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(a) Define mathematical modelling

Mathematical modelling is a mathematical representation of a system and the simulation of a system which involves solving the model and obtaining its output variable for different values of its input variable.

(b) Outline two methods of obtaining models for engineering systems

(i) By Differentiation

(ii) By use of the Balance Law

(c) A thermometer that initially reads  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  is used to measure the temperature of a system. The temperature of the thermometer is discovered to be  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  after 5 minutes of inserting it into the system. If the actual temperature of the system is  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,

(i) develop a model for the system

Applying Newton's Law of Cooling,

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

where  $T$  is the temperature reading of the thermometer and

$T_A$  is the actual temperature of the system

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = K(T - T_A) \quad \dots (1)$$

Initial temperature,  $T_0 = 10^{\circ}\text{C}$

$$dT = K(T - T_A) dt$$

$$\frac{dT}{T - T_A} = K dt \quad \dots (2)$$

Integrating eqn (2)

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

$$\ln |T - T_A| = kt + C^*$$

$$T - T_A = e^{kt} \cdot e^{C^*}$$

$$T - T_A = e^{kt} \cdot C \quad (\text{since } C = e^{C^*})$$

$$T_{(t)} = T_A + Ce^{kt}$$

At the initial temperature,  $T_{(0)} = 10^\circ\text{C}$

$$10 = 25 + Ce^{k \cdot 0}$$

$$10 - 25 = Ce^{k \cdot 0}$$

$$-15 = Ce^{k \cdot 0}$$

At  $T_{(0)}$ ,  $t = 0$

$$\therefore -15 = Ce^{k \cdot 0}$$

$$\therefore C = -15 \quad \text{and} \quad T_{(t)} = 25 - 15e^{kt}$$

To determine  $k$ ,

At a temperature,  $T = 20^\circ\text{C}$  and time,  $t = 5$  minutes

$$20 = 25 - 15e^{5k}$$

$$20 - 25 = -15e^{5k}$$

$$-5 = -15e^{5k}$$

$$e^{5k} = 5/15$$

$$e^{5k} = 1/3$$

$$e^{5k} = 0.333$$

$$5k = \ln(0.333)$$

$$5k = -1.1087$$

$$k = -0.22$$

~~\therefore At  $t = 5$  minutes~~

$T_{(t)} = 25 - 15e^{-0.22t}$  is the particular solution for this system.

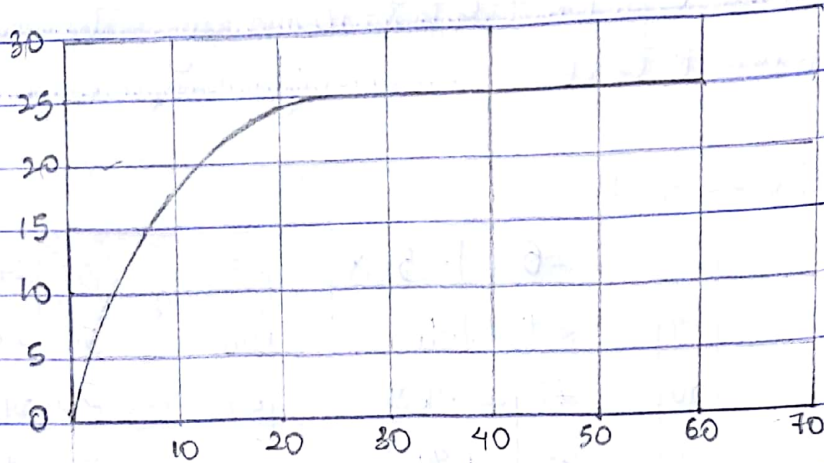
(ii) simulate the developed model for time  $t=0$  to  $t=60$  min using a step time of 1 min with the aid of Microsoft Excel

Output.

$$f_x = 25 - 15 * \exp(-0.22 * A^2)$$

1	t	T	28	26	24.9508	53	53	24.9999
2	0	10	29	27	24.9605	56	54	24.9999
3	1	12.96222	30	28	24.9683	57	55	24.9999
4	2	15.33945	31	29	24.9746	58	56	24.9999
5	3	17.24723	32	30	24.9796	59	57	24.9999
6	4	18.77826	33	31	24.9836	60	58	25
7	5	20.00693	34	32	24.9869	61	59	25
8	6	20.99297	35	33	24.9895	62	60	25
9	7	21.78428	36	34	24.9915			
10	8	22.41933	37	35	24.9932			
11	9	22.92896	38	36	24.9945			
12	10	23.33795	39	37	24.9956			
13	11	23.66618	40	38	24.9965			
14	12	23.92958	41	39	24.9972			
15	13	24.14097	42	40	24.9977			
16	14	24.31061	43	41	24.9982			
17	15	24.44675	44	42	24.9985			
18	16	24.55601	45	43	24.9988			
19	17	24.64369	46	44	24.9991			
20	18	24.71405	47	45	24.9992			
21	19	24.77052	48	46	24.9994			
22	20	24.81584	49	47	24.9995			
23	21	24.85221	50	48	24.9996			
24	22	24.88139	51	49	24.9997			
25	23	24.90482	52	50	24.9997			
26	24	24.92361	53	51	24.9998			
27	25	24.9387	54	52	24.9998			

## Graph



(ii) Obtain the dynamic response of the system with the aid of MATLAB, without using 'syms' command, for  $t = 0$  to  $t = 60$  min using a step of 1 min

SCRIPT

command window

clear

clc

close all

t = 0:1:60

T = 25 - 15 \* exp(-0.22 \* t)

Tm = subs(T)

plot(t, Tm)

grid on

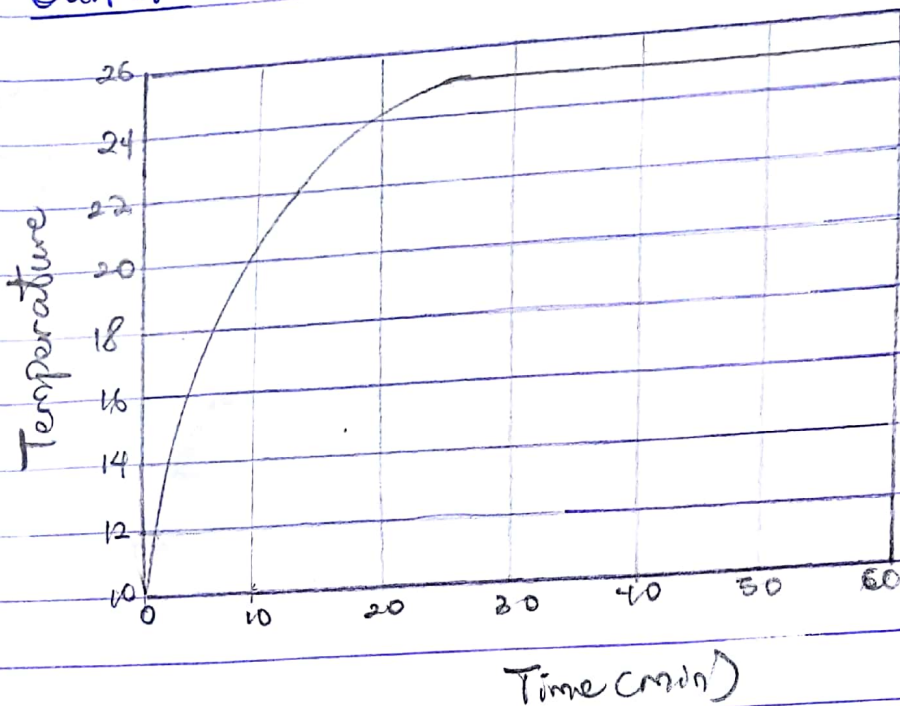
grid minor

axis tight

xlabel('Time (min)')

ylabel('Temperature')

## OUTPUT



(iv) Using either of the dynamic responses, write the steady-state temperature of the system

From the dynamic response obtained,  
the steady-state temperature of the system is  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$  at 24 minutes.

(v) Using the developed model equation, evaluate the temperature of the thermometer as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , the temperature of the thermometer ( $T$ )

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T = ?$  To find the limiting value of  $T$ , trying for different values of  $t$

$$\text{when } t = 40, T = 25 - 15e^{-0.22(40)} = 24.998$$

$$t = 400, T = 25 - 15e^{-0.22(400)} = 25$$

$$t = 4000, T = 25 - 15e^{-0.22(4000)} = 25$$

$$t = 40000, T = 25 - 15e^{-0.22(40000)} = 25$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 25 - 15e^{-0.22t} = 25$$

As time ( $t$ ) increases without bound, the temperature of the system remains to be  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Therefore, the temperature as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  is  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ .