

Set - 2 : Compartment modelling of linear systems

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I. MODEL

The concentration $C(t)$ of pollutants in a lake follows the equation

$$\dot{C} = a - bC \quad (1)$$

where $a = FC_{in}/V$ and $b = F/V$. Here C_{in} is the constant pollutant concentration of inflow into the lake, F is the fixed volumetric flow rate and V is the fixed volume of the lake (as the lake also drains out).

The concentration $C(t)$ of pollutant is given by

$$C = C_{in} + (C_0 - C_{in})e^{-Ft/V} \quad (2)$$

A single dose of a medicine is administered to a patient. The dynamics of the medicine follows the equation $\dot{x} = -k_1x$, $x(0) = x_0$ in the GI tract, and $\dot{y} = k_1x - k_2y$, $y(0) = 0$ in the blood.

The amount of drug in GI tract is given by

$$x = x_0e^{-k_1t} \quad (3)$$

and the amount of drug in blood is given by

$$y = \frac{k_1x_0}{k_2 - k_1}(e^{-k_1t} - e^{-k_2t}) \quad (4)$$

However for the same values of rate constants k_1 and k_2 the above equations differ as

$$x = x_0e^{-kt} \quad (5)$$

$$y = kx_0te^{-kt} \quad (6)$$

A course of medicine is administered to a patient. The dynamics of the medicine follows the equation $\dot{x} = I - k_1x$, $x(0) = 0$ in the GI tract, and $\dot{y} = k_1x - k_2y$, $y(0) = 0$ in the blood stream.

The amount of drug in GI tract is given by

$$x = \frac{I}{k_1}(1 - e^{-k_1t}) \quad (7)$$

The amount of drug in blood is given by

$$y = \frac{I}{k_2}(1 - e^{-k_2t}) - \frac{I}{k_2 - k_1}(e^{-k_1t} - e^{-k_2t}) \quad (8)$$

However for the same values of rate constants k_1 and k_2 the above equations differ as

$$x = \frac{I}{k}(1 - e^{-kt}) \quad (9)$$

$$y = \frac{I}{k}[1 - (kt + 1)e^{-kt}] \quad (10)$$

II. RESULTS

A. Plot the concentration of pollutants in the lake

Fig. 1 shows the concentration of pollutants in the lake over time.

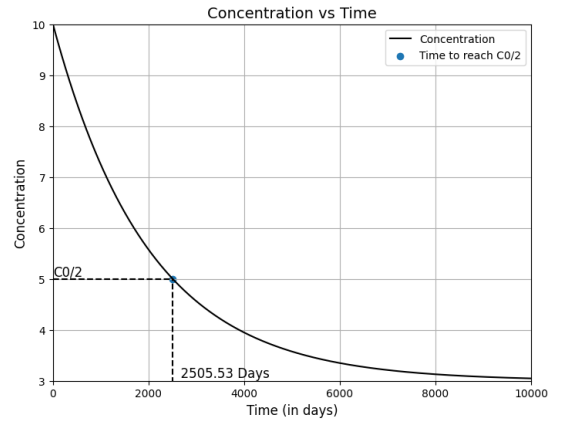


FIG. 1: Here $F = 5 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^3/\text{day}$, $V = 10^{12} \text{ m}^3$, $C_{in} = 3$ unit and $C(0) = C_0 = 10$ unit

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Fig. 2 shows the concentration of pollutants in the lake over time.

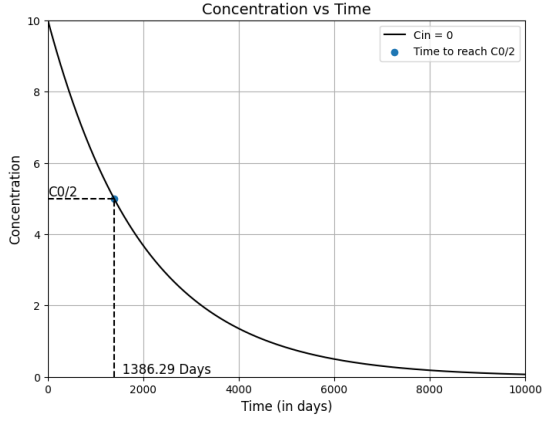


FIG. 2: Here $F = 5 \times 10^8 m^3/day$, $V = 10^{12} m^3$, $C_{in} = 0$ unit and $C(0) = C_0 = 10$ unit

The time taken for $C = 0.5C_0$ is **2505.53 days** when C_{in} is not zero. The time taken for $C = 0.5C_0$ is **1386.29 days** when C_{in} is zero.

B. Plot the amount of drug in a single dose of medicine

Fig. 3 shows the amount of drug in GI tract and blood stream with respect to time.

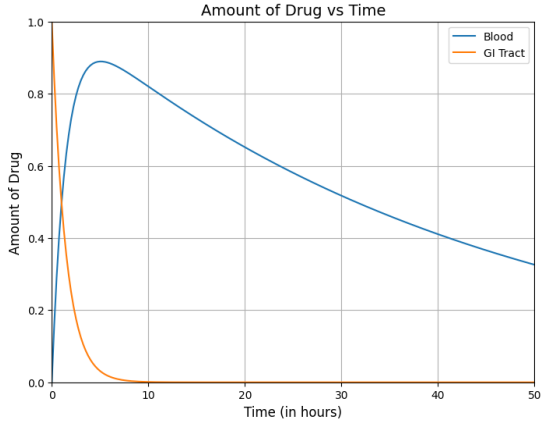


FIG. 3: Here $k_1 = 0.6931 \text{ hr}^{-1}$, $k_2 = 0.0231 \text{ hr}^{-1}$ and $I = 1$ unit.

The peak value of $y(t)$ is **0.889** units at **4.88 hours**.

Fig. 4 shows the amount of drug in GI tract and blood stream with respect to time when $k_1 = k_2 = 0.6931$.

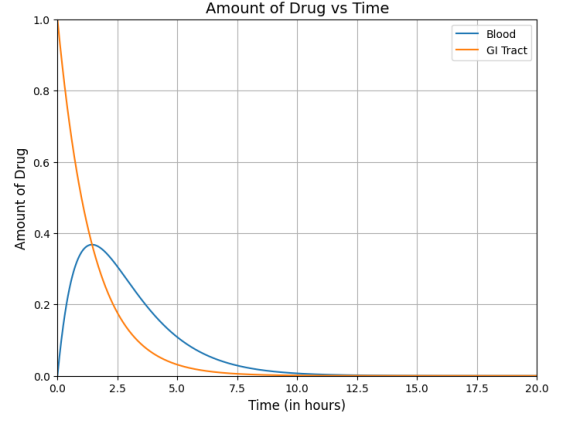


FIG. 4: Here $k_1 = k_2 = 0.6931 \text{ hr}^{-1}$ and $I = 1$ unit.

Fig. 5 shows the amount of drug in GI tract and blood stream with respect to time when $k_1 = k_2 = 0.0231$.

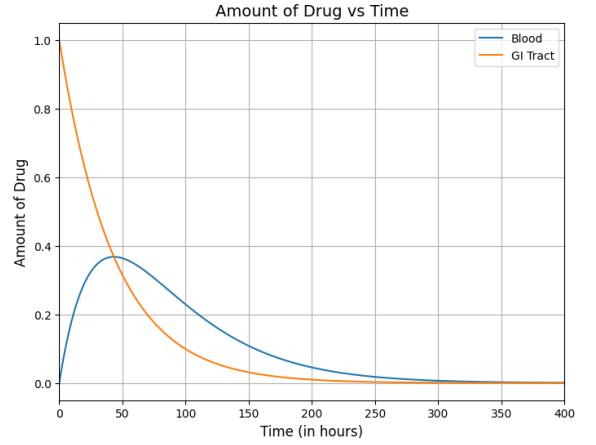


FIG. 5: Here $k_1 = k_2 = 0.0231 \text{ hr}^{-1}$ and $I = 1$ unit.

C. Plot the amount of drug in a course of medicine

Fig. 6 shows the amount of drug in GI tract with respect to time.

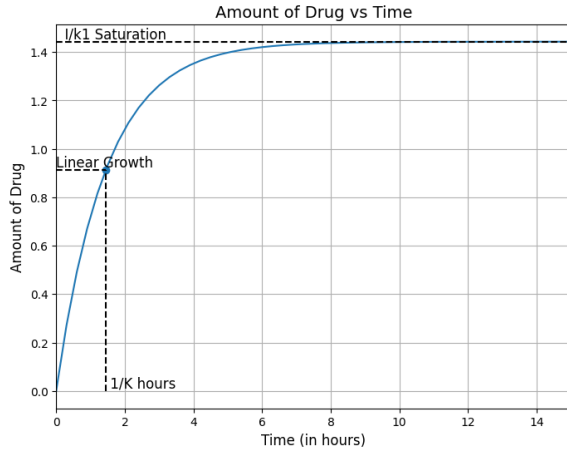


FIG. 6: $k_1 = 0.6931hr^{-1}$, $k_2 = 0.0231hr^{-1}$, $x_0 = 1 unit$, $y_0 = 0 unit$

The limiting value of $x(t)$ is **1.44** units and that of $y(t)$ is **43.29** units.

Fig. 7 shows the amount of drug in blood with respect to time.

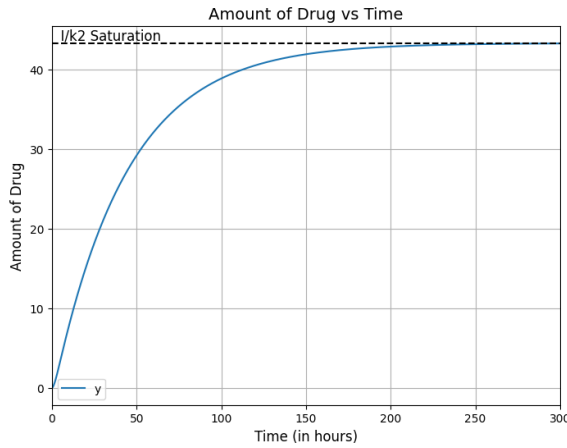


FIG. 7: $k_1 = 0.6931hr^{-1}$, $k_2 = 0.0231hr^{-1}$, $x_0 = 1 unit$, $y_0 = 0 unit$

Fig. 8 shows the amount of drug in GI tract with respect to time when $k_1=k_2$.

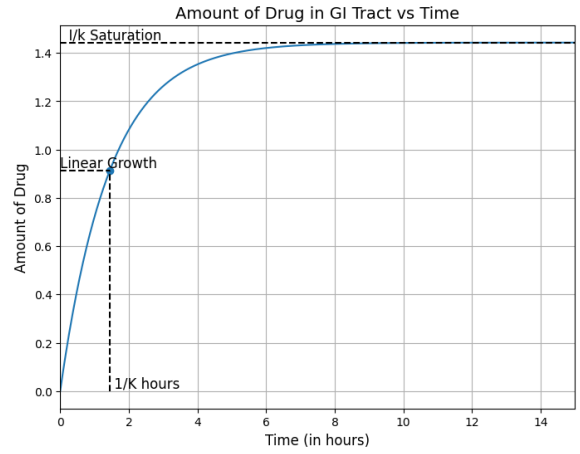


FIG. 8: $k_1 = k_2 = 0.6931hr^{-1}$, $x_0 = 1 unit$, $y_0 = 0 unit$

Fig. 9 shows the amount of drug in blood with respect to time when $k_1=k_2$.

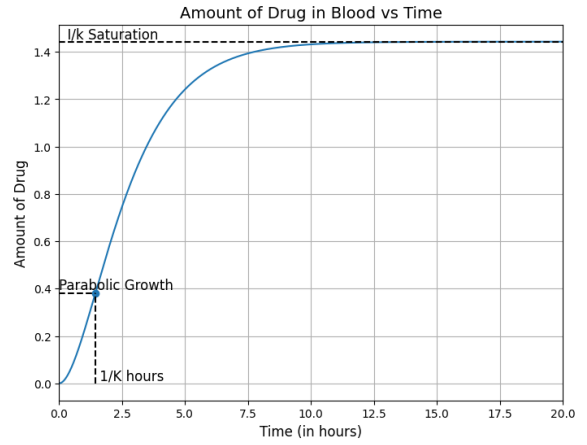


FIG. 9: $k_1 = k_2 = 0.6931hr^{-1}$, $x_0 = 1 unit$, $y_0 = 0 unit$

Fig. 10 shows the amount of drug in GI tract with respect to time when $k_1=k_2$.

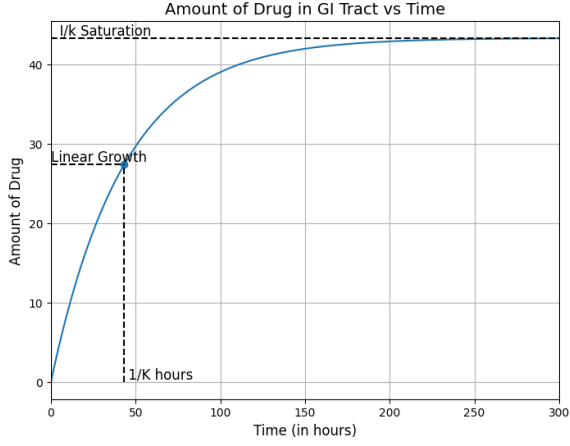


FIG. 10: $k_1 = k_2 = 0.0231hr^{-1}$, $x_0 = 1 unit, y_0 = 0 unit$

Fig. 11 shows the amount of drug in blood with respect to time when $k_1=k_2$.

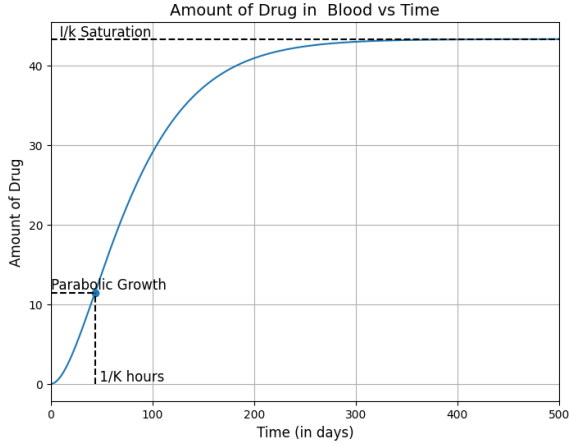


FIG. 11: $pk_1 = k_2 = 0.0231hr^{-1}$, $x_0 = 1 unit, y_0 = 0 unit$

III. CONCLUSIONS

- Based on the obtained results, it is clear that whether or not the inflow of pollutants is zero, the concentration of pollutants in the lake saturates to the value of C_{in} .
- In the case of a single dose of medicine, the concentration of medication in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract after a single dosage falls exponentially and converges to zero as t approaches infinity. In the meantime, the blood's medication concentration rises to its peak, falls exponentially, and eventually converges to zero. The values of K_1 and K_2 determine the convergence time.
- When a course of medication is taken, $K_1 = K_2 = k$ indicates that the drug concentrations in the GI tract and blood both converge to the same value. In this case, the value of K determines the convergence time.