

Sample Work

Differential Equations: Applied Problems

Exponential decay, Newton's law of cooling, and mixing-tank models

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(PART A)

(Q:1) Let A = amount of lead

then

$$\frac{dA}{dt} \propto A \Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dt} = kA$$

This gives $A(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$

Given that initially 1 gram of isotope is present, so $A_0 = 1$

So $A(t) = (1) e^{kt} \Rightarrow A(t) = e^{kt}$

Also given half life is 3.3 hours

So $A(t) = \frac{1}{2} A_0$ $t = 3.3$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{2} A_0 = A_0 e^{k(3.3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = e^{3.3k}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3.3k = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{3.3}$$

OR $k = \frac{-\ln(2)}{3.3}$

So

$$A(t) = e^{\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{3.3}\right)t}$$

Now we need to find time it will take for 90% of lead to decay, So after 90% decay, 10% will remain

So

$$A(t) = 10\% = 0.10$$

So

$$0.1 = e^{\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{3.3}\right)t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(0.1) = \left(-\frac{\ln 2}{3.3}\right)t$$

OR

$$t = \frac{3.3 \ln(0.1)}{\ln(2)}$$

OR

$$t \approx 10.96$$

So it will take 10.96 hours for 90% of lead to decay.

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Q:2 Let $T(t)$ is the temperature

$$\text{So } \frac{dT}{dt} = K(T - T_i)$$

Air temperature is 5°F So $T_i = 5$

$$\text{So } \frac{dT}{dt} = K(T - 5)$$

Using Separation of variables

$$\int \frac{dT}{T-5} = \int K dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|T-5| = Kt + C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow T-5 = e^{Kt+C_1}$$

$$\hookrightarrow T(t) = 5 + Ce^{Kt}$$

$$\text{Given } T(1) = 55 \Rightarrow 55 = 5 + Ce^K$$

$$\Rightarrow 50 = Ce^K \Rightarrow C = 50e^{-K}$$

$$\text{Also } T(5) = 30 \Rightarrow 30 = 5 + Ce^{5K}$$

$$\Rightarrow 25 = 50e^{-K} \cdot e^{5K} \Rightarrow \frac{25}{50} = e^{4K}$$

$$\text{This gives } \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 4K \Rightarrow K = -\frac{\ln 2}{4}$$

$$\text{So } C = 50e^{-\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{4}\right)} = 50e^{\ln(2^{1/4})} = 50(2)^{1/4}$$

$$\text{So } T(t) = 5 + 50(2)^{1/4} e^{\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{4}\right)t}$$

$$\text{Now } T(0) = 5 + 50(2)^{1/4} \cdot e^0 \Rightarrow T(0) \approx 64.46$$

So initial temperature was approximately 64.46°F

Q:3

There are two containers A & B.
Let $T(t)$ = temperature of bar.

Then $\frac{dT}{dt} = K(T - T_m)$

Find temperature of bar in container A.

initially $T_{m_A} = 0$ So $\frac{dT_A}{dt} = K T_A$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dT_A}{T_A} = \int K dt \Rightarrow \ln |T_A| = Kt + C$$

$$\Rightarrow T_A = C e^{Kt}$$

Given $T_A(0) = 100 \Rightarrow 100 = C e^0 \Rightarrow C = 100$

$$\text{So } T_A = 100 e^{Kt}$$

And $T_A(1) = 90 \Rightarrow 90 = 100 e^K \Rightarrow K = \ln\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)$

So Temperature of bar in container A is $\left(\ln \frac{9}{10}\right)t$

$$T_A(t) = 100 e^{\left(\ln \frac{9}{10}\right)t}$$

After two minutes, in container A,

$$T_A(2) = 100 e^{\left(\ln \frac{9}{10}\right)(2)} \approx 81$$

When this bar is taken to container B, after two minutes, then in container B,

initial temperature of bar is $T_B(0) = T_A(2) = 81$

Now find $T_B(t)$.

initially $\frac{dT_B}{dt} = k(T_B - T_{B,M})$
temperature of container B is 100°C
So $T_{B,M} = 100$

So $\frac{dT_B}{dt} = k(T_B - 100)$
Solving this DE $\Rightarrow \int \frac{dT_B}{T_B - 100} = \int k dt$

$$\hookrightarrow \ln|T_B - 100| = kt + C$$

$$\Rightarrow T_B(t) = 100 + C e^{kt}$$

$$T_B(0) = 81 \Rightarrow 81 = 100 + C e^0 \Rightarrow C = -19$$

$$\text{So } T_B(t) = 100 - 19 e^{kt}$$

Given $T_B(1) = 10^\circ + 81^\circ = 91$ As temperature
of bar in container B after one
minute rises to 10°C

$$\text{Now, } T_B(1) = 100 - 19 e^k = 91$$

$$\Rightarrow -9 = -19 e^k \Rightarrow k = \ln\left(\frac{9}{19}\right)$$

$$\text{So } T_B(t) = 100 - 19 e^{t \ln \frac{9}{19}}$$

Temperature of the bar will reach 99.9°C when

$$T_B(t) = 99.9$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 - 19 e^{t \ln \frac{9}{19}} = 99.9$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 - 99.9 = 19 e^{t \ln \frac{9}{19}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.1 = 19 e^{t \ln \frac{9}{19}}$$

$$\frac{0.1}{19} = e^{t \ln \frac{9}{19}}$$

$$\Rightarrow t \ln\left(\frac{9}{19}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{0.1}{19}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{0.1}{19}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{9}{19}\right)} \approx 7.022$$

So Bar is placed 2 minutes in container A and 7.022 minutes in container B.

So Total time taken by the bar to reach 99.9°C is $2 + 7.022 = 9.022$ minutes

Q:4 $A(t)$ = amount of salt is time t .

$$\text{input rate} = \left(1 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{L}}\right) \left(4 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{min}}\right) = 4 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{min}}$$

$$\text{Output rate} = \left(4 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{min}}\right) \left(\frac{A(t)}{200}\right) = \frac{A(t)}{50}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{dA}{dt} = 4 - \frac{A}{50} \Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dt} = -\frac{1}{50}(A - 200)$$

initially 30 grams are dissolved

$$\text{So } A(0) = 30$$

Using Separation of variables

$$\int \frac{dA}{A-200} = \int -\frac{1}{50} dt$$

$$\ln |A-200| = -\frac{t}{50} + C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow A-200 = e^{-\frac{t}{50} + C_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(t) = 200 + Ce^{-\frac{t}{50}}$$

~~As~~ As $A(0) = 30$

$$\text{So } 30 = 200 + Ce^{-0}$$

$$\hookrightarrow C = -170$$

So

$$A(t) = 200 - 170 e^{-\frac{t}{50}}$$

(Q:5) $A(t)$ = amount of salt in t time
Initially there is pure water So

$$A(0) = 0$$

$$\text{input rate} = (2 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}})(5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}) = 10 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{min}}$$

$$\text{output rate} = (\frac{A}{500} \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}})(5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}) = \frac{A}{100}$$

So $\frac{dA}{dt} = 10 - \frac{A}{100} \Rightarrow A(t) = -\frac{1}{100}(A - 100)$

Using Separation of variables,

$$\int \frac{dA}{A-100} = -\int \frac{1}{100} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|A-100| = -0.01t + C$$

This gives $A(t) = 100 + Ce^{-0.01t}$

Using $A(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 100 + Ce^0 \Rightarrow C = -100$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{A(t) = 100 - 100e^{-0.01t}}$$

Q:6 we have $A(t) = 100 - 100 e^{-0.01t}$

So $C(t) = \frac{A(t)}{500} = \frac{100 - 100 e^{-0.01t}}{500}$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{C(t) = 0.2 - 0.2 e^{-0.01t} \quad \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}}}$$

After 5 min

$$C(5) = 0.2 - 0.2 e^{-0.01(5)} \Rightarrow \boxed{C(5) = 0.00975 \quad \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}}}$$

And $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (C(t)) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (0.2 - 0.2 e^{-0.01t})$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (C(t)) = 0.2 \quad \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{gal}}} \quad \leftarrow \text{In long Run}$$

Limiting values = 0.2 So half of limiting value = 0.1

Now $0.1 = 0.2 - 0.2 e^{-0.01t}$

$$\Rightarrow -0.1 = -0.2 e^{-0.01t} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = e^{-0.01t}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -0.01t$$

$$\hookrightarrow t = \frac{\ln(1/2)}{-0.01}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{t \approx 69.3 \text{ min}}$$