

Assignment 5

Dimensionless form and types of cycles

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Convert a model of bacterial growth in a chemostat to dimensionless form

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dN}{dt} &= \left(\frac{K_{max}C}{K_N + C} \right) N - \frac{FN}{V} \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= -\alpha \left(\frac{K_{max}C}{K_N + C} \right) N - \frac{FC}{V} + \frac{FC_0}{V}\end{aligned}$$

First we need to define variables that split our variables (bacteria, nutrients, time) into a scalar and its dimensions:

- N^* , C^* , and t^* are the scalars
- \hat{N} , \hat{C} , and \hat{t} are the time-independent units such that $N = N^* \times \hat{N}$, $C = C^* \times \hat{C}$, and $t = t^* \times \hat{t}$ represent our measurements.

Therefore, we can re-write Eq as:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d(N^*\hat{N})}{d(t^*\hat{t})} &= \left(\frac{K_{max}(C^*\hat{C})}{K_N + (C^*\hat{C})} \right) (N^*\hat{N}) - \frac{F(N^*\hat{N})}{V} \\ \frac{d(C^*\hat{C})}{d(t^*\hat{t})} &= -\alpha \left(\frac{K_{max}(C^*\hat{C})}{K_N + (C^*\hat{C})} \right) (N^*\hat{N}) - \frac{F(C^*\hat{C})}{V} + \frac{FC_0}{V}\end{aligned}$$

We can now multiply both sides by \hat{t} , and divide by \hat{N} and \hat{C} obtaining:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dN^*}{dt^*} &= \hat{t}K_{max} \left(\frac{C^*}{\frac{K_N}{\hat{C}} + C^*} \right) N^* - \hat{t}\frac{F}{V}N^* \\ \frac{d(C^*\hat{C})}{d(t^*\hat{t})} &= \frac{-\alpha\hat{t}K_{max}\hat{N}}{\hat{C}} \left(\frac{C^*}{\frac{K_N}{\hat{C}} + C^*} \right) N^* - \hat{t}\frac{F}{V}C^* + \hat{t}\frac{FC_0}{V\hat{C}}\end{aligned}$$

Since V is in units of volume, and F represents a flow (*i.e.* volume over time), we can say that $\hat{t} = \frac{V}{F}$. This is also convenient to later re-write the system. By further setting $\hat{C} = K_N$ and $\hat{N} = \frac{\hat{C}}{\alpha\hat{t}K_{max}} = \frac{K_N}{\alpha\hat{t}K_{max}}$ we can re-write the system as:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dN}{dt} &= \left(\frac{K_{max}C}{K_N + C} \right) N - \frac{FN}{V} \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= -\alpha \left(\frac{K_{max}C}{K_N + C} \right) N - \frac{FC}{V} + \frac{FC_0}{V}\end{aligned}$$

Numerical simulation of a spring with no dampening

The model is described by:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = y, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = -Kx$$

