Additional Review Problems

- 1. An initial population of 50,000 inhabits a microcosm with carrying capacity of 100,000. Suppose that, after five years, the population increases to 60,000. Determine the intrinsic growth rate of the population.
- 2. Hydrocoden bitartrate is prescription drug used as a cough suppressant and pain reliever. Assume the drug is eliminated from the body by a natural decay process with half–life of 3.8 hours. The usual dose is 10 mg every 6 hours.
 - (a) Use a conservation principle to derive a differential equation satisfied by the amount Q(t) of the drug in the patient after a dose.
 - (b) Assume that the amount of the drug in the patient prior to the dose is Q_o and that the drug is absorbed immediately. Give a formula for computing Q(t), where t measures the length of time after the dose.
- 3. Suppose that alcohol is introduced into a 2-liter beaker, which initially contains distilled water, at a rate of 0.1 liners per minute. Assume that the a well–mixed mixture is removed from the beaker at the same rate.
 - (a) Derive a differential equation for the concentration of alcohol in percent volume at any time t.
 - (b) How long will it take for the concentration of alcohol to reach 50%?
- 4. The rate at which a drug leaves the bloodstream and passes into the urine is proportional to the quantity of the drug in the blood at that time.
 - (a) Write and solve a differential equation for the quantity, Q, of the drug in the blood at time, t, in hours.
 - (b) Assume that 30% is left in the blood after 4 hours. How much of the drug is left in the patient's body after 6 hours if the patient is given 100 mg initially?