

# CHEMICAL ESPIONAGE (PROBLEM C)

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# Chemical Espionage on species-specific butterfly anti-aphrodisiacs by hitchhiking *Trichogramma* wasps

## Objective

- Determine the trade-offs and balance between the two competing interests
- Find a balance of pheromones that keeps the butterfly population in equilibrium
- Find a differential equation that measures the change in population of the butterflies over time
- Find the best balance for this system and what is likely to happen in the long run

# Parameters and Variables

- $\frac{dE}{dt}$  *Change of butterfly eggs over time*
- $E$  *Number of butterfly eggs*
- $F$  *Number of female butterflies*
- $S_1, S_2$  *Success rate of wasp parasitism*
- $W_{i1}, W_{i2}$  *Wasp interest rates*
- $\frac{dW_1}{dt}, \frac{dW_2}{dt}$  *Change of wasp eggs over time*
- $B$  *Number of adult wasps*
- $P$  *Number of wasp eggs laid per interaction*
- $r$  *Ratio of butterfly eggs over total eggs*
- $W_1$  *Total wasp population of type 1 wasp*
- $W_2$  *Total wasp population of type 2 wasp*
- $\frac{dR}{dt}$  *Rate of pheromone decay*

# Equations

Butterfly Eggs:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = F(ME_{ave}) - DE - AE - W_{i1}W_1W_{r1}S_1 - W_{i2}W_2W_rS_2$$

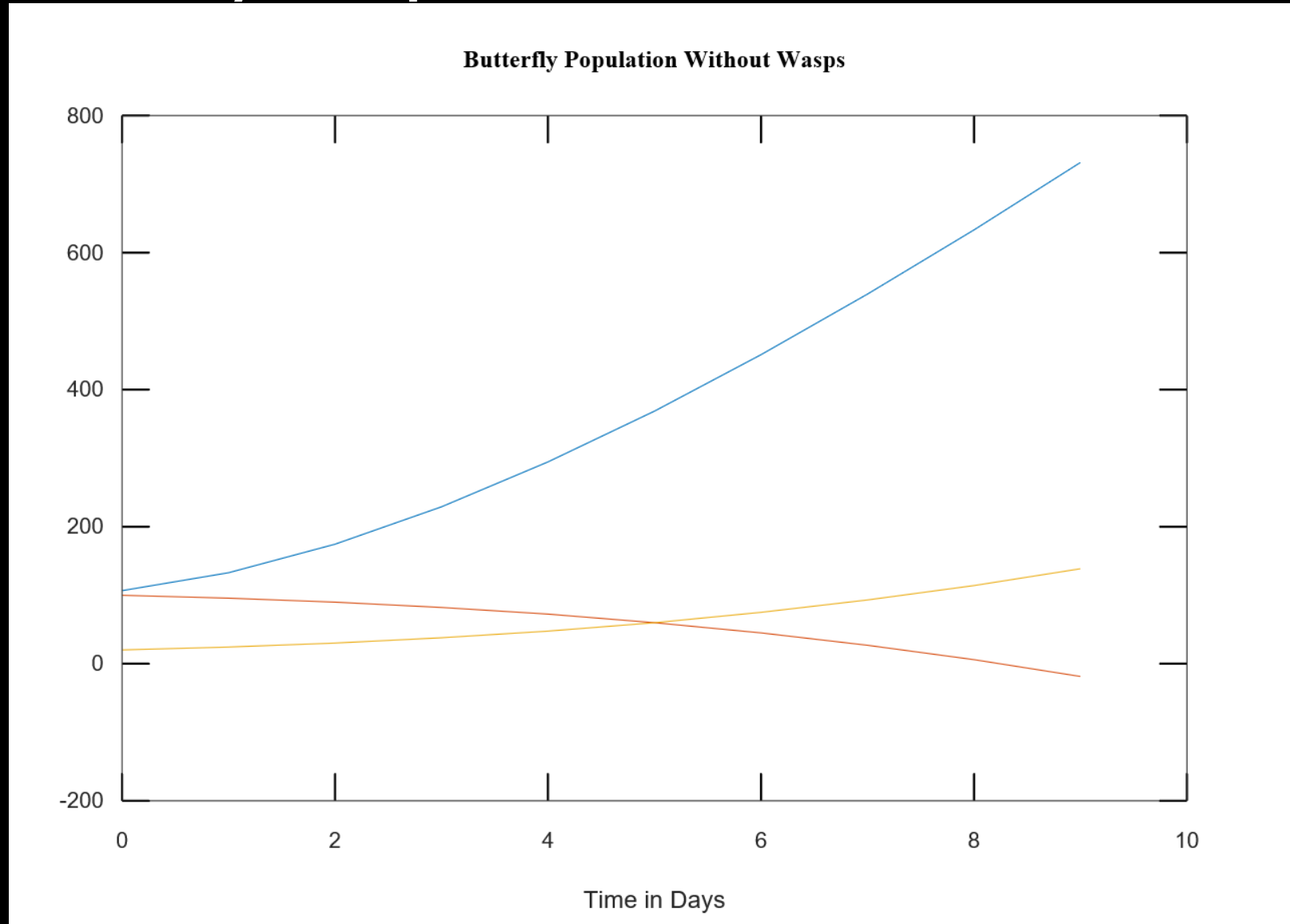
Wasp Eggs:

$$\frac{dW_1}{dt} = SBE_w r P W_{i1} W_{r1} - \frac{1}{2} W_1, \quad \frac{dW_2}{dt} = SBE_w r P W_{i2} W_{r2} - \frac{1}{2} W_2$$

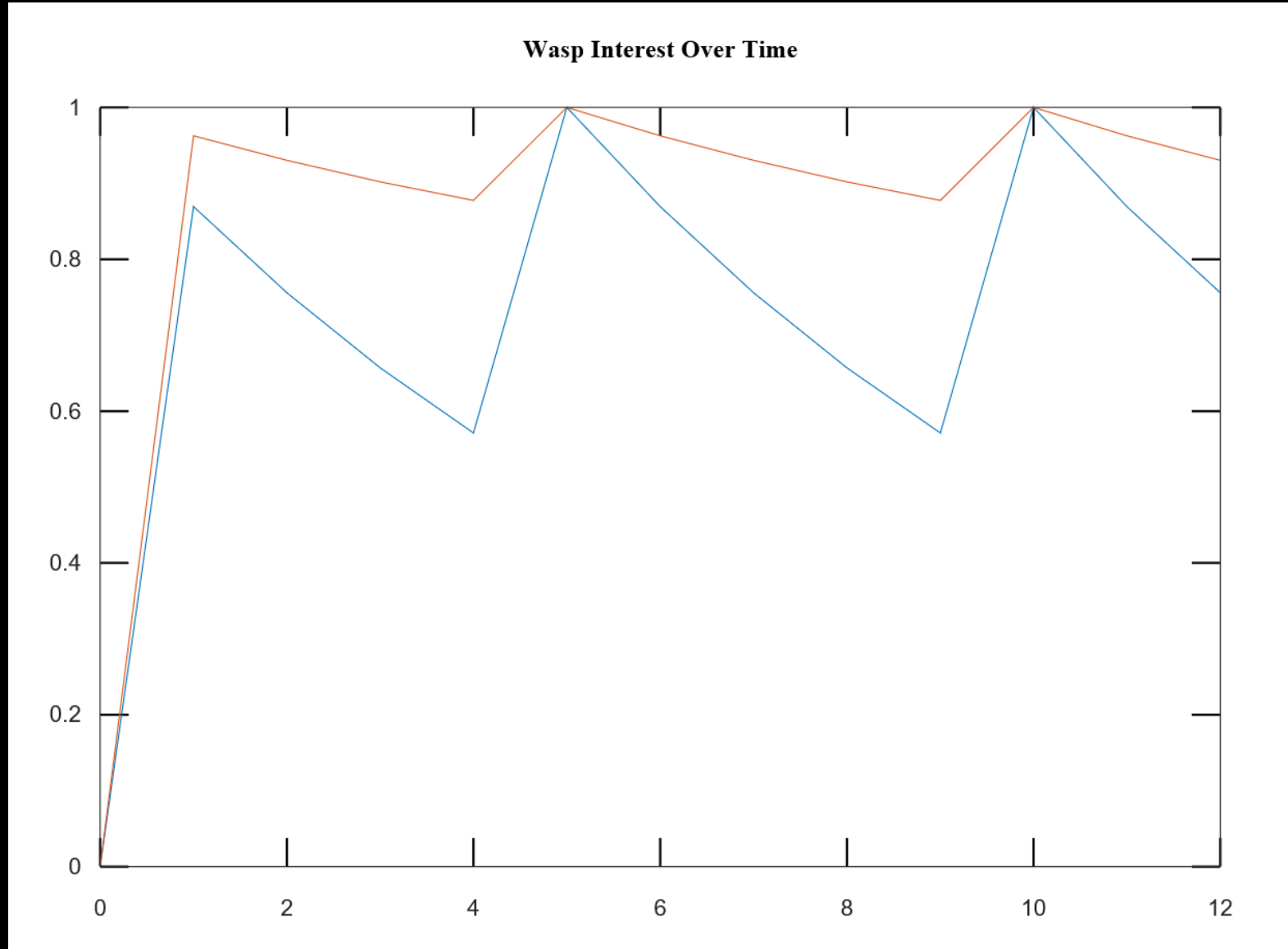
Pheromone Rate:

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = kR$$

# Butterfly Population without Wasps



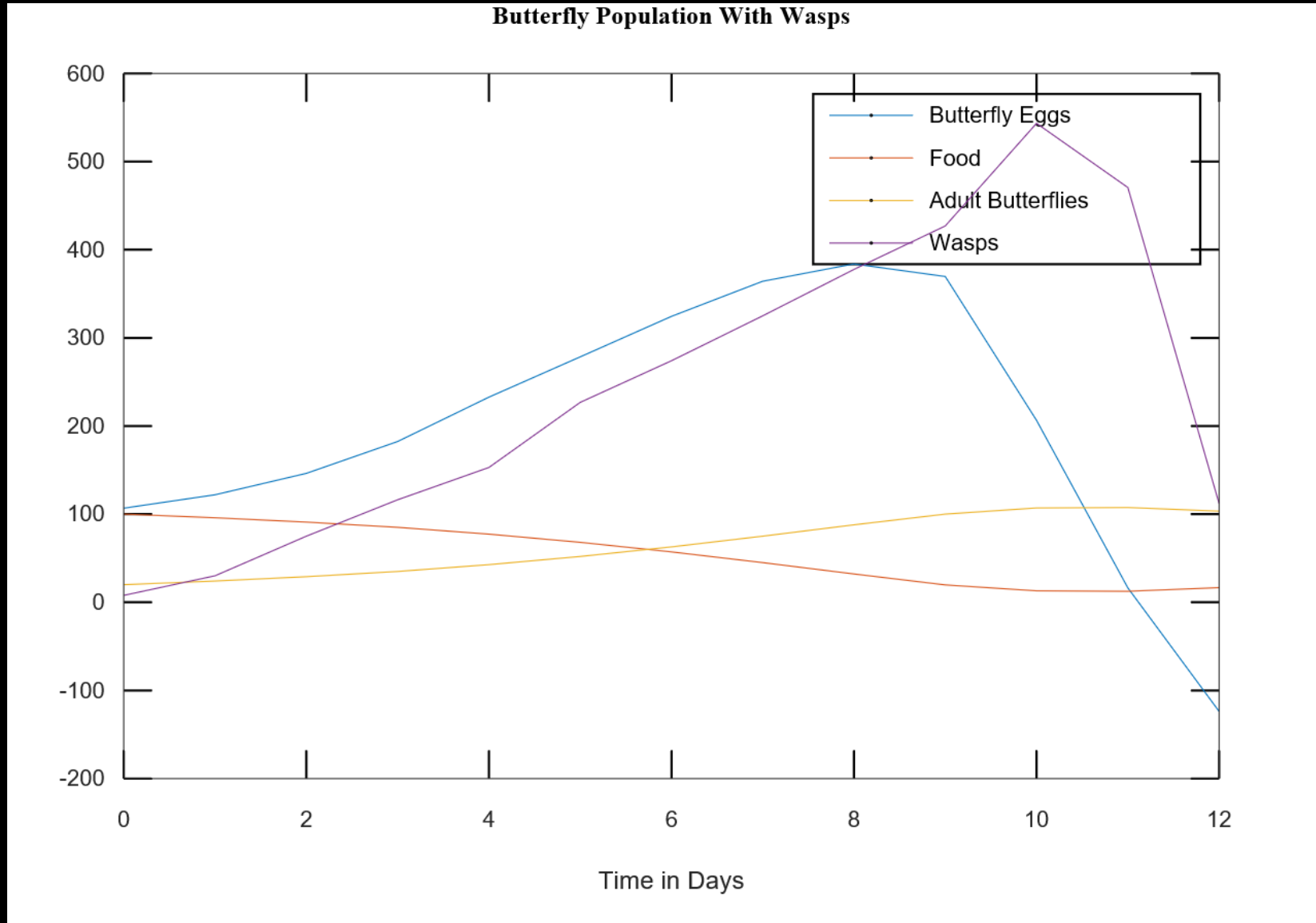
# Wasp Interest over Time



# Conclusion I

- Wasps overtook the butterflies
- Both populations fell to zero

# Butterfly Population with Wasps





# Problem C: Challenge Problem 3

- How would your model change if the effectiveness of the anti-aphrodisiac depends on the time of the day?

# Conclusion II

- $\frac{dA}{dt} = \text{mint}\left(\frac{t \text{mod}(a,n)(\text{max}-\text{min})}{24}\right)$
- $n\left(\frac{a}{n} - q\right) = \text{mod}$
- $q = \text{trunc}(a,n) = \left(\frac{a}{n} - \left(\frac{|(a-n)|}{n}\right)\right)$