

TAKE HOME PROJECT 1

(a) The rates of change of  $C_e$  (free) and  $C_m$  (trapped) are given by the differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dC_e}{dt} = k_1 C_p - (k_2 + k_3) C_e + k_4 C_m \\ \frac{dC_m}{dt} = k_3 C_e - k_4 C_m \end{cases}$$

And initial concentrations are assumed to be zero:

$$C_e(0) = C_m(0) = 0$$

Rearranging the terms of the differential equations gives:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dC_e}{dt} + (k_2 + k_3) C_e - k_4 C_m = k_1 C_p \\ -k_3 C_e + \frac{dC_m}{dt} + k_4 C_m = 0 \end{cases}$$

Taking the Laplace transform for both equations gives:  
(using the Laplace transform formula for a first derivative)

$$\begin{cases} (s + k_2 + k_3) \bar{C}_e(s) - k_4 \bar{C}_m(s) = k_1 \bar{C}_p(s) \\ -k_3 \bar{C}_e(s) + (s + k_4) \bar{C}_m(s) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Since

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dC_e}{dt}\right\} = s \bar{C}_e(s) - C_e(0) = s \bar{C}_e(s) - 0 = s \bar{C}_e(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dC_m}{dt}\right\} = s \bar{C}_m(s) - C_m(0) = s \bar{C}_m(s) - 0 = s \bar{C}_m(s)$$

Now we put the equations in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} s+k_2+k_3 & -k_4 \\ -k_3 & s+k_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_e(s) \\ \bar{C}_m(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \bar{C}_p(s) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $\bar{C}_e(s)$  and  $\bar{C}_m(s)$ , Cramer's rule gives:

$$\bar{C}_e(s) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} k_1 \bar{C}_p(s) & -k_4 \\ 0 & s+k_4 \end{vmatrix}}{D} \quad \bar{C}_m(s) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} s+k_2+k_3 & k_1 \bar{C}_p(s) \\ -k_3 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{D}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } D &= \begin{vmatrix} s+k_2+k_3 & -k_4 \\ -k_3 & s+k_4 \end{vmatrix} = (s+k_2+k_3)(s+k_4) - k_3 k_4 \\ &= s^2 + (k_2+k_3+k_4)s + (k_2+k_3)k_4 - k_3 k_4 \\ &= s^2 + (k_2+k_3+k_4)s + k_2 k_4 \end{aligned}$$

The roots of this quadratic expression are:

$$r_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -(k_2+k_3+k_4) - \sqrt{(k_2+k_3+k_4)^2 - 4k_2 k_4} \right]$$

$$r_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -(k_2+k_3+k_4) + \sqrt{(k_2+k_3+k_4)^2 - 4k_2 k_4} \right]$$

Thus  $D = (s-r_1)(s-r_2)$

We have a solution for  $C_e$  and  $C_m$  in  $s$ -space and we need an expression for  $C_i = C_e + C_m$  in  $t$ -space; so we have to take the inverse Laplace transform.

But first we need a nice form for  $\bar{C}_e(s)$  and  $\bar{C}_m(s)$  so we can look it up in a Laplace transform table.

$$\bar{C}_e(s) = K_1 \bar{C}_p(s) \frac{s+k_4}{(s-r_1)(s-r_2)}$$

We then use a partial fraction expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s+k_4}{(s-r_1)(s-r_2)} &= \frac{A}{s-r_1} + \frac{B}{s-r_2} \\ &= \frac{A(s-r_2) + B(s-r_1)}{(s-r_1)(s-r_2)} \\ &= \frac{(A+B)s - Ar_2 - Br_1}{(s-r_1)(s-r_2)} \end{aligned}$$

By equating powers of  $s$  in the numerator

$$s^1: A+B=1$$

$$s^0: -Ar_2 - Br_1 = k_4$$

$$\Rightarrow B = 1-A \text{ and } -Ar_2 - (1-A)r_1 = k_4$$

$$\Rightarrow A(r_1 - r_2) - r_1 = k_4$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{k_4 + r_1}{r_1 - r_2}$$

$$B = 1 - A = 1 - \frac{k_4 + r_1}{r_1 - r_2}$$

$$= - \frac{k_4 + r_2}{r_1 - r_2}$$

Thus we have  $\bar{C}_e(s) = \frac{k_1 \bar{C}_p(s)}{r_1 - r_2} \left[ \frac{k_4 + r_1}{s - r_1} - \frac{k_4 + r_2}{s - r_2} \right]$

$$= \frac{k_1(k_4 + r_1)}{r_1 - r_2} \times \frac{1}{(s - r_1)} \times \bar{C}_p(s)$$

$$- \frac{k_1(k_4 + r_2)}{r_1 - r_2} \times \frac{1}{(s - r_2)} \times \bar{C}_p(s)$$

The Laplace transform of the convolution is:

$$\mathcal{L} \left[ \int_0^t f(t') g(t-t') dt' \right] = \bar{f}(s) \bar{g}(s)$$

We set  $\bar{f}(s) = \bar{C}_p(s)$  and  $\bar{g}(s) = \frac{1}{s - r_1}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(\bar{f}(s)) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\bar{C}_p(s)) = C_p(t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(\bar{g}(s)) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s - r_1}\right) = e^{r_1 t}$$

We get then

$$\mathcal{L} \left[ \int_0^t C_p(t') e^{r_1(t-t')} dt' \right] = \frac{C_p(s)}{s - r_1}$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform on both sides of the previous equation, we have:

$$\int_0^t c_p(t') e^{r_1(t-t')} dt' = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{c_p(s)}{s-r_1} \right\}$$

Similarly  $\int_0^t c_p(t') e^{r_2(t-t')} dt' = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{c_p(s)}{s-r_2} \right\}$

Now we take the inverse Laplace transform of  $\bar{c}_e(s)$  using the previous two results:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \bar{c}_e(s) \right\} = c_e(t) = \frac{k_1(k_4+r_1)}{r_1-r_2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{c_p(s)}{s-r_1} \right\} - \frac{k_1(k_4+r_2)}{r_1-r_2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{c_p(s)}{s-r_2} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_e(t) = \frac{k_1(k_4+r_1)}{r_1-r_2} \int_0^t c_p(t') e^{r_1(t-t')} dt' - \frac{k_1(k_4+r_2)}{r_1-r_2} \int_0^t c_p(t') e^{r_2(t-t')} dt'$$

Next we follow the same steps for  $c_m(t)$ :

$$\bar{c}_m(s) = k_1 k_3 \frac{c_p(s)}{(s-r_1)(s-r_2)}$$

The partial fraction expansion is  $\bar{c}_m(s) = \frac{k_1 k_3 \bar{c}_p(s)}{r_1-r_2} \left[ \frac{1}{s-r_1} - \frac{1}{s-r_2} \right]$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform on both sides

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{\bar{C}_m(s)\} = C_m(t) = \frac{k_1 k_3}{r_1 - r_2} \left[ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{\bar{C}_p(s)}{s - r_1}\right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{\bar{C}_p(s)}{s - r_2}\right\} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow C_m(t) = \frac{k_1 k_3}{r_1 - r_2} \int_0^t C_p(t') e^{r_1(t+t')} dt' - \frac{k_1 k_3}{r_1 - r_2} \int_0^t C_p(t') e^{r_2(t+t')} dt'$$

$$C_i(t) = C_e(t) + C_m(t)$$

$$= \left( -\frac{k_1(k_4 + r_2)}{r_1 - r_2} - \frac{k_1 k_3}{r_1 - r_2} \right) \int_0^t C_p(t') e^{r_2(t+t')} dt' + \left( \frac{k_1(k_4 + r_2)}{r_1 - r_2} + \frac{k_1 k_3}{r_1 - r_2} \right) \int_0^t C_p(t') e^{r_1(t+t')} dt'$$

$$= \left( -\frac{k_1}{r_1 - r_2} \right) (k_3 + k_4 + r_2) \int_0^t C_p(t') e^{r_2(t+t')} dt' + \frac{k_1}{r_1 - r_2} (k_3 + k_4 + r_1) \int_0^t C_p(t') e^{r_1(t+t')} dt'$$

In the associated paper by Brooks

$$\alpha_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ k_2 + k_3 + k_4 \mp \sqrt{(k_2 + k_3 + k_4)^2 - 4 k_2 k_4} \right]$$

we see that:  $\alpha_1 = -r_2$

$$\alpha_2 = -r_1$$

Substitute the alphas back into  $C_i(t)$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_i(t) &= \frac{k_1(k_3+k_4-\alpha_1)}{\alpha_2-\alpha_1} \int_0^t e^{-\alpha_1(t-t')} C_p(t') dt' \\
 &\quad + \frac{k_1(\alpha_2-k_3-k_4)}{\alpha_2-\alpha_1} \int_0^t e^{-\alpha_2(t-t')} C_p(t') dt' \\
 &= A \int_0^t e^{-\alpha_1(t-t')} C_p(t') dt' + B \int_0^t e^{-\alpha_2(t-t')} C_p(t') dt'
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $A = k_1(k_3+k_4-\alpha_1)/(\alpha_2-\alpha_1)$

$B = k_1(\alpha_2-k_3-k_4)/(\alpha_2-\alpha_1)$

When  $k_4 \ll k_2+k_3$  the two terms above simplify to:

$A \approx k_1 k_3 / (k_2+k_3)$

$B \approx k_1 k_2 / (k_2+k_3)$