

ANSWERS TO MA1506 TUTORIAL 5

Question 1

Following the standard equations for the Malthus Model [Chapter 3]:

$$\begin{aligned} N &= \hat{N}e^{kt}; N(0) = 10000 = \hat{N} \\ N(2.5) &= 10000e^{2.5k} = 11000 \\ \Rightarrow e^{2.5k} &= 1.1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2.5}\ln(1.1) \\ &= 0.0381 \\ N(10) &= 10000e^{10k} = 10000e^{10(0.0381)} \approx 14600 \\ 20000 &= 10000e^{kt} \rightarrow t = \frac{1}{k}\ln(2) \\ &= 18.18 \text{ hours} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2

The logistic equation has 3 kinds of solution, one increasing, one constant, and one decreasing. Since the number of bugs in this problem clearly increases, the relevant solution of the logistic equation is

$$N = \frac{N_{\infty}}{1 + \left(\frac{N_{\infty}}{\hat{N}} - 1\right)e^{-Bt}}$$

Here $\hat{N} = 200$, $B = 1.5$, so at $t = 2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} 360 &= \frac{N_{\infty}}{1 + \left(\frac{N_{\infty}}{200} - 1\right)e^{-1.5 \times 2}} \\ \Rightarrow 360 + \frac{360}{200}e^{-3}N_{\infty} - 360e^{-3} &= N_{\infty} \\ N_{\infty} &= \frac{360(1 - e^{-3})}{1 - \frac{360}{200}e^{-3}} \approx 376 \\ N(3) &= \frac{N_{\infty}}{1 + \left(\frac{N_{\infty}}{200} - 1\right)e^{-4.5}} \approx 372 \end{aligned}$$

Question 3 First compare 80 with $\frac{B^2}{4s}$.

From Question 2 we know $B = 1.5$ and $N_{\infty} = 376$, so $N_{\infty} = B/s \Rightarrow s = \frac{1.5}{376} \Rightarrow \frac{B^2}{4s} = 141$. This is the maximum number we can kill without causing extinction.

Setting $E = 80$,

$$\beta_1 = \frac{B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4Es}}{2s} = \frac{64}{312}.$$

Since the initial number of bugs was 200, which is between these two values, we see that the limiting number is $\beta_2 = 312$, since this is the stable equilibrium.

Question 4

We have $B_{\infty} = \frac{B}{s} = 194600$ so since $B = 0.09866$, $s = \frac{B}{N_{\infty}} = \frac{0.09866}{194600}$.
Maximum hunting rate is

$$\frac{B^2}{4s} = \frac{(0.09866)^2}{4 \times \frac{0.09866}{194600}} = 4800$$

Since $10000 > 4800$, birds are doomed.

Question 5

For the fish to survive a 10% downward fluctuation, we must have (in the extreme case)

$\beta_1 = 90\%$ β_2 i.e.

$$\frac{B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4Es}}{2s} = 0.9 \left[\frac{B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4Es}}{2s} \right]$$

$$B - \sqrt{\quad} = 0.9B + 0.9\sqrt{\quad}$$

$$0.1B = 1.9\sqrt{\quad}$$

$$0.01B^2 = 3.61(B^2 - 4Es) = 3.61B^2 - 14.44Es$$

$$14.44E = 3.6B^2/s$$

$$E = 0.2493074 \frac{B^2}{s}$$

$$= 0.997 \times \left(\frac{B^2}{4s} \right)$$

So a less than 1% drop in the catch below E^* will give a 10% margin of safety.

Question 6.

(a) We shall use the following s-Shifting property:

$$L(f(t)) = F(s) \Rightarrow L(e^{ct}f(t)) = F(s - c)$$

$$\therefore L(t^2) = \frac{2}{s^3} \Rightarrow \text{use } L(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$$

$$\therefore L(t^2 e^{-3t}) = L(e^{-3t} t^2) = \frac{2}{(s+3)^3}$$

(b) Here u denotes the Unit Step Function given by

$$u(t-a) \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < a \\ 1 & \text{if } t > a \end{cases}$$

We shall use the following t-Shifting property:

$$L(f(t)) = F(s) \Rightarrow L\{f(t-a)u(t-a)\} = e^{-as}F(s)$$

$$\text{Let } f(t-2) = t$$

$$\therefore f(t) = t+2$$

$$\therefore L(f(t)) = L(t+2) = L(t) + 2L(1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s}$$

$$\therefore L(tu(t-2)) = L\{f(t-2)u(t-2)\}$$

$$= e^{-2s}\left(\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s}\right)$$

Question 7. (a)

$$\frac{s}{s^2 + 10s + 26} = \frac{s}{(s+5)^2 + 1} = \frac{(s+5) - 5}{(s+5)^2 + 1}$$

$$\text{Let } F(s) = \frac{s-5}{s^2+1}$$

$$\therefore L^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{s^2+10s+26}\right) = L^{-1}(F(s+5))$$

$$= L^{-1}(F(s - (-5)))$$

$$= e^{-5t} L^{-1}(F(s)) \rightarrow \text{use s-shifting}$$

$$= e^{-5t} L^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{s^2+1} - \frac{5}{s^2+1}\right)$$

$$= e^{-5t} \left\{ L^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{s^2+1}\right) - 5L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2+1}\right) \right\}$$

$$= e^{-5t} (\cos t - 5 \sin t)$$

(b) Let $F(s) = \frac{1+2s}{s^3}$

$$= \frac{1}{s^3} + \frac{2}{s^2}$$

$$\therefore L^{-1}(F(s)) = \frac{t^2}{2} + 2t \quad \rightarrow \quad (\text{use } L(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}})$$

$$\text{Let } f(t) = \frac{t^2}{2} + 2t$$

Using t-shifting,

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1}(e^{-2s} \frac{1+2s}{s^3}) &= L^{-1}(e^{-2s} F(s)) \\ &= f(t-2)u(t-2) \\ &= \left\{ \frac{(t-2)^2}{2} + 2(t-2) \right\} u(t-2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(t^2 - 4)u(t-2) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 - 2 \right) u(t-2) \end{aligned}$$

Question 8. (a)

$$\text{Let } L(y(t)) = Y(s)$$

$$\text{We shall use } L(y'(t)) = sY(s) - y(0).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} L(y') &= L(tu(t-2)) \\ \Rightarrow sY(s) - 4 &= e^{-2s} \left(\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s} \right) \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= e^{-2s} \left(\frac{1+2s}{s^3} \right) + \frac{4}{s} \\ \therefore y(t) &= L^{-1}(Y(s)) \\ &= L^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \left(\frac{1+2s}{s^3} \right) \right\} + 4L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 - 2 \right) u(t-2) + 4 \\ &\quad (\text{by a previous question.}) \end{aligned}$$

(b) We shall use

$$L(y'') = s^2Y - sy(0) - y'(0)$$

We have

$$L(y'' - 2y') = L(4)$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 Y - sy(0) - y'(0) - 2\{sY - y(0)\} = \frac{4}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 Y - s - 2sY + 2 = \frac{4}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow (s^2 - 2s)Y = \frac{4}{s} + s - 2 = \frac{4 + s^2 - 2s}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y = \frac{s^2 - 2(s - 2)}{s^2(s - 2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s - 2} - \frac{2}{s^2}$$

$$\therefore y = L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s - 2} - \frac{2}{s^2}\right)$$

$$= e^{2t} - 2t$$

Question 9 Solution

Dividing the equation by $m_0 - \alpha t$ yields

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dv}{dt} &= -g + \frac{\alpha\beta}{m_0 - \alpha t} \\ \Rightarrow v(t) &= \int_0^t \left(-g + \frac{\alpha\beta}{m_0 - \alpha s} \right) ds + v(0)\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$v(t) = [-gs - \beta \ln(m_0 - \alpha s)] \Big|_{s=0}^{s=t} = -gt + \beta \ln \frac{m_0}{m_0 - \alpha t}$$

where we used the condition $0 \leq t < m_0/\alpha$ so that $m_0 - \alpha t > 0$.

Since the height $h(t)$ of the rocket satisfies $h(0) = 0$, we find

$$\begin{aligned}h(t) &= \int_0^t v(s) ds = \int_0^t \left(-gs + \beta \ln \frac{m_0}{m_0 - \alpha s} \right) ds \\ &= \left[-\frac{gs^2}{2} + \beta s \ln m_0 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} (m_0 - \alpha s) \ln \frac{m_0 - \alpha s}{e} \right]_{s=0}^{s=t} \\ &= \beta t - \frac{gt^2}{2} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha} (m_0 - \alpha t) \ln \frac{m_0}{m_0 - \alpha t}\end{aligned}$$