

The second order PDE

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[-r_p^2 D_g \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \right] = -2r_p k_{het} C \quad (1)$$

implies

$$-r_p^2 D_g \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2} = -2r_p k_{het} C \quad (2)$$

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$$\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2} = \left(\frac{2k_{het}}{r_p D_g} \right) C \quad (3)$$

which, by its form, gives the solution

$$\boxed{C = A_1 \exp(z \sqrt{2k_{het}/D_g r_p}) + A_2 \exp(-z \sqrt{2k_{het}/D_g r_p})} \quad (4)$$

because

$$C' = \sqrt{\frac{2k_{het}}{r_p D_g}} A_1 \exp(z \sqrt{2k_{het}/D_g r_p}) - \sqrt{\frac{2k_{het}}{r_p D_g}} A_2 \exp(-z \sqrt{2k_{het}/D_g r_p}), \quad (5)$$

leads to

$$\begin{aligned} C'' &= \frac{2k_{het}}{r_p D_g} A_1 \exp(z \sqrt{2k_{het}/D_g r_p}) + \frac{2k_{het}}{r_p D_g} A_2 \exp(-z \sqrt{2k_{het}/D_g r_p}) \\ &= \frac{2k_{het}}{r_p D_g} C = C''. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$