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## Question 1

(a) See figure 1

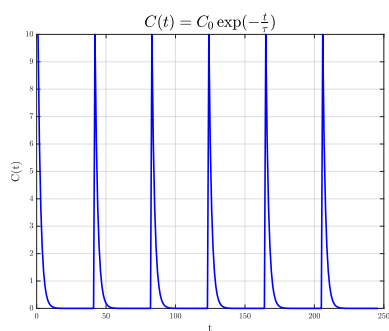


Figure 1

(b)  $f(t) = C_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$  with period  $T$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 &= \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T C_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} dt \\
 &= \frac{2C_0}{T} (-\tau) [e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}]_0^T \\
 &= -2C_0 \frac{\tau}{T} [e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}} - 1] \\
 &= 2C_0 \frac{\tau}{T} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}})
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\tau \ll T$  then  $e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}} \approx 0$  and  $a_0 \approx 2C_0 \frac{\tau}{T}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T C_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt \\ &= \frac{2C_0}{T} \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt \end{aligned}$$

Using integration by parts with  $u = \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T}$ ,  $du = -\frac{2k\pi}{T} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T}$  and  $dv = e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$ ,  $v = (-\tau)e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$ :

$$\int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt = (-\tau) \left[ e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} \right]_0^T - \frac{2k\pi\tau}{T} \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt$$

Using again integration by parts:

$$\int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt = (-\tau) \left[ e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T} \right]_0^T + \frac{2k\pi\tau}{T} \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2\right) \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt &= (-\tau) \left[ e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} \right]_0^T + \frac{2k\pi\tau^2}{T} \left[ e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T} \right]_0^T \\ &= (-\tau) \left[ e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} \right]_0^T + 0 \\ &= \tau(1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \\ \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt &= \frac{\tau}{1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting back into the expression found for  $a_k$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= 2C_0 \frac{\tau}{T} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \\ &= 2C_0 \frac{\tau T}{T^2 + (2k\pi\tau)^2} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \end{aligned}$$

With the same assumption  $\tau \ll T$  then  $e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}} \approx 0$  and  $a_k \approx 2C_0 \frac{\tau}{T} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2}$ .

Similarly to compute  $b_k$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_k &= \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T C_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt \\
&= \frac{2C_0}{T} \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt \\
&= \frac{2C_0}{T} \frac{2k\pi\tau}{T} \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt \\
&= \frac{2C_0}{T} \frac{2k\pi\tau}{T} \frac{\tau}{1 + (\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T})^2} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \\
&= 4C_0 k\pi \frac{\tau^2}{T^2 + (2k\pi\tau)^2} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}})
\end{aligned}$$

Once again, since  $e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}} \approx 0$  then  $b_k \approx 4C_0(\frac{\tau}{T})^2 \frac{1}{1 + (\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T})^2} \pi k$

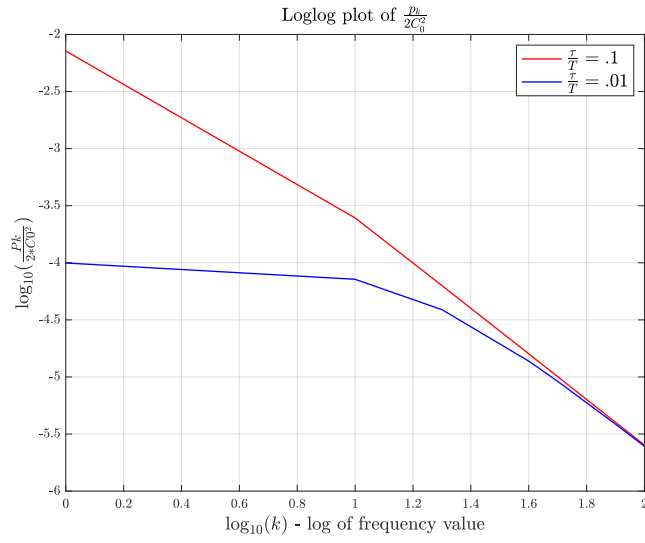
(c) For  $k \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
p_k &= \frac{1}{2}(a_k^2 + b_k^2) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ 4C_0^2 \left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(1 + (\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T})^2)^2} + 16C_0^2 \left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^4 \frac{1}{(1 + (\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T})^2)^2} \pi^2 k^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} 4C_0^2 \left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(1 + (\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T})^2)^2} \left[ 1 + 4\left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \pi^2 k^2 \right] \\
&= 2C_0^2 \left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(1 + (\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T})^2)^2} \left[ 1 + 4\left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \pi^2 k^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

(d) We have

$$\frac{p_k}{2C_0^2} = \left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(1 + (\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T})^2)^2} \left[ 1 + 4\left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \pi^2 k^2 \right]$$

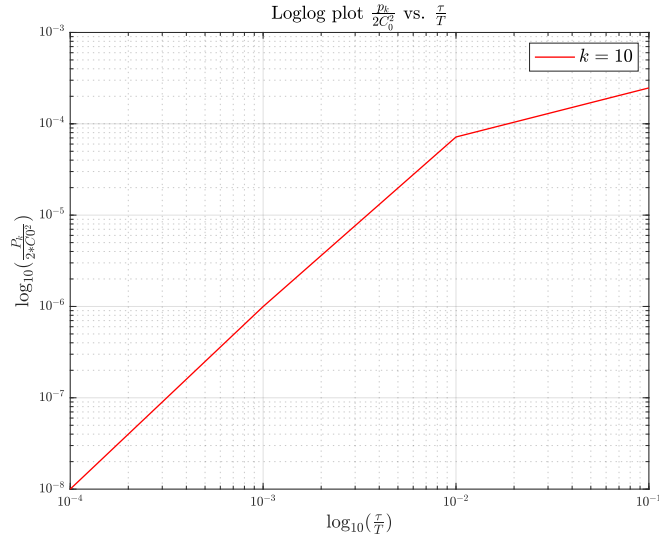
From the plot we can see that the power  $\frac{p_k}{2C_0^2}$  decreases as the frequency increases. Power is close to 0 starting with a frequency of 10. Looking at the plot, as the pulse  $\tau$ , becomes narrower, the power decreases linearly. For a greater  $\frac{\tau}{T}$ , the power starts at a higher value until an inflection point corresponding to frequency of 10 ( $1 = \log_{10}(10)$  on the graph). Also for a higher  $\frac{\tau}{T}$ , the steepest the decrease in power. Eventually the two curves combine in one curve around a frequency of 2 ( $2 = \log_{10}(100)$  on the graph).



(e) As the pulses  $\tau$  narrow or decrease the power decreases: see below loglog plot of power  $\frac{p_k}{2C_0^2}$  vs.  $\frac{\tau}{T}$  for a frequency  $k = 10$

(f) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_k \cos\left(\frac{k2\pi t}{T}\right) + b_k \sin\left(\frac{k2\pi t}{T}\right) &= \cos(\phi_k) \cos\left(\frac{k2\pi t}{T}\right) + \sin(\phi_k) \sin\left(\frac{k2\pi t}{T}\right) \\
 &= \cos\left(\frac{k2\pi t}{T} - \phi_k\right)
 \end{aligned}$$



where

$$\begin{aligned} \tan(\phi_k) &= \frac{\sin(\phi_k)}{\cos(\phi_k)} = \frac{b_k}{a_k} = 4C_0\left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2} \pi k \left(2C_0 \frac{\tau}{T} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2}\right)^{-1} \\ &= 2\frac{\tau}{T}\pi k \\ \phi_k &= \arctan\left(2\frac{\tau}{T}\pi k\right) \end{aligned}$$

For  $\frac{\tau}{T} = .1$ ,  $\phi_1 \approx 32.14^\circ$  and  $\phi_2 \approx 51.48^\circ$  and for  $\frac{\tau}{T} = .01$ ,  $\phi_1 \approx 3.59^\circ$  and  $\phi_2 \approx 7.16^\circ$

If we imagine a clock with a hand that turns at constant speed, making a full turn every  $T$  seconds, and is pointing straight up at time  $t = 0$  when the plasma rises to  $C_0$ . The phase  $\phi_k$  is then the angle from the 12 : 00 position to the current position and indicates how far is the next rise in plasma concentration to  $C_0$ . For the same frequency (either  $k = 1$  or  $k = 2$ ), with a larger pulse we are closer to the next substance release.

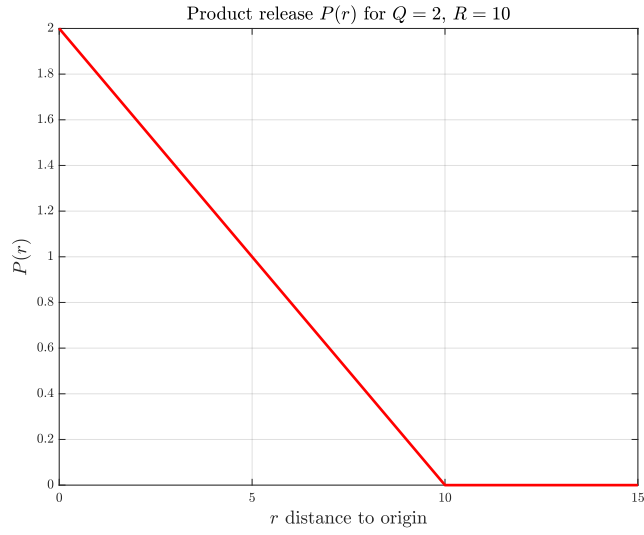
## Question 2

- (a) One simple way to describe  $P(r)$  is to define it as  $P(r) = Ar + B$  with the conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot 0 + B &= Q \\ A \cdot R + B &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

which gives  $A = -\frac{Q}{R}$  and  $B = Q$ . So

$$P(r) = \begin{cases} Q(1 - \frac{r}{R}) & \text{for } 0 \leq r \leq R \\ 0 & \text{for } r > R \end{cases}$$



- (b) Since we assume no angular dependence:  $\nabla^2 C = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 \frac{dC}{dr})$ , the differential equation is now:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 \frac{dC(r)}{dr}) + P(r) &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 \frac{dC(r)}{dr}) &= -\frac{r^2}{D} P(r) \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Inside the cell  $P(r) = Q(1 - \frac{r}{R})$ , so we have to solve the differential equation:

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dr}\left(r^2\frac{dC(r)}{dr}\right) &= -\frac{r^2}{D}Q\left(1 - \frac{r}{R}\right) \\ &= \frac{Q}{DR}r^2(r - R) \\ &= \frac{Q}{DR}r^3 - \frac{Q}{D}r^2\end{aligned}$$

Integrating once

$$\begin{aligned}r^2\frac{dC(r)}{dr} &= \frac{Q}{4DR}r^4 - \frac{Q}{3D}r^3 + A \\ \frac{dC(r)}{dr} &= \frac{Q}{4DR}r^2 - \frac{Q}{3D}r + \frac{A}{r^2}\end{aligned}$$

Integrating again

$$C_i(r) = \frac{Q}{12DR}r^3 - \frac{Q}{6D}r^2 - \frac{A}{r} + B \quad A, B: \text{constants}, C_i: \text{inside cell concentration}$$

Outside the cell  $P(r) = 0$  and we want to solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(r^2\frac{dC(r)}{dr}\right) = 0$$

Which by integration gives

$$\begin{aligned}r^2\frac{dC(r)}{dr} &= C_1 \\ \frac{dC(r)}{dr} &= \frac{C_1}{r^2} \\ C_o(r) &= -\frac{C_1}{r} + C_2 \quad C_1, C_2: \text{constants}, C_o: \text{outside cell concentration}\end{aligned}$$

(d) Applying the boundary conditions

(i)

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} C_i(r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{Q}{12DR}r^3 - \frac{Q}{6D}r^2 - \frac{A}{r} + B \right)$$

since  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} C_i(r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( -\frac{1}{r} + B \right) = \infty$  therefore to have finite concentration  $C_i(r)$  at  $r = 0$  we need  $A = 0$



(ii)

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} C_o(r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{C_1}{r} + C_2 \right) = C_2$$

The concentration goes to zero at infinity implies  $C_2 = 0$

(iii) We have now for  $C_i(r)$  and  $C_o(r)$ :

$$C_i(r) = \frac{Q}{12DR}r^3 - \frac{Q}{6D}r^2 + B$$

$$C_o(r) = -\frac{C_1}{r}$$

$C_i(R) = C_o(R)$  and  $\frac{dC_i(r)}{dr} = \frac{dC_o(r)}{dr}|_{r=R}$  yields

$$\frac{Q}{12DR}R^3 - \frac{Q}{6D}R^2 + B = -\frac{C_1}{R}$$

$$\frac{Q}{4D}R - \frac{Q}{3D}R = \frac{C_1}{R^2}$$

Rearranging

$$-\frac{Q}{12D}R^2 + B = -\frac{C_1}{R}$$

$$-\frac{Q}{12D}R = \frac{C_1}{R^2}$$

which gives

$$B = \frac{Q}{6D}R^2$$

$$C_1 = -\frac{Q}{12D}R^3$$

substituting back

$$C_i(r) = \frac{Q}{12DR}r^3 - \frac{Q}{6D}r^2 + \frac{Q}{6D}R^2$$

$$= \frac{Q}{6D} \left[ \frac{r^3}{2R} - r^2 + R^2 \right]$$

$$C_o(r) = \frac{Q}{12D}R^3 \frac{1}{r}$$

(e) Knowing that within the cell since  $P(r)$  has maximum value  $Q$  at  $r = 0$  and then it is zero for  $r > R$ , we are looking for the value of  $r$  for which

$$\frac{dC_i(r)}{dr} = 0:$$

$$\frac{dC_i(r)}{dr} = \frac{Q}{4DR}r^2 - \frac{Q}{3D}r = \frac{Q}{D}r\left(\frac{r}{4R} - \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

By the nature of the problem, the maximum concentration is at  $r = 0$ :

$$C_M = \frac{Q}{6D}R^2$$

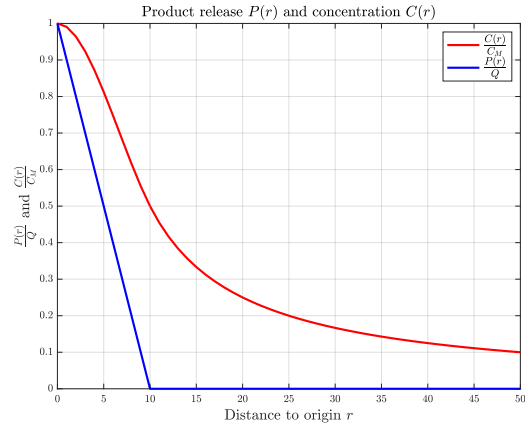
Inside the cell

$$\begin{aligned} C_i(r) &= \frac{Q}{6D}\left(\frac{1}{2}\frac{r^3}{R} - r^2 + R^2\right) \\ \frac{C_i(r)}{C_M} &= \frac{6D}{Q}R^{-2}\frac{Q}{6D}\left(\frac{1}{2}\frac{r^3}{R} - r^2 + R^2\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

And outside the cell

$$\begin{aligned} C_o(r) &= \frac{Q}{12D}R^3\frac{1}{r} \\ \frac{C_o(r)}{C_M} &= \frac{6D}{Q}R^{-2}\frac{Q}{12D}R^3\frac{1}{r} \\ &= \frac{R}{2r} \end{aligned}$$

When the diffusion constant is doubled, the curve  $\left\{\frac{C_i(r)}{C_M}, \frac{C_o(r)}{C_M}\right\}$  stays the same since this curve does not depend on the diffusion constant  $D$ . See figure below.



However for arbitrary values of  $Q$ ,  $R$ , and  $D$  ( $Q = 1, R = 10, D = 1$ ), when the diffusion constant  $D$  is doubled, the concentration curve is at a lower level compared to the same concentration curve related to a diffusion constant  $D$  as you can expect based on the expressions of  $C_i(r)$  and  $C_o(r)$  obtained above:

