

How chat helped me for exercise 7:

For question 2, this is what I asked:

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can you please help me modify the model equation , how can i
enhance it so that : import numpy as np
from scipy.integrate import odeint
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Define the NPD model
def npd_model(state, t, k, m, r):
    N, P, D = state
    dNdt = -k * N * P + r * D      # Nutrient changes
    dPdt = k * N * P - m * P      # Phytoplankton growth & mortality
    dDdt = m * P - r * D          # Detritus accumulation &
    remineralization
    return [dNdt, dPdt, dDdt]

# Parameters
k = 0.1  # Uptake rate
m = 0.05 # Mortality (lysis) rate
r = 0.02 # Remineralization rate

# Initial conditions: N0, P0, D0
state0 = [5.0, 0.1, 0.0] # mmol N m-3

# Time vector (e.g., 0 to 50 days)
t = np.linspace(0, 50, 200)

# Solve the ODE system
solution = odeint(npd_model, state0, t, args=(k, m, r))
N, P, D = solution.T

# Plot the results
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
plt.plot(t, N, 'b-', label='Nutrient (N)')
plt.plot(t, P, 'g-', label='Phytoplankton (P)')
plt.plot(t, D, 'r-', label='Detritus (D)')
plt.xlabel('Time (days)')
plt.ylabel('Concentration (mmol N m-3)')
plt.title('Nutrient-Phytoplankton-Detritus (NPD) Model')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show() Please tell me what I need to do so that I can do that
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This was the solution it gave me:

Sure! Let's first clarify what "enhance" means for your NPD model. Here are common enhancements for ecological models like this one, and I'll explain what they do and how to implement them in your code.

✓ 1. Add a Nutrient Input Source (e.g., from upwelling or runoff)

Why: In the real ocean, nutrients are not fixed — they can be replenished from external sources.

📖 Modify the `dNdt` equation:

Add a nutrient input term, e.g. `+ I`, where `I` is a constant nutrient input rate.

✏️ Modify the code:

Update the function signature and add a new parameter `I`:

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def npd_model(state, t, k, m, r, I):
    N, P, D = state
    dNdt = -k * N * P + r * D + I
    dPdt = k * N * P - m * P
    dDdt = m * P - r * D
    return [dNdt, dPdt, dDdt]
```

Update your parameter list:

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I = 0.05 # External nutrient input
solution = odeint(npd_model, state0, t, args=(k, m, r, I))
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✓ 2. Add a Carrying Capacity (to limit phytoplankton growth)

Why: Real phytoplankton don't grow infinitely even if nutrients are available.

📖 Use a logistic term:

Modify phytoplankton growth:

$$\text{growth term} = k \cdot N \cdot P \cdot \left(1 - \frac{P}{K_P}\right)$$

✏️ Modify the function:

Add `Kp` as the carrying capacity:

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def npd_model(state, t, k, m, r, I, Kp):
    N, P, D = state
    growth = k * N * P * (1 - P / Kp)
    dNdt = -growth + r * D + I
    dPdt = growth - m * P
    dDdt = m * P - r * D
    return [dNdt, dPdt, dDdt]
```

Then update parameters:

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Kp = 1.0 # Carrying capacity for phytoplankton
solution = odeint(npd_model, state0, t, args=(k, m, r, I, Kp))
```

✓ 3. Add a Detritus Sinking Loss (removal to deeper layers)

Why: In real ecosystems, detritus can sink and be lost from the surface system.

📖 Add a loss term:

$$\frac{dD}{dt} = m \cdot P - r \cdot D - s \cdot D$$

s is the sinking rate.

🔗 Code:

Update function again with s as a parameter.

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def npd_model(state, t, k, m, r, I, Kp, s):
    N, P, D = state
    growth = k * N * P * (1 - P / Kp)
    dNdt = -growth + r * D + I
    dPdt = growth - m * P
    dDdt = m * P - r * D - s * D
    return [dNdt, dPdt, dDdt]
```

Update parameters:

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s = 0.01 # Sinking rate
solution = odeint(npd_model, state0, t, args=(k, m, r, I, Kp, s))
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