

Question No. 63

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Given:

$N(t)$ is the population density observed at time t

K is the rate of reproduction per unit time

The differential equation in terms of population density at time t and the time of calculation is given by,

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = K N(t)$$

Assumption:

Consider the value of K is independent with respect to time t

Method - 1:

From the given condition,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dN(t)}{dt} &= K N(t) \\ L\left(\frac{dN(t)}{dt}\right) &= L(K.N(t))\end{aligned}$$

Applying Laplace Transform on both sides,

$$\begin{aligned}sN(s) - N(0) &= K N(s) \\ sN(s) - K N(s) &= N_0 \\ N(s)(s - K) &= N_0 \\ N(s) &= \frac{N_0}{(s - K)}\end{aligned}$$

Applying Inverse Laplace Transform on both sides,

$$N(t) = N_0.e^{Kt} \quad (\text{a})$$

The time taken to double the population density w.r.t. initial population density is,

$$\begin{aligned} N(t) &= 2N_0 \\ \frac{N(t)}{N_0} &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

From (a),

$$\begin{aligned} e^{Kt} &= 2 \\ Kt &= \log_e 2 \\ t &= \frac{\log_e 2}{K} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{b})$$

Method - 2:

From the given condition,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN(t)}{dt} &= KN(t) \\ \frac{dN(t)}{N(t)} &= K dt \end{aligned}$$

Integrating on both the sides,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{N_0}^{N(t)} \frac{dN(t)}{N(t)} &= \int_0^t K dt \\
\log_e N(t) \Big|_{N_0}^{N(t)} &= K.(t - 0) \\
\log_e N(t) - \log_e N_0 &= K.t \\
\log_e \left(\frac{N(t)}{N_0} \right) &= K.t \\
\left(\frac{N(t)}{N_0} \right) &= e^{Kt} \\
N(t) &= N_0.e^{Kt} \tag{a}
\end{aligned}$$

The time taken to double the population density w.r.t. initial population density is,

$$\begin{aligned}
N(t) &= 2N(0) \\
\frac{N(t)}{N(0)} &= 2
\end{aligned}$$

From (a),

$$\begin{aligned}
e^{Kt} &= 2 \\
Kt &= \log_e 2 \\
t &= \frac{\log_e 2}{K} \tag{b}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the answers for (a) and (b) of the question are,

$$N(t) = N_0.e^{Kt} \tag{a}$$

$$t = \frac{\log_e 2}{K} \tag{b}$$