $FM(t)/V$  (mass per unit time).



vi.) The dynamic balance is written as

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = FC_{in} - F \frac{M(t)}{V}$$

$F$  and  $V$  are fixed &  $(\text{constant})$

vii.) Mass = Concentration x volume

$\Rightarrow M(t) = C(t) \cdot V$ . Dividing by  $V$ ,

gives  $\frac{d(M/V)}{dt} = \frac{F}{V} C_{in} - \frac{F}{V} (M/V)$  Dynamic Equation

(P.T.O.)  $\Rightarrow \frac{dC}{dt} = \frac{F}{V} C_{in} - \frac{FC}{V}$  in terms of concentration.



viii)

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Integral Solution :

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{F C_{in}}{V} - \frac{F}{V} c$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dc}{C_{in} - c} = \frac{F}{V} \int dt \quad \text{Separation of variables}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{d(-c)}{C_{in} - c} = -\frac{F}{V} \int dt$$

In the form

$$x = a - bx$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(C_{in} - c) = -\frac{Ft}{V} + A$$

A is the integration constant

When  $t = 0, C = C_0$  (initial pollutant concentration in the lake).

$$\Rightarrow [A = \ln(C_{in} - C_0)] \Rightarrow C_{in} - c = (C_{in} - C_0) e^{-Ft/V}$$

$$\text{Hence, } C = C_{in} - (C_{in} - C_0) \exp\left(-\frac{Ft}{V}\right)$$

i.) When  $t = 0, C = C_0$ , ii.) When  $t \rightarrow \infty, C \rightarrow C_{in}$ .

$$C(t) = C_0 e^{-Ft/V} + (C_{in} - C_0) e^{-Ft/V}$$

iii.) The term  $C_0 e^{-Ft/V}$  is the contribution to the pollution from the initial condition.iv.) The term  $C_{in} (1 - e^{-Ft/V})$  is the contribution to the pollution from the inflow.v.) If  $C_{in} = 0$ ,  $\Rightarrow C = C_0 e^{-Ft/V}$ . Hence, pollution in the lake will reduce with time.vi.) Time taken <sup>this process</sup> for ~~the~~ is  $t = \frac{V}{F} \ln\left(\frac{C_0}{C}\right)$ .