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- (a) The model of tumour growth under radiotherapy from time $t = 0$ to $t = t_1 > 0$ is given as

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = -C \log \left(\frac{C}{C_{max}} \right) - \frac{DC}{1+D}, \quad (6.1)$$

where, at time t , $C(t)$ is the size of the tumour, $C_{max} > 0$ is the maximum size of the tumour, a constant, so that $0 < C(t) \leq C_{max}$, and $D(t) \geq 0$ is the rate at which the drug is administered.

Now, making a change of variable

$$x = \log \left(\frac{C}{C_{max}} \right),$$

then (6.1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{dC}{dt} \cdot \frac{dx}{dC}, \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{dC}{dt} \cdot \frac{1}{C}, \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= \left[-C \log \left(\frac{C}{C_{max}} \right) - \frac{DC}{1+D} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{C}, \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= -\log \left(\frac{C}{C_{max}} \right) - \frac{D}{1+D}, \\ \text{thus, } \frac{dx}{dt} &= -x - \frac{D}{1+D}, \quad \text{where } -\infty < x \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) We are told that:

It is required to reduce the size of the tumour from C_0 at $t = 0$ to C_1 at $t = t_1$. Let $x_0 = \log(C_0/C_{max})$ and $x_1 = \log(C_1/C_{max})$. For the health of the patient, it is desired to minimise the total amount of drug administered, which is given by the functional

$$S[D] = \int_0^{t_1} dt D(t).$$

So, by expressing D in terms of x and $\dot{x} = dx/dt$ it should be possible to show that $S[D]$ may be written as

$$S[x] = - \int_0^{t_1} dt \frac{\dot{x} + x}{1 + \dot{x} + x}.$$

From part (a)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -x - \frac{D}{1+D}, \\ \dot{x} + x &= -\frac{D}{1+D}, \\ (\dot{x} + x)(1+D) &= -D, \\ (\dot{x} + x) + D(\dot{x} + x) &= -D, \\ D(\dot{x} + x) + D &= -(\dot{x} + x), \\ D(\dot{x} + x + 1) &= -\dot{x} - x, \\ D &= \frac{-\dot{x} - x}{\dot{x} + x + 1}.\end{aligned}$$

So

$$S[x] = - \int_0^{t_1} dt \frac{\dot{x} + x}{\dot{x} + x + 1} \quad \text{as required.}$$

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