

Wine is produced by adding yeast to grape juice. The yeast  $Y$  digests the sugar  $S$  in the juice, yielding alcohol  $A$  as a by-product. The alcohol is, in turn, toxic to the yeast. In this way, the yeast, alcohol, and sugar interact until equilibrium (wine!) is attained.

Assumptions:

- A pound of sugar can sustain at most  $b$  pounds of yeast. If the sugar-to-yeast ratio is much smaller than  $b$ , then yeast grows roughly exponentially, but as the sugar-to-yeast ratio gets close to  $b$ , the rate of growth of yeast gets close to zero.
- Yeast dies at a rate proportional to both the amount of alcohol present and the amount of yeast present.
- Alcohol is produced at a rate proportional to the amount of yeast present.
- Sugar is consumed at a rate proportional to the amount of yeast present.

Put the cards together to form a system of differential equations modeling the above interactions.

(All lower-case letters, except for  $t$ , denote positive parameters.)

$$\frac{dY}{dt} =$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} =$$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} =$$

$$\frac{dW}{dt} =$$

$$k Y \left( 1 - \frac{Y}{b S} \right)$$

$$\frac{Y}{b S}$$

$$-f Y$$

$$-f W$$

$$e Y$$

$$-e S$$

$$k Y \left( 1 - b \frac{Y}{S} \right)$$

$$-h S$$

$$\frac{k Y}{1 + b S}$$

$$m W$$

$$q(A + Y)$$

## Answer key

$$\frac{dY}{dt} =$$

$$k Y \left( 1 - \frac{Y}{b S} \right)$$

$$-c A Y$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} =$$

$$e Y$$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} =$$

$$-f Y$$