

# Math 383 Homework 1

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1. Let  $y(t)$  be the number of  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  atoms per gram of ordinary lead at time  $t$ . Let  $t_0$  be the time the pigment was manufactured and  $r$  the number of disintegrations of  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  per gram of ordinary lead per unit time.

- (a) Explain why the following equations should govern the change in the amount of  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  :

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\lambda y + r \text{ while in the ore, } \frac{dy}{dt} = -\lambda y \text{ after manufacture}$$

$\lambda$  is the decay constant for  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ .

Because during the period in the ore,  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  atoms and  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  atoms are in "radioactive equilibrium", in the other words,  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  atoms are decaying, but  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  atoms are changing to  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  atoms. After manufacture, all  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  are eliminated, thus the only atoms that are decaying will be  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ .

- (b) Measurements from a variety of ores over the earth's surface gave a range of values for the rate of disintegration of  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  per gram of

ordinary lead as

$$r = 0 - 200 \text{ per minute.}$$

*Show that it is reasonable to assume that*

$$\lambda_y(t_0) = r = 0 - 200 \text{ per minute.}$$

Since at  $t = t_0$ , it can be assumed that the atoms inside of the ore are  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  that are changing from  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  atoms. And the  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  atoms that was in the ore have already decayed. So at very beginning of the decay session after manufacture, the initial rate of change in the number of  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  atoms should be directly the rate of disintegration of  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  atoms.

(c) Solve subject to the initial condition

$$y(t_0) = r/\lambda$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dt} &= -\lambda y \\ \int \frac{1}{y} &= \int -\lambda dt \\ \ln y &= -\lambda t + C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R} \\ y(t) &= y_0 e^{-\lambda t}\end{aligned}$$

Let  $t = t_0$ , and given  $y(t_0) = r/\lambda$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{r}{\lambda} &= y_0 e^{-\lambda t_0} \\ y_0 &= \frac{r}{\lambda} * e^{-\lambda t_0}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$y(t) = \frac{r}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)}$$

(d) For the *Disciples at Emmaus* painting, it was measured that

$$-\frac{dy}{dt}(t) \simeq 8.5 \text{ per minute.}$$

Estimate  $t - t_0$  to decide if the painting can be 300 years old.

*From part(c), we have*

$$y(t) = \frac{r}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)}$$

*And from (4.10), with given value of  $\frac{dy}{dt}$*

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\lambda y \text{ after manufacture}$$

$$8.5 = -\lambda \frac{r}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)}$$

*With  $\lambda = \ln 2 / \tau$*

$$e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{\tau}(t-t_0)} = \frac{8.5}{r}$$

$$-\frac{\ln 2}{\tau}(t-t_0) = \ln \frac{8.5}{r}$$

$$t-t_0 = \frac{-\ln 8.5/r}{\ln 2} \tau$$

*Taking  $\tau = 300, r = 0.200$*

$$t-t_0 = 1366.92 (r = 0.200)$$

$$t-t_0 = 0 (r = 8.5 \text{ Half-life could not be less than } 0)$$

2. ... A drug therapy using RT (reverse transcriptase) inhibitors blocks infection, leading to  $k \simeq 0$ . Setting  $k = 0$  in (4.11), solve for  $T^*(t)$ , Substitute it into (4.12) and solve for  $V(t)$ . Show that the solution is

$$V(t) = \frac{V(0)}{c-\delta} [ce^{\delta t} - \delta e^{-ct}] \quad (1)$$

Solution:

With  $k = 0$ ,

$$\frac{dT^*}{dt} = 0 - \delta T^*$$

$$T^*(t) = T^*(0)e^{-\delta t}$$

Substitute  $T^*(t) = T^*(0)e^{-\delta t}$  into  $P(t)$

$$P(t) = N\delta T^*(0)e^{-\delta t}$$

Since the general solution to  $V(t)$  is

$$V(t) = V(0)e^{-ct} + \int_0^t e^{c\xi} P\xi d\xi$$

Substitute  $P(t)$  into  $V(t)$ ,

$$V(t) = V(0)e^{-ct} + \int_0^t e^{c\xi} N\delta T^*(0)e^{-\delta\xi} d\xi$$

Then we have

$$V(t) = V(0)e^{-ct} - \frac{N\delta T^*(0)}{c - \delta}(e^{-ct} - e^{-\delta t})$$

To find  $N\delta T^*(0)$ , assume equal clearance of production

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 0 = N\delta T^*(0)$$

$$cV(0) = N\delta T^*(0)$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} V(t) &= V(0)e^{-ct} - \frac{cV(0)}{c - \delta}(e^{-ct} - e^{-\delta t}) \\ &= \frac{V(0)}{c - \delta}[ce^{-\delta t} - \delta e^{-ct}] \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Protease inhibitors

(a) Solve (4.15), substituting it into Eq. (4.13) to show that the solution

for  $T^*(t)$  is, assuming  $T = T_0$  is a constant,

$$\begin{aligned} T^*(t) &= T^*(0)e^{-\delta t} + \frac{kT_0V_0(e^{-ct} - e^{-\delta t})}{\delta - c} \\ &= kV_0T_0[ce^{-\delta t} - \delta e^{-ct}]/[\delta(c - \delta)] \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\text{Since } \frac{d}{dt}V_I = -cV_I,$$

$$V_I = V_I(0)e^{-ct}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Substitute it into } \frac{dT^*(t)}{dt} \\ \frac{dT^*(t)}{dt} &= kV_IT - \delta T^* \\ &= kV_I(0)e^{-ct}T(t) - \delta T^*(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Substitute } T = T_0, V_I(0) = V_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT^*(t)}{dt} &= kV_0e^{-ct}T_0 - \delta T^*(t) \\ T^*(t) &= T^*(0)e^{-\delta t} + e^{-\delta t}kV_0T_0 \int_0^t e^{\delta \xi} \cdot e^{-c\xi} \\ &= T^*(0)e^{-\delta t} + \frac{kV_0T_0}{\delta - c}[(e^{-\delta t} \cdot e^{\delta t} \cdot e^{-ct}) - (e^{-\delta t})] \\ &= T^*(0)e^{-\delta t} + \frac{kT_0V_0(e^{-ct} - e^{-\delta t})}{\delta - c} \\ &= kV_0T_0[ce^{-\delta t} - \delta e^{-ct}]/[\delta(c - \delta)] \end{aligned}$$

(b) Substitue  $T^*(t)$  found in (a) into (4.14) to show:

$$V_{NI}(t) = \frac{cV_0}{c - \delta} \left[ \frac{c}{c - \delta} (e^{-\delta t} - e^{-ct}) - \delta t e^{-ct} \right]$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dV_{NI}}{dt} &= N\delta T^*(t) - cV_{NI} \\
V_{NI}(t) &= V_{NI}(0)e^{-ct} + e^{-ct} \int_0^t e^{c\xi} N\delta T^*(\xi) d\xi \\
&= V_{NI}(0)e^{-ct} + e^{-ct} \int_0^t \frac{e^{c\xi} N\delta k V_0 T_0 [ce^{-\delta\xi} - \delta e^{-c\xi}]}{\delta(c-\delta)} d\xi \\
&= V_{NI}(0)e^{-ct} + e^{-ct} \frac{N\delta k V_0 T_0}{\delta(c-\delta)} \int_0^t ce^{\xi(c-\delta)} - e^{c\xi}(1-\delta) d\xi \\
&= V_{NI}(0)e^{-ct} + e^{-ct} \frac{N\delta k V_0 T_0}{\delta(c-\delta)} \left[ \frac{ce^{t(c-\delta)} - c}{c-\delta} - \frac{(1-\delta)(e^{ct} - 1)}{c} \right] \\
&= V_{NI}(0)e^{-ct} + e^{-ct} \frac{N\delta k V_0 T_0}{(c-\delta)} \frac{c^2 e^{t(c-\delta)} - (c^2 - \delta^2) - e^{ct}(c-\delta) - \delta e^{ct}(c-\delta) + c - \delta}{c(c-\delta)} \\
&= \dots \text{ get lost, don't know where to go}
\end{aligned}$$

(c) Adding  $V_{NI}(t)$  and  $V_I(t)$ , show that the total virion concentration is given by

$$V(t) = V_0 e^{-ct} + \frac{cV_0}{c-\delta} \left[ \frac{c}{c-\delta} (e^{-\delta t} - e^{-ct}) - \delta t e^{-ct} \right]$$

Since from part(a), we have

$$V_I = V_0 e^{-ct}$$

from part(c), we have

$$V_{NI}(t) = \frac{cV_0}{c-\delta} \left[ \frac{c}{c-\delta} (e^{-\delta t} - e^{-ct}) - \delta t e^{-ct} \right]$$

Then put  $V_I$  and  $V_{NI}$  into the equation  $V = V_I + V_{NI}$ , we have

$$V(t) = V_0 e^{-ct} + \frac{cV_0}{c-\delta} \left[ \frac{c}{c-\delta} (e^{-\delta t} - e^{-ct}) - \delta t e^{-ct} \right]$$