

Problem 3: For a given model equation

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = r_B N(t) \left(1 - \frac{N(t)}{K_B} \right) - B \frac{N(t)^2}{A^2 + N(t)^2}$$

perform non-dimensional analysis to reduce the equation to the form

$$\frac{du}{d\tau} = ru \left(1 - \frac{u}{q} \right) - \frac{u^2}{1 + u^2}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} N &= [N]u \\ t &= [t]\tau \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{[N]}{[t]} \frac{du}{d\tau}$$

The model equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{[N]}{[t]} \frac{du}{d\tau} &= r_B [N]u \left(1 - \frac{[N]u}{K_B} \right) - B \frac{([N]u)^2}{A^2 + ([N]u)^2} \\ \frac{du}{d\tau} &= [t]r_B u \left(1 - \frac{[N]u}{K_B} \right) - [t]B \frac{[N]u^2}{A^2 + ([N]u)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Let $[N] = A$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{d\tau} &= [t]r_B u \left(1 - \frac{Au}{K_B} \right) - [t]B \frac{Au^2}{A^2 + A^2u^2} \\ &= [t]r_B u \left(1 - \frac{Au}{K_B} \right) - \frac{[t]B}{A} \frac{u^2}{1 + u^2} \end{aligned}$$

Let $[t] = \frac{A}{B}$

$$\frac{du}{d\tau} = \frac{r_B A}{B} u \left(1 - \frac{Au}{K_B} \right) - \frac{u^2}{1 + u^2}$$

Define $r = \frac{r_B A}{B}$ and $q = \frac{K_B}{A}$

$$\frac{du}{d\tau} = ru \left(1 - \frac{u}{q} \right) - \frac{u^2}{1 + u^2}$$