

BEE 4750 Homework 2: Dissolved Oxygen

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Overview

Instructions

This assignment asks you to use a simulation model for dissolved oxygen to assess the impacts of two wastewater streams, including minimum treatment levels and the impact of uncertain environmental conditions. You will also be asked to identify a minimum distance for the addition of a third discharge stream.

Load Environment

The following code loads the environment and makes sure all needed packages are installed. This should be at the start of most Julia scripts.

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In [ ]: import Pkg
        Pkg.activate(@__DIR__)
        Pkg.instantiate()
```

Activating project at `~/Desktop/Cornell/Fall2023/BEE4750/hw02-jrmarcuse`

```
In [ ]: using Plots
        using LaTeXStrings
        using Distributions
```

Problems (Total: 40 Points)

A river which flows at 6 km/d is receiving waste discharges from two sources which are 15 km apart, as shown in [Figure 1](#). The oxygen reaeration rate is 0.55 day^{-1} , and the decay rates of CBOD and NBOD are 0.35 and 0.25 day^{-1} , respectively. The river's saturated dissolved oxygen concentration is 10m g/L.

Problem 1 (8 points)

If the characteristics of the river inflow and waste discharges are given in Table 1, write a Julia model to compute the dissolved oxygen concentration from the first wastewater discharge to an arbitrary distance d km downstream. Use your model to compute the maximum dissolved oxygen concentration up to 50km downstream and how far downriver this maximum occurs.

| Parameter | River Inflow | Waste Stream 1 | Waste Stream 2 |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Inflow | 100,000 L/d | 10,000 L/d | 15,000 L/d |
| DO Concentration | 7.5 mg/L | 5 mg/L | 5 mg/L |
| CBOD | 5 mg/L | 50 mg/L | 45 mg/L |
| NBOD | 5 mg/L | 35 mg/L | 35 mg/L |

Table 1: River inflow and waste stream characteristics for Problem 1.

```
In [ ]: #Function to determine Dissolved Oxygen Concentration x distance
#downstream given initial concentrations of DO, CBOD & NBOD in river
#and waste, and decay rate constants

# x is distance downstream. Cs is saturated DO conc, C0 is initial
#DO conc, B0 is initial CBOD conc, N0 is initial NBOD conc, ka is
#oxygen reaeration rate, kc is CBOD decay constant, kn is NBOD decay
#constant, U is river flow velocity

function dissolved_oxygen(x, Cs, C0, B0, N0, ka, kc, kn, U)
    a1 = exp(-ka*x/U)
    a2 = (kc/(ka-kc))*(exp(-kc*x/U)-a1)
    a3=(kn/(ka-kn))*(exp(-kn*x/U)-a1)
    C=(Cs*(1-a1))+(C0*a1)-(B0*a2)-(N0*a3)
    return C
end

#Function to find initial state (C0) given a mixing of a waste stream
#and river

#Cr is conc in River, Qr is flow rate of river
#Cw is conc in Waste, Qw is flow rate of waste

function initial_state(Cr,Qr,Cw,Qw)
    Cm=(Cr*Qr+Cw*Qw)/(Qr+Qw)
    return Cm
end

#Function to calculate CBOD or NBOD as a function of distance, x
#x is distance downstream, C0 is initial CBOD or NBOD conc,
#k is decay rate constant, U is river velocity
function BOD_conc(x,C0,k,U)
    C = C0*exp(-1*k*x/U)
    return C
end

#Function for a river with two waste stream inputs that outputs the DO,
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*#CBOD and NBOD concentrations as a function of distance from the first
waste stream input into the river*

*#xf is the distance downstream you want the array to stop at,
#Cs is saturated dissolved oxygen conc, d is distance between
waste streams, C0r is DO conc in river, B0r is CBOD conc in river,
#N0r is NBOD conc in river, Qr is river flow rate, #C0w1 is DO conc
in waste 1, B0w1 is CBOD conc in waste 1, N0w1 is NBOD conc in
waste 1, Qw1 is waste1 flow rate, C0w2 is DO conc in waste 2,
#B0w2 is CBOD conc in waste 2, N0w2 is NBOD conc in waste 2,
#Qw2 is waste2 flow rate, ka is oxygen reaeration rate, kc is
#CBOD decay constant, kn is NBOD decay constant, U is river
#flow velocity, x_step is the distance for every DO conc calculation*

```
function two_waste_streams(xf,Cs,d,C0r,B0r,N0r,Qr,C0w1,B0w1,N0w1,Qw1,C0w2,
    B0w2,N0w2,Qw2,ka,kc,kn,U,x_step)
#first get mixed concentration at x=0 where waste stream 1 is released
C1= initial_state(C0r,Qr,C0w1,Qw1);
B1= initial_state(B0r,Qr,B0w1,Qw1);
N1= initial_state(N0r,Qr,N0w1,Qw1);

#Then make list of values for DO, CBOD and NBOD conc from x=0 to x=d
DO_C =[dissolved_oxygen(x,Cs,C1,B1,N1,ka,kc,kn,U) for x in 0:x_step:d];
CBOD_C= [BOD_conc(x,B1,kc,U) for x in 0:x_step:d];
NBOD_C= [BOD_conc(x,N1,kn,U) for x in 0:x_step:d];

#Gets mixed concentration at x=d, where waste 2 is released
C2= initial_state(DO_C[length(DO_C)],Qr+Qw1,C0w2,Qw2);
B2= initial_state(CBOD_C[length(CBOD_C)],Qr+Qw1,B0w2,Qw2);
N2= initial_state(NBOD_C[length(NBOD_C)],Qr+Qw1,N0w2,Qw2);

#Then make list of values for DO, CBOD and NBOD conc from x=d to x=xf
DO_C2 = [dissolved_oxygen(x,Cs,C2,B2,N2,ka,kc,kn,U)
for x in 0:x_step:(xf-d)];
CBOD_C2= [BOD_conc(x,B2,kc,U) for x in 0:x_step:(xf-d)];
NBOD_C2= [BOD_conc(x,N2,kn,U) for x in 0:x_step:(xf-d)];

#Remove last value in these vectors as they will be the same as the  
#first value in the second vector
DO_C = DO_C[1:end-1];
CBOD_C = CBOD_C[1:end-1];
NBOD_C = NBOD_C[1:end-1];

#Stitch together the values from between the two waste streams and  
#after the second waste stream
DO_C = append!(DO_C,DO_C2);
CBOD_C = append!(CBOD_C,CBOD_C2);
NBOD_C = append!(NBOD_C,NBOD_C2);

#Plot the DO, CBOD and NBOD concentrations on the same graph with  
#x-values for distance
x_values = 0:x_step:xf
P = plot(x_values,DO_C,label="DO")
plot!(x_values,CBOD_C,label="CBOD")
plot!(x_values,NBOD_C,label="NBOD")
xlabel!("Distance Downstream (km)")
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ylabel!("Concentration (mg/L)")
title!("Distance vs Concentration")
#And a separate plot just for dissolved oxygen
P1 = plot(x_values,D0_C,label="D0",xlabel="Distance Downstream (km)",
ylabel="Concentration (mg/L)",title="Distance vs Concentration")

return D0_C, CBOD_C, NBOD_C, P, P1

end

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two_waste_streams (generic function with 1 method)

```

In [ ]: D0_C, CBOD_C, NBOD_C, P, P1 = two_waste_streams(50,10,15,7.5,5,5,100000,5,
50,35,10000,5,45,35,15000,0.55,0.35,0.25,6,0.1);

min_index=argmin(D0_C);
min_D0=D0_C[min_index];
min_index=min_index*0.1; #multiply by x_step to get kilometers

println("The minimum D0 Concentration is $min_D0 mg/L location at
$min_index km downstream of waste stream 1")

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The minimum D0 Concentration is 3.755700469829069 mg/L location at 22.400000000000002 km downstream of waste stream 1

Problem 2 (4 points)

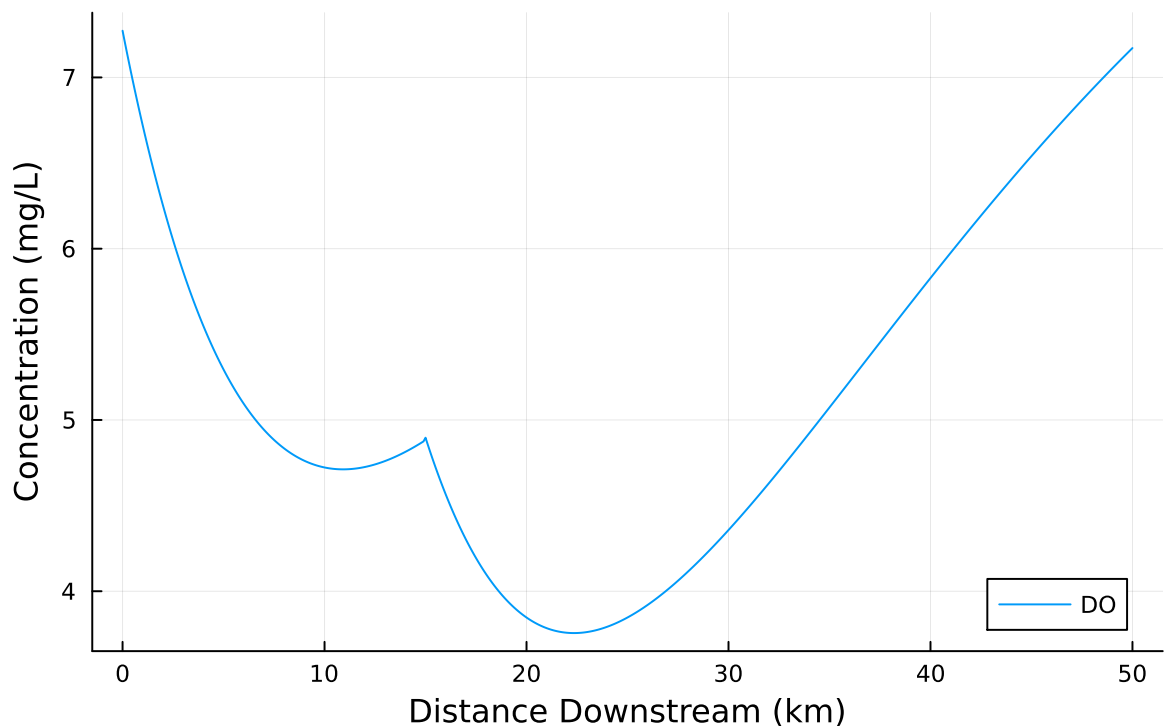
Use your model to plot the dissolved oxygen concentration in the river from the first waste stream to 50km downstream. What do you notice?

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In [ ]: #Call the function with all necessary inputs and then display the plot
#containing just the D0 curve
D0_C, CBOD_C, NBOD_C, P, P1 = two_waste_streams(50,10,15,7.5,5,5,100000,5,
50,35,10000,5,45,35,15000,0.55,0.35,0.25,6,0.1);
display(P1)

```

Distance vs Concentration



The DO concentration curves are continuous and the pattern shifts once the second waste stream is introduced. After each waste stream the DO levels dip down and begin to recover after a certain distance downstream.

Problem 3 (3 points)

Under the assumptions of Problem 1, determine the distance from waste stream 2 it will take for the dissolved oxygen concentration of the river to recover to 6 mg/L.

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In [ ]: DO_C, CBOD_C, NBOD_C, P, P1 = two_waste_streams(50,10,15,7.5,5,5,100000,
5,50,35,10000,5,45,35,15000,0.55,0.35,0.25,6,0.1);

#initialize i at the start of waste stream 2
i=150; #it is 10 times the amount due to the 0.1 x_step
while DO_C[i]<=6
    i=i+1
end

#calculate distance from waste stream 2
d=(i/10)-15;
return d
```

26.299999999999997

It will take 26.3km downstream of waste stream 2 for the DO to recover to a concentration of 6 mg/L.

Problem 4 (5 points)

What is the minimum level of treatment (% removal of organic waste) for waste stream 2 that will ensure that the dissolved oxygen concentration never drops below 4 mg/L, assuming that waste stream 1 remains untreated?

```
In [ ]: # % removal variable for organics in waste stream 2
#initialize while loop and percent removal variable
achieved=0;
pr=1; #This is actually a percent kept, percent removal is 1-pr

while achieved==0
    #total organics is a % removal of CBOD and NBOD for waste 1 inputs
    DO_C, CBOD_C, NBOD_C, P, P1 = two_waste_streams(50,10,15,7.5,5,5,
    100000,5,50,35,10000,5,pr*45,pr*35,15000,0.55,0.35,0.25,6,0.1);
    #check to see if any values in the DO vector are less than 4
    if any(x -> x<4, DO_C)
        pr=pr-0.001; #if it is,
                        #then reiterate with a greater percentage of removal
    else
        achieved=1;
    end
end

return 1-pr
```

0.11800000000000001

About 11.8% of the organics in waste stream 2 need to be removed to never have the DO concentration dip below 4mg/L

Problem 5 (5 points)

If both waste streams are treated equally, what is the minimum level of treatment (% removal of organic waste) for the two sources required to ensure that the dissolved oxygen concentration never drops below 4 mg/L?

```
In [ ]: # % removal variable for organics in waste stream 2
#initialize while loop and percent removal variable
achieved=0;
pr=1; #This is actually a percent kept, percent removal is 1-pr

while achieved==0
    #total organics is a % removal of CBOD and NBOD for both waste 1
    #and waste 2 inputs
    DO_C, CBOD_C, NBOD_C, P, P1 = two_waste_streams(50,10,15,7.5,5,5,
    100000,5,pr*50,pr*35,10000,5,pr*45,pr*35,15000,0.55,0.35,0.25,6,0.1);
    #check to see if any values in the DO vector are less than 4
    if any(x -> x<4, DO_C)
        pr=pr-0.001; #if it is,
                        #then reiterate with a greater percentage of removal
    else
        achieved=1;
    end
end
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end
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return 1-pr
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0.066000000000000006

The minimum % of removal if both waste streams are treated equally is 6.6% removed from each stream

Problem 6 (5 points)

Suppose you are responsible for designing a waste treatment plan for discharges into the river, with a regulatory mandate to keep the dissolved oxygen concentration above 4 mg/L. Discuss whether you'd opt to treat waste stream 2 alone or both waste streams equally. What other information might you need to make a conclusion, if any?

I would like to know the cost of removing a certain percentage of organics. The total amount of organics that would need to be removed if just treating waste stream 2 is $0.118(35+45)$ which is a total of 9.44 mg/L whereas if both streams are considered it is $0.066(50+35+45+35)$ which is a total of 10.89 mg/L of organic waste that needs to be removed. So if the cost is only a function of total organics removed I would choose to only treat the second waste stream. If the process of removing organics becomes increasingly more expensive per percent that you are removing, then maybe it would be cheaper to remove less from two separate streams than more from a single stream. And, if that was the case I would choose to remove from both waste streams.

Problem 7 (5 points)

Suppose that it is known that the DO concentrations at the river inflow can vary uniformly between 6 mg/L and 8 mg/L. How often will the treatment plan identified in Problem 5 (both waste streams treated equally) fail to comply with the regulatory standard?

```
In [ ]: pr = 1-0.066; #percent kept
count=0; #number of times it fails
count_i=0; #number of trials

for C0=6:0.01:8 #iterate the DO fluctuation from 6 to 8
    DO_C, CBOD_C, NBOD_C, P, P1 = two_waste_streams(50,10,15,C0,5,5,
    100000,5,pr*50,pr*35,10000,5,pr*45,pr*35,15000,0.55,0.35,0.25,6,0.1);
    if any(x -> x<4, DO_C) #tests if the treatment fails
        count=count+1;
    end
    count_i=count_i+1;
end

prob = count/count_i; #percent of times it fails
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return prob
```

0.736318407960199

The treatment will fail 73.6% of the time if the DO experiences this fluctuation using the treatment method from question 5.

Problem 8 (5 points)

A factory is planning a third wastewater discharge into the river downstream of the second plant. This discharge would consist of 5000 L/day of wastewater with a dissolved oxygen content of 4.5 mg/L and CBOD and NBOD levels of 50 and 45 mg/L, respectively.

Assume that the treatment plan you identified in Problem 5 is still in place for the existing discharges. If the third discharge will not be treated, under the original inflow conditions (7.5 mg/L DO), how far downstream from the second discharge does this third discharge need to be placed to keep the river concentration from dropping below 4 mg/L?

```
In [ ]: #Function for a river with three waste stream inputs that outputs the
#DO, CBOD and NBOD concentrations as a function of distance from the first
#waste stream input into the river

#xf is the distance downstream you want the array to stop at,
#Cs is saturated dissolved oxygen conc, d is distance between waste
#streams, C0r is DO conc in river, B0r is CBOD conc in river, N0r is
#NBOD conc in river, Qr is river flow rate, #C0w1 is DO conc in
#waste 1, B0w1 is CBOD conc in waste 1, N0w1 is NBOD conc in waste 1,
#Qw1 is waste1 flow rate, C0w2 is DO conc in waste 2, B0w2 is CBOD
#conc in waste 2, N0w2 is NBOD conc in waste 2, Qw2 is waste2 flow rate,
#ka is oxygen reaeration rate, kc is CBOD decay constant, kn is NBOD
#decay constant, U is river flow velocity, x_step is the distance for
#every DO conc calculation, C0w3 is DO conc in waste 3, B0w3 is CBOD
#conc in waste 3, N0w3 is NBOD conc in waste 3, Qw3 is waste3 flow rate,
#d2 is distance between waste stream 2 and 3

function three_waste_streams(xf,Cs,d,C0r,B0r,N0r,Qr,C0w1,B0w1,N0w1,Qw1,
C0w2,B0w2,N0w2,Qw2,ka,kc,kn,U,x_step,C0w3,B0w3,N0w3,Qw3,d2)
#first get mixed concentration at x=0 where waste stream 1 is released
C1= initial_state(C0r,Qr,C0w1,Qw1);
B1= initial_state(B0r,Qr,B0w1,Qw1);
N1= initial_state(N0r,Qr,N0w1,Qw1);

#Then make list of values for DO, CBOD and NBOD conc from x=0 to x=d
DO_C=[dissolved_oxygen(x,Cs,C1,B1,N1,ka,kc,kn,U) for x in 0:x_step:d];
CBOD_C= [BOD_conc(x,B1,kc,U) for x in 0:x_step:d];
NBOD_C= [BOD_conc(x,N1,kn,U) for x in 0:x_step:d];

#Gets mixed concentration at x=d, where waste 2 is released
C2= initial_state(DO_C[length(DO_C)],Qr+Qw1,C0w2,Qw2);
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B2= initial_state(CBOD_C[length(CBOD_C)],Qr+Qw1,B0w2,Qw2);
N2= initial_state(NBOD_C[length(NBOD_C)],Qr+Qw1,N0w2,Qw2);

#Then make list of values for DO, CBOD and NBOD conc from x=d to x=xf

D0_C2=[dissolved_oxygen(x,Cs,C2,B2,N2,ka,kc,kn,U) for x in 0:x_step:d2];
CBOD_C2= [BOD_conc(x,B2,kc,U) for x in 0:x_step:d2];
NBOD_C2= [BOD_conc(x,N2,kn,U) for x in 0:x_step:d2];

## Added piece for Q8 ##
#Gets mixed concentration at x=d2, where waste 3 is released
C3= initial_state(D0_C2[length(D0_C2)],Qr+Qw1+Qw2,C0w3,Qw3);
B3= initial_state(CBOD_C2[length(CBOD_C2)],Qr+Qw1+Qw2,B0w3,Qw3);
N3= initial_state(NBOD_C2[length(NBOD_C2)],Qr+Qw1+Qw2,N0w3,Qw3);

#Then make list of values for DO, CBOD and NBOD conc from x=d2 to x=xf

D0_C3 = [dissolved_oxygen(x,Cs,C3,B3,N3,ka,kc,kn,U)
for x in 0:x_step:(xf-d-d2)];
CBOD_C3= [BOD_conc(x,B3,kc,U) for x in 0:x_step:(xf-d-d2)];
NBOD_C3= [BOD_conc(x,N3,kn,U) for x in 0:x_step:(xf-d-d2)];
## End of added piece for Q8 ##

#Remove last value in these vectors as they will be the same as the
#first value in the next vector
D0_C = D0_C[1:end-1];
CBOD_C = CBOD_C[1:end-1];
NBOD_C = NBOD_C[1:end-1];
## Added piece for Q8 ##
D0_C2 = D0_C2[1:end-1];
CBOD_C2 = CBOD_C2[1:end-1];
NBOD_C2 = NBOD_C2[1:end-1];

#To append 3 vectors need to create a target vector and
#append each separately
D0_C0 = []
append!(D0_C0,D0_C);
append!(D0_C0,D0_C2);
append!(D0_C0,D0_C3);

CBOD_C0 = []
append!(CBOD_C0,CBOD_C);
append!(CBOD_C0,CBOD_C2);
append!(CBOD_C0,CBOD_C3);

NBOD_C0 = []
append!(NBOD_C0,NBOD_C);
append!(NBOD_C0,NBOD_C2);
append!(NBOD_C0,NBOD_C3);
## End of added piece for Q8 ##

#Plot the DO, CBOD and NBOD concentrations on the same graph with
#x-values for distance
x_values = 0:x_step:xf
P = plot(x_values,D0_C0,label="DO")
plot!(x_values,CBOD_C0,label="CBOD")

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    plot!(x_values,NBOD_C0,label="NBOD")
    xlabel!("Distance Downstream (km)")
    ylabel!("Concentration (mg/L)")
    title!("Distance vs Concentration")
    #And a separate plot just for dissolved oxygen
    P1 = plot(x_values,DO_C0,label="DO",xlabel="Distance Downstream (km)",
    ylabel="Concentration (mg/L)",title="Distance vs Concentration")

    return DO_C0, CBOD_C0, NBOD_C0, P, P1

end

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three_waste_streams (generic function with 1 method)

```

In [ ]: pr=1-0.066000000000000006;#percent kept according to problem 5 (no rounding)
d2=0; #initialize distance
achieved=0;

while achieved==0
    DO_C, CBOD_C, NBOD_C, P, P1 =
    three_waste_streams(50,10,15,7.5,5,5,100000,5,pr*50,pr*35,10000,5,
    pr*45,pr*35,15000,0.55,0.35,0.25,6,0.1,4.5,50,45,5000,d2);
    #check to see if at any point DO falls below 4
    if any(x -> x<4, DO_C)
        d2=d2+0.1; #iterate distance to be greater if it fails
    elseif d2>50 #this is here in case there is an issue,
        #and it tries to reiterate forever
        achieved=1;
    else
        achieved=1;
    end
end

return d2

```

10.299999999999998

The third discharge needs to be placed 10.3 km downstream of the second discharge to ensure the DO concentration never dips below 4 mg/L.

The following code block and graphs are to visually check that my answer and code makes sense.

```

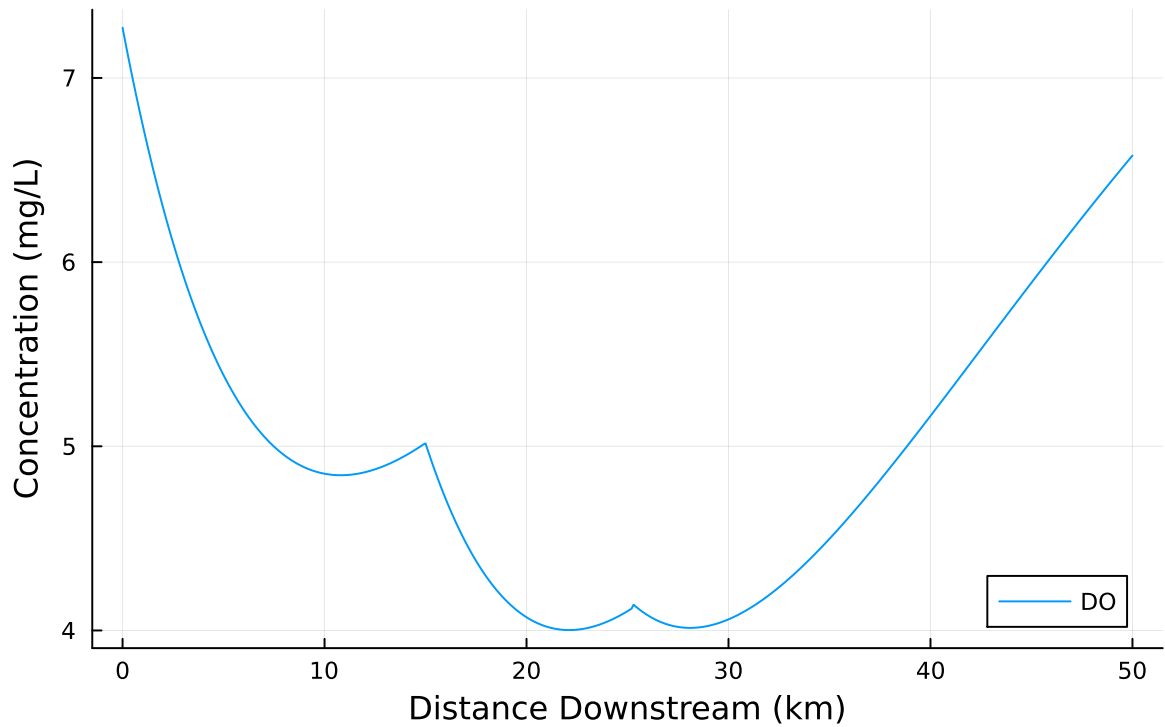
In [ ]: pr=1-0.066000000000000006;

DO_C, CBOD_C, NBOD_C, P, P1 =
three_waste_streams(50,10,15,7.5,5,5,100000,5,pr*50,pr*35,10000,5,pr*45,
pr*35,15000,0.55,0.35,0.25,6,0.1,4.5,50,45,5000,10.3);

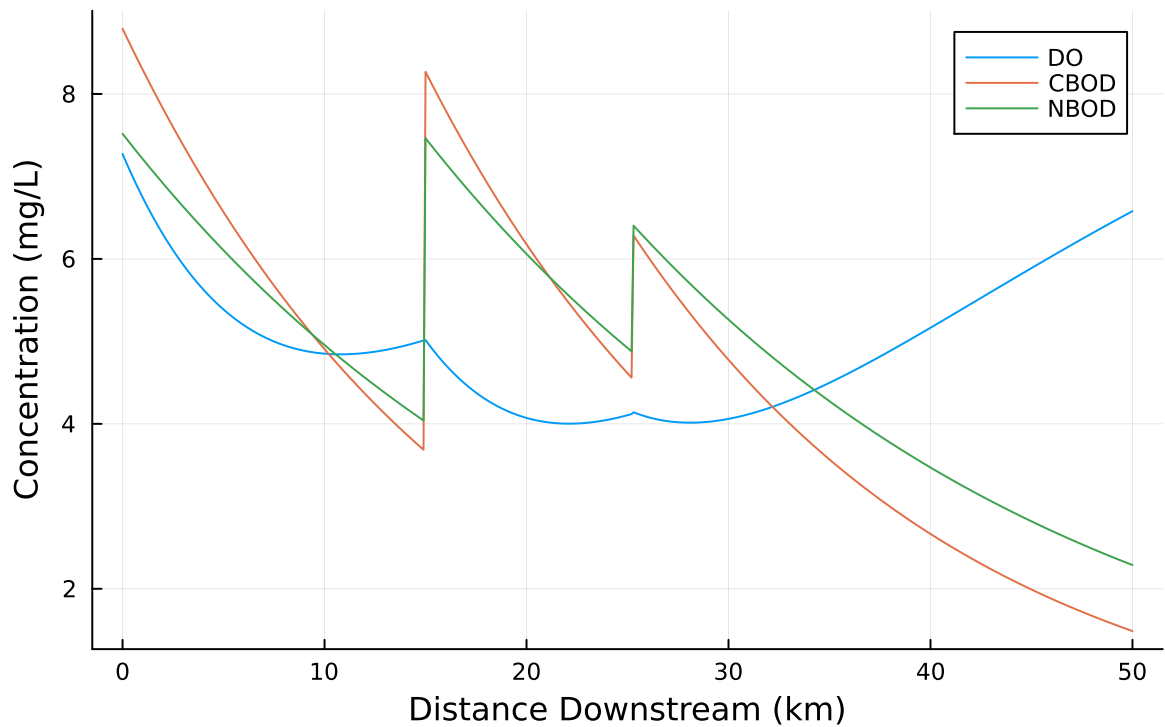
display(P1)
display(P)

```

Distance vs Concentration



Distance vs Concentration



As seen in the graphs the DO conc never dips below 4 mg/L and the CBOD and NBOD curves make sense as well due to their decay and added organic matter at waste streams.

References

List any external references consulted, including classmates.

I used stack overflow to help me with the following in Julia:

- the `append!` function for attaching two vectors
- the `if any()` function for searching the vector to see if it had anything less than 4
- `plot!` syntax for plotting multiple lines on the same axes

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions>