

Chapter 3Mathematical Models and Numerical Methods Involving First order EquationsSection 3.2Compartmental AnalysisGrowth and Decay

Example 1 The population of a certain city increases at a rate proportional to the number of inhabitants at any time. If the population doubles in 40 years, in how many years will it triple.

Solution Let P = population after t years.

Rate at which population changes $= \frac{dP}{dt} \propto P$

$$\therefore \frac{dP}{dt} = kP \quad (k = \text{constant})$$

$$\frac{dP}{P} = k dt \quad (\text{separable})$$

$$\text{Int: } \ln P = kt + C_0$$

$$\therefore P = e^{kt+C_0} = e^{kt} e^{C_0} = C e^{kt}, \quad C = e^{C_0}$$

Suppose at $t=0$, $P=P_0$ = initial population

$$P_0 = C e^{k(0)} \Rightarrow C = P_0$$

$$\therefore P = P_0 e^{kt}$$

When $t=40$, $P=2P_0$: $2P_0 = P_0 e^{k40}$

$$\therefore 2 = e^{40k}$$

$$e^k = 2^{1/40}$$

$$\therefore P = P_0 e^{kt} = P_0 (e^k)^t = P_0 (2^{1/40})^t = P_0 2^{t/40}$$

Let $P=3P_0$: $3P_0 = P_0 2^{t/40}$

$$3 = 2^{t/40}$$

$$\ln 3 = \ln(2^{t/40}) = \frac{t}{40} \ln 2$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{40 \ln 3}{\ln 2} \doteq 63.40 \text{ yrs}$$

Example 2 A mold grows at a rate proportional to the amount present. Initially there is 3oz of this mold, and 10hrs later there is 5oz. How much mold is there at the end of 1 day.

Solution Let P = amount of mold present at time t .

$$\text{Rate of growth} = \frac{dP}{dt} \propto P$$

$$\therefore P = C e^{kt}$$

$$\underline{t=0, P=3} \quad \rightarrow 3 = C e^{k(0)} \quad \Rightarrow C=3$$

$$P = 3e^{kt}$$

$$\underline{t=10, P=5} \quad \rightarrow 5 = 3e^{k(10)} \quad \Rightarrow e^k = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{1/10}$$

$$P = 3e^{kt} = 3(e^k)^t = 3\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{t/10}$$

$$\text{Hence, } P(24) = 3\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{24/10} \doteq 10.220715$$

Law of Radioactive Decay

The rate of decay of a radioactive substance is proportional, at any instant, to the amount of substance which is present.

Example At time $t=t_0$, Q_0 units of mass of a radioactive material are present while at time $t=t$, Q_1 units are present. Find the amount of material present at time $t > t_0$ + calculate the half-life τ of the material (i.e. the time it takes for half of the material to disintegrate).

Solution Let $Q(t)$ be the amount of material present at time t .

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} \propto Q \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dQ}{dt} = kQ \quad \Rightarrow \quad Q = C e^{kt}$$

$$\underline{Q(t_0) = Q_0} \quad Q_0 = C e^{kt_0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad C = Q_0 e^{-kt_0}$$

$$\therefore Q = Q_0 e^{-kt_0} e^{kt} = Q_0 e^{k(t-t_0)}$$

$$\underline{Q(t_1) = Q_1} \quad Q_1 = Q_0 e^{k(t_1-t_0)} \Rightarrow e^k = \left(\frac{Q_1}{Q_0} \right)^{1/(t_1-t_0)}$$

$$\text{Thus, } Q = Q_0 e^{k(t-t_0)}$$

$$= Q_0 [e^k]^{(t-t_0)}$$

$$= Q_0 \left[\left(\frac{Q_1}{Q_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{t_1-t_0}} \right]^{(t-t_0)}$$

$$= Q_0 \left(\frac{Q_1}{Q_0} \right)^{(t-t_0)/(t_1-t_0)}$$

Half-life = τ

If $Q(t_0) = Q_0$ then $Q(t_0 + \tau) = \frac{1}{2} Q_0$.

Let $t = t_0 + \tau$ and $Q = \frac{1}{2} Q_0$:

$$\frac{1}{2} Q_0 = Q_0 \left(\frac{Q_1}{Q_0} \right)^{(t_0 + \tau - t_0)/(t_1 - t_0)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{Q_1}{Q_0} \right)^{\tau/(t_1 - t_0)}$$

$$\text{Take ln's : } \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\tau}{(t_1 - t_0)} \ln\left(\frac{Q_1}{Q_0}\right)$$

$$\cancel{\ln} - \ln 2 = \frac{\tau}{(t_1 - t_0)} \ln \left[\left(\frac{Q_0}{Q_1} \right)^{-1} \right] = \frac{-\tau}{(t_1 - t_0)} \ln \left(\frac{Q_0}{Q_1} \right)$$

$$\therefore \tau = \frac{(t_1 - t_0) \ln 2}{\ln(Q_0/Q_1)}$$

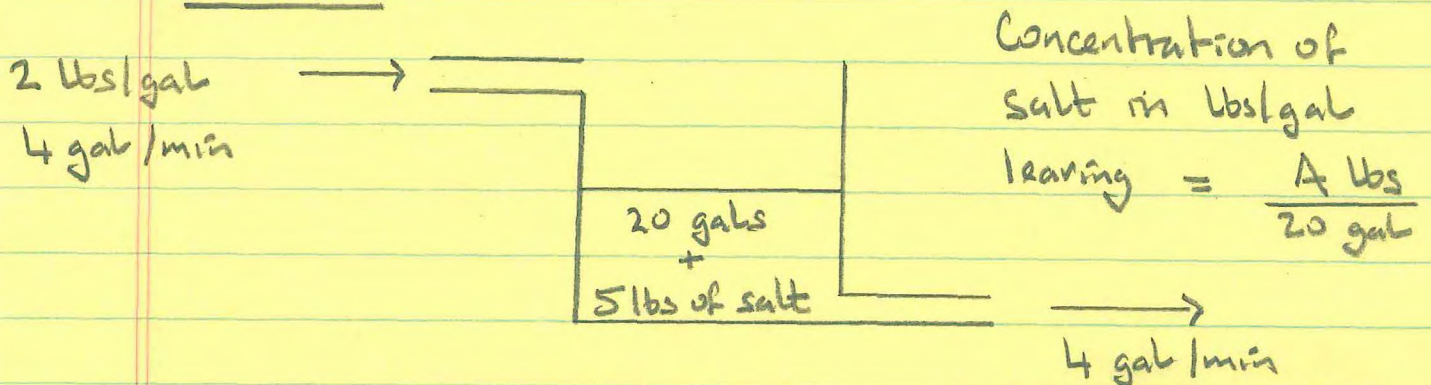
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Mixture Problems

Example 1 A tank is filled with 20 gals of brine in which is dissolved 5 lbs of salt. Brine containing 2 lbs of salt/gal enters at 4 gal/min & a well stirred mixture leaves at the same rate.

- (i) How much salt is in the tank at time $t > 0$.
- (ii) How much salt is in the tank at time $t = 10$ min.
- (iii) How much salt is in the tank after a long time.

Solution



Let $A(t)$ = amount of salt inside the tank at time t .

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \begin{array}{c} \text{rate at which} \\ \text{salt enters} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \text{rate at which} \\ \text{salt leaves} \end{array}$$

$$= \left(2 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{gal}} \right) \left(4 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \right) - \left(\frac{A}{20} \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{gal}} \right) \left(4 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \right)$$

$$= 8 - \frac{1}{5} A$$

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$$\therefore \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{1}{5} A = 8 \quad - \text{1st order linear}$$

$$P(t) = \frac{1}{5}, \quad \mu(t) = e^{\int \frac{1}{5} dt} = e^{t/5}$$

$$\therefore e^{t/5} \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{1}{5} e^{t/5} A = 8 e^{t/5}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{t/5} A) = 8 e^{t/5}$$

$$e^{t/5} A = \frac{8}{1/5} e^{t/5} + C$$

$$= 40 e^{t/5} + C$$

$$\therefore A = 40 + C e^{-t/5}$$

$$\underline{t=0, A=5}$$

$$5 = 40 + C(1) \Rightarrow C = -35$$

$$\therefore A = 40 - 35 e^{-t/5}$$

$$(ii) A(10) = 40 - 35 e^{-10/5} \doteq 35.26 \text{ lbs}$$

$$(iii) A(t) = 40 - 35 e^{-t/5} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 40 - 35(0) = 40 \text{ lbs}$$

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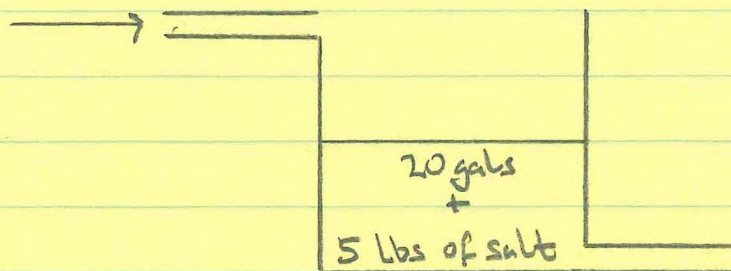
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Solution

2 lbs/gal
4 gal/min



Concentration of salt
in lbs/gal leaving

$$= \frac{A \text{ lbs}}{(20-t) \text{ gal}}$$

5 gal/min

Let $A(t)$ = amount of salt in the tank at time t .

Then, $\frac{dA}{dt}$ = rate at which salt enters - rate at which salt leaves

$$= \left(2 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{gal}}\right) \left(4 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) - \left(\frac{A \text{ lbs}}{20-t \text{ gal}}\right) \left(5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right)$$

$$= 8 - \frac{5}{20-t} A$$

$$\therefore \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{5}{20-t} A = 8 \quad - \text{1st order Linear}$$

$$P(t) = \frac{5}{20-t}, \quad \mu(t) = e^{\int \frac{5}{20-t} dt} = e^{-5 \int \frac{-1}{20-t} dt}$$

$$= e^{-5 \ln(20-t)} = (20-t)^{-5}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} + 5(20-t)^{-1} A = 8 \quad - \text{Mult. by } \mu$$

$$(20-t)^{-5} \frac{dA}{dt} + 5(20-t)^{-6} A = 8(20-t)^{-5}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt} [(20-t)^{-5} A] = 8(20-t)^{-5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Int} \quad (20-t)^{-5} A &= \int 8(20-t)^{-5} dt + C \\ &= \frac{8(20-t)^{-4}}{(-4)(-1)} + C \\ &= 2(20-t)^{-4} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A = 2(20-t) + C(20-t)^5$$

$$\underline{t=0, A=5} \quad 5 = 2(20) + C(20)^5 \Rightarrow C = \frac{-35}{(20)^5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 2(20-t) - \frac{35}{(20)^5} (20-t)^5 \\ &= 2(20-t) - 35 \left(\frac{20-t}{20} \right)^5 \\ &= 2(20-t) - 35 \left(1 - \frac{t}{20} \right)^5 \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) A(10) = 2(20-10) - 35 \left(1 - \frac{10}{20} \right)^5 = 18.875 \text{ lbs}$$

(iii) Tank does not hold solution after $t=20\text{min}$.

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