

Answer on Question #59053 – Math – Differential Equations

Question

1. H grams of artificial sugar in water are being converted into dextrose at a rate which is proportional to the square of the amount unconverted. Find the differential equation expressing the rate of conversion after v minutes given that s grams is converted in v minutes and c being the constant of proportionality.

- (a) $ds/dv = c(H-s)^2$
- (b) $ds/dv = c(H-s)^2$
- (c) $ds/dv = (s-H)^2$
- (d) $dv/ds = c(H-s)$

Solution

Let amount converted be s , amount unconverted be $H-s$. Then $\frac{ds}{dv} = c(H-s)^2$.

Answer: (b) $\frac{ds}{dv} = c(H-s)^2$.

Question

2. A vehicle of mass m moves along a straight line (the x -axis) while subject to a force indirectly proportional to its displacement x from a fixed point O in its path and 2) a resisting force proportional to its acceleration. Express the total force as a differential equation.

- (a) $m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = k_1/x - k_2 dx/dt$
- (b) $m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -k_1/x - k_2 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$
- (c) $m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -k_1/x - k_2 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$
- (d) $m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -k_1/x - k_2 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$

Solution

$$F = ma.$$

$$F = -\frac{k_1}{x} - k_2 a; \quad a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}.$$

$$\text{Thus, } m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k_1}{x} - k_2 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}.$$

$$\text{Answer: (c) } m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k_1}{x} - k_2 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}.$$