

3. Lake Pollution Model :- Lake pollution model is concerned with the pollution in the lake and rivers that has become a major problem particularly over the last 50 years. This model can be considered as a compartmental model with a single compartment, the lake. It can be represented in the form of the following compartmental diagram.

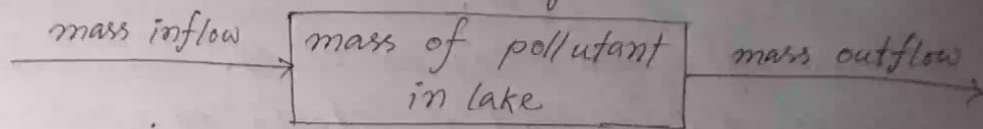


fig: Input-output compartmental diagram for lake pollution.

By balance law, the word eq<sup>n</sup> for the mass of pollution in lake

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rate of change} \\ \text{of mass in lake} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rate mass} \\ \text{enters lake} \end{array} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rate mass} \\ \text{leaves lake} \end{array} \right\}$$

Formulation the differential eq<sup>n</sup> :- We assume that volume of lake is constant and that it is continuously well mixed so that the pollution is uniform throughout.

Let,  $c(t)$  = the concentration of the pollutant in the lake at time  $t$  and  $f$  = the rate of which water flow out of the lake in  $m^3/\text{day}$ .

Since volume is constant, we have -

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{flow of mixture} \\ \text{into lake} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{flow of mixture} \\ \text{out of lake} \end{array} \right\} = f.$$

Applying the balance law to the mass of pollutant  $m(t)$ , word eq<sup>n</sup> is given by -

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{rate of change of} \\ \text{mass of pollutant} \\ \text{in lake} \end{array} \right\} = \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{rate at which} \\ \text{the pollutant} \\ \text{enters the lake} \end{array} \right\} - \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{rate at which} \\ \text{the pollutant} \\ \text{leaves the lake} \end{array} \right\}$

ie.  $\frac{dm(t)}{dt} = f c_{in} - f \frac{m(t)}{V}$  — ①.

where  $V$  is the volume of lake and  $c_{in}$  is the concentration (in unit mass per unit of volume, such as  $g/m^3$ ) of the pollutant in the flow entering the lake.

$\therefore m(t) = c(t) V$

$\therefore m'(t) = c'(t) V$  (since  $V$  is constant).

$\Rightarrow c'(t) = \frac{m'(t)}{V}$

Now, eq<sup>n</sup> ① becomes,  $V \cdot \frac{dc(t)}{dt} = f c_{in} - f \frac{c(t) V}{V}$ .

$\Rightarrow \frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{f}{V} c_{in} - \frac{f}{V} c$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{f}{V} (c_{in} - c)$ .

This is the differential eq<sup>n</sup> of the lake pollution model.

Example: 1. Solve the d. eq<sup>n</sup>,  $\frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{f}{V} (c_{in} - c)$  with the initial cond<sup>n</sup>  $c(0) = c_0$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Given that,  $\frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{f}{V} (c_{in} - c)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dc}{(c_{in} - c)} = \frac{f}{V} dt$

Integrating,  $-\log |c_{in} - c| = \frac{f}{V} t + A$ ; where  $A$  is constant of integration.

$\Rightarrow -\log |c_{in} - c| = -\frac{f}{V} t - A$

$\Rightarrow c_{in} - c = e^{\frac{f}{V} t - A} = e^{-A} e^{-\frac{f}{V} t}$

$\Rightarrow c(t) = c_{in} - e^{-A} e^{-\frac{f}{V} t} = c_{in} - B e^{-\frac{f}{V} t}$  — ②.  
where  $e^{-A} = B$ .

using initial cond<sup>n</sup>,  $c(0) = c_0$ , we get —

$$c_0 = c_{in} - B \Rightarrow B = c_{in} - c_0.$$

From (1),  $c(t) = c_{in} - (c_{in} - c_0) e^{-\frac{f}{V}t}$  //

Note:- The sol<sup>n</sup> can be divided into two parts:  
 $c_0 e^{-\frac{f}{V}t}$  is the contribution from the initial data and  $c_{in} - c_{in} e^{-\frac{f}{V}t}$  is the contribution from the pollution inflow to the system,

$$c(t) \rightarrow c_{in} \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

i.e.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [c_{in} - (c_{in} - c_0) e^{-\frac{f}{V}t}] = c_{in}.$

Hence, the concentration in the lake increases/ decreases steadily to this limit.

Example: 2 Let in a lake the pollution level is 7%. If the concentration of the incoming water is 2% and 10,000 litres per day water is allowed to enter the lake, find time when pollution level is 5% and volume of the lake is 2,00,000 litres. Also find the pollution after 32 days.

Sol<sup>n</sup> :- Given,  $V = 200000$ ,  $f = 10000$ ,  $c_{in} = 0.02$ ,

$$c(t) = 0.05, \quad c_0 = 0.07,$$

$$\therefore c(t) = c_{in} - (c_{in} - c_0) e^{-\frac{f}{V}t} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\frac{f}{V}t} = \frac{c_{in} - c(t)}{c_{in} - c_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\frac{10000}{200000}t} = \frac{0.02 - 0.05}{0.02 - 0.07} = \frac{-0.03}{-0.05} = \frac{3}{5}.$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\frac{1}{20}t} = 0.6$$

$$\Rightarrow \log 0.6 = -\frac{1}{20}t \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{20}t = -0.5107$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 10.214 \text{ days.}$$

Hence, the req<sup>d</sup> time = 10.214 days.

Put,  $t = 32$  in (1), we have—

$$\begin{aligned}c(t) &= c_{in} - (c_{in} - c_0) e^{-\frac{f}{V} t} \\&= 0.02 - (0.02 - 0.07) e^{-\frac{10000}{200000} \times 32} \\&= 0.02 + 0.05 e^{-1.6} \\&= 0.02 + 0.05 (0.2019) \\&= 0.030095.\end{aligned}$$

∴ pollution level after 32 days = 3% approx. //

Example: 3 How long will it take for the lake's pollution level to reach 5% of its initial level, if only fresh water flow into the lake. //

Sol<sup>n</sup> ⇒ We know that,  $c(t) = c_{in} - (c_{in} - c_0) e^{-\frac{f}{V} t}$  — (1).

Since, only freshwater flow into the lake, so  $c_{in} = 0$ .

From (1),  $c(t) = c_0 e^{-\frac{f}{V} t}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \log c(t) = \log c_0 - \frac{f}{V} t \log e.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ft}{V} = \log c_0 - \log c(t).$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{V}{f} \log \frac{c_0}{c(t)} \text{ — (ii)}.$$

Given that,  $c(t) = 5\% \text{ of } c_0 = \frac{5}{100} c_0 = 0.05 c_0$ .

From (ii),

$$t = \frac{V}{f} \log \frac{c_0}{0.05 c_0} = \frac{V}{f} \log 20 = \frac{3V}{f} //$$