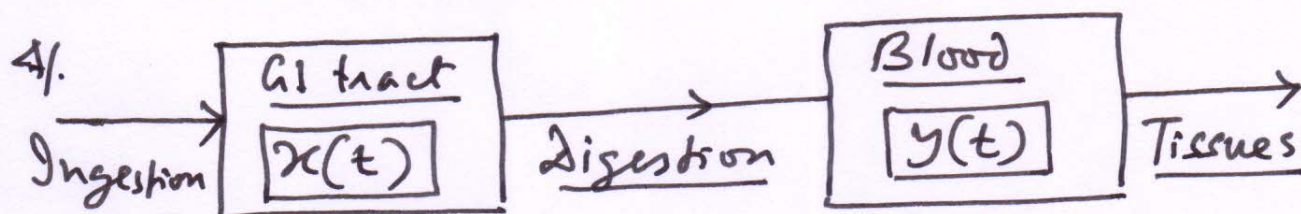


# Drug (Medicine) Dosage (Compartment Model)

## Single Dose Administration

- 1/ A single pill is ingested in the gastro-intestinal tract (GI tract).
- 2/ The drug is dissolved in the GI tract, and is then diffused into the blood stream.
- 3/ From the blood stream the drug is then absorbed into the tissues.



## Compartment Modelling

- i)  $x(t)$  is the amount of drug in the GI tract.
- ii)  $y(t)$  is the amount of drug in the blood.

iii) Equations:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -k_1 x, \quad x(0) = x_0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = k_1 x - k_2 y, \quad y(0) = 0 \quad \text{where } k_1, k_2 > 0 \text{ are rate constants.}$$

iv) Solution of  $x(t)$ :

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = -k_1 \int dt \Rightarrow \ln x = -k_1 t + A_1$$

When  $t = 0, x = x_0$  (initial amount of drug)

$A_1 \rightarrow$  Integration Constant.

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = \ln x_0 \Rightarrow x = x_0 e^{-k_1 t} \rightarrow \text{Exponential decay}$$

(P.T.O.)



v.) Solution of  $y(t)$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + k_2 y = k_1 x$$

By the method of integrating factors

$$e^{k_2 t} \frac{dy}{dt} + k_2 y e^{k_2 t} = k_1 x e^{k_2 t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{d}{dt} (y e^{k_2 t}) = k_1 x e^{k_2 t} \right] \Rightarrow y e^{k_2 t} = \int k_1 x e^{k_2 t} dt$$

Now  $x = x_0 e^{-k_1 t} \therefore y e^{k_2 t} = k_1 x_0 \int e^{(k_2 - k_1)t} dt$

$$\Rightarrow y e^{k_2 t} = \frac{k_1 x_0}{k_2 - k_1} e^{(k_2 - k_1)t} + A_2 \quad A_2 \rightarrow \text{Integration Constant}$$

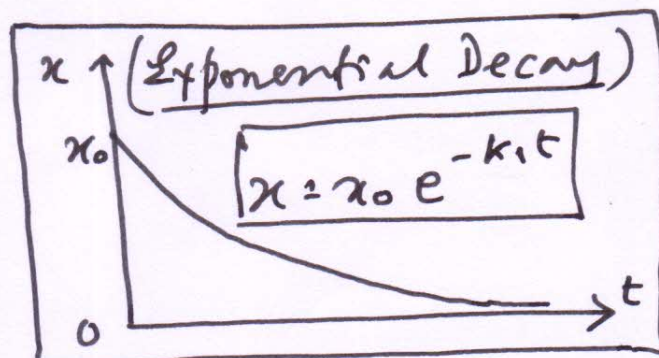
When  $t=0, y=0 \Rightarrow A_2 = -\frac{k_1 x_0}{k_2 - k_1}$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{k_1 x_0}{k_2 - k_1} (e^{-k_1 t} - e^{-k_2 t})$$

1) When  $t=0, y=0$   
2) When  $t \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow 0$

vi.) Plotting of  $x(t)$ :

The drug dissolves and is diffused from the GI tract according to an exponential decay.



viii.) Plotting of  $y(t)$ : 1) When  $t > 0, y > 0$ .

2) When  $t=0, y=0$ , 3) When  $t \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow 0$ .

$$4) \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{k_1 x_0}{k_2 - k_1} (-k_1 e^{-k_1 t} + k_2 e^{-k_2 t})$$

Turning Point  $\downarrow$

When  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$  (P.T.O.)  $\Rightarrow \frac{k_1}{k_2} = e^{(k_1 - k_2)t} \Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln(k_1/k_2)}{k_1 - k_2}$

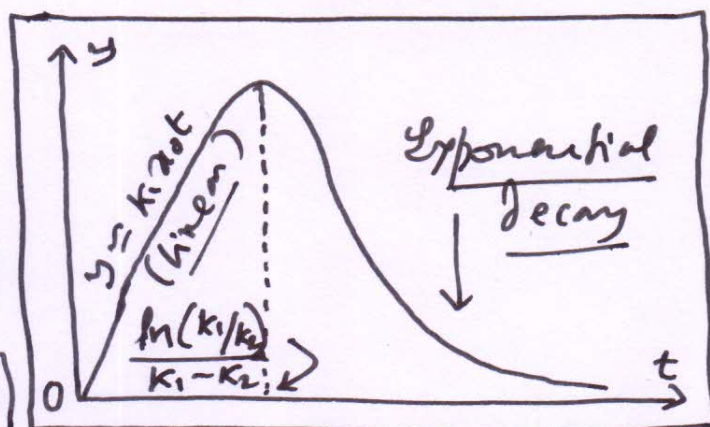


Vii) Plotting of  $y(t)$ :

5.)  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = k_1 \frac{dx}{dt} - k_2 \frac{dy}{dt}$

When  $\boxed{\frac{dy}{dt} = 0}$  (turning point)

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = k_1 \frac{dx}{dt} = -k_1^2 x < 0}$



Turning point is maximum.

6.) When  $t \rightarrow 0$ ,  $y(t) = \frac{k_1 x_0}{k_2 - k_1} \left( 1 - e^{-k_1 t} + \dots - 1 + k_2 t + \dots \right)$

$\Rightarrow y(t) \approx \frac{k_1 x_0}{(k_2 - k_1)} (k_2 - k_1) t \Rightarrow \boxed{y(t) \approx k_1 x_0 t}$

$\Rightarrow$  Early growth is linear.

Special case:  $\boxed{k_1 = k_2 = k}$

$y(t) = \frac{k_1 x_0}{k_2 - k_1} (e^{-k_1 t} - e^{-k_2 t}) = \frac{k_1 x_0 e^{-k_2 t}}{(k_2 - k_1)} \left[ e^{(k_2 - k_1)t} - 1 \right]$

Now  $\boxed{k_1 \rightarrow k_2 = k} \Rightarrow \boxed{(k_2 - k_1) \rightarrow 0}$

$\therefore \boxed{e^{(k_2 - k_1)t} \approx 1 + (k_2 - k_1)t + \frac{(k_2 - k_1)^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{e^{(k_2 - k_1)t} - 1 \approx (k_2 - k_1)t}$  (linear approximation)

$\Rightarrow y(t) \approx \frac{k_1 x_0}{(k_2 - k_1)} e^{-k_2 t} (k_2 - k_1) t \approx k_1 x_0 e^{-k_2 t} t$

Since  $\boxed{k_1 \rightarrow k_2 = k}$   $\boxed{y(t) = k x_0 t e^{-kt}}$

The turning point:

$t = \frac{1}{k_2} \frac{\ln[1 + (k_1/k_2) - 1]}{[(k_1/k_2) - 1]} \approx \frac{1}{k_2} \frac{(k_1/k_2) - 1}{(k_1/k_2) - 1} \approx \frac{1}{k}$



# Solutions for Equal Rate Constants

$$[k_1 = k_2 = k] \Rightarrow \left[ \frac{dx}{dt} = -kx \right] \quad [x(0) = x_0] \quad (\text{as before})$$

$$\Rightarrow [x = x_0 e^{-kt}] \rightarrow \text{Exponential Decay}$$

$$\left[ \frac{dy}{dt} = kx - ky \right] \quad [y(0) = 0] \Rightarrow \left[ \frac{dy}{dt} + ky = kx \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{kt} \frac{dy}{dt} + ky e^{kt} = kx_0 e^{-kt} e^{kt} = kx_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{d}{dt} (e^{kt} y) = kx_0 \right] \Rightarrow [y e^{kt} = kx_0 t + C]$$

$C \rightarrow \text{Integration Constant}$

$$\text{When } [t=0, y=0] \Rightarrow [C=0]$$

$$\Rightarrow [y(t) = kx_0 t e^{-kt}] \quad (\text{As known for the case of } k_1 \rightarrow k_2)$$

Plotting of  $y(t)$ : 1/  $[y=0 \text{ at } t=0]$

2/  $[t \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow 0]$  since  $[y(t) = \frac{kx_0 t}{e^{kt}}]$

3/ When  $[t \rightarrow 0]$ ,  $[y(t) \approx kx_0 t [1 - kt + \dots] \approx kx_0 t]$

(turning point) (early growth is linear) ↑

$$4/ \left[ \frac{dy}{dt} = k(x-y) = 0 \right] \leftarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow [kx_0 (1-kt) e^{-kt} = 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow [t = 1/k] \quad (\text{As known when } k_1 \rightarrow k_2)$$

$$5/ \left[ \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = k \frac{dx}{dt} - k \frac{dy}{dt} = -k^2 x < 0 \right]$$

(maximum)

$$6/ \text{ At } [t=1/k] \quad [y = x_0/e]$$

