

8. A doctor is studying the concentration of an antibiotic in the blood and the body tissue of a patient.

Let x be the number of micrograms of the antibiotic in the blood.

Let y be the number of micrograms of the antibiotic in the body tissue.

The doctor models her results by the differential equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -5x + y + 51$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 12x - 6y$$

where t is the time in hours after a dose of the antibiotic has been administered to the patient.

- (a) Show that

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 11 \frac{dx}{dt} + 18x = 306 \tag{3}$$

- (b) Find a general solution for the number of micrograms of the antibiotic in the blood at time t hours.

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- (c) Hence find a general solution for the number of micrograms of the antibiotic in the body tissue at time t hours.

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Initially there is none of this antibiotic in the blood and none of this antibiotic in the body tissue.

- (d) Find, in minutes, to 2 decimal places, the time when the rate of increase of the antibiotic in the blood is equal to the rate of increase of the antibiotic in the body tissue.

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- (e) Evaluate the model.

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