

1. We saw that the exponential model for population growth $P' = aP$ predicts unbounded population sizes. The logistic model resolves this problem: $P' = aP(1 - \alpha P)$ where a and α are positive constants.

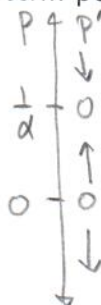
a) Draw a phase line for the model and use it to predict the long-term population trends.

$$0 = P' = aP(1 - \alpha P) \Leftrightarrow aP = 0 \text{ or } (1 - \alpha P) = 0$$

$P < 0$ doesn't make sense.

If $0 < P < \frac{1}{\alpha}$, then P increases to $\frac{1}{\alpha}$.

If $P > \frac{1}{\alpha}$, then P decreases to $\frac{1}{\alpha}$.



b) Find a solution to the differential equation using separation of variables.

$$\frac{1}{P(1 - \alpha P)} P' = a.$$

$$\int \frac{1}{P(1 - \alpha P)} dP = \int \frac{1}{P} + \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha P} dP = \ln|P| - \ln|1 - \alpha P| + b = \ln\left|\frac{P}{1 - \alpha P}\right| + b$$

Implicit solution to the logistic equation: $\ln\left|\frac{P}{1 - \alpha P}\right| = at + C.$

Solve for P to get an explicit solution.

$$\left|\frac{P}{1 - \alpha P}\right| = e^{at + C} = e^C e^{at} \text{ so } \frac{P}{1 - \alpha P} = k e^{at} \text{ where } k = \begin{cases} e^C & \text{if } \frac{P}{1 - \alpha P} > 0 \\ -e^C & \text{if } \frac{P}{1 - \alpha P} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$P = k e^{at} - \alpha k P e^{at} \text{ so } P(t) = \frac{k e^{at}}{1 + \alpha k e^{at}}$$

If $P(0) = P_0$, then $C = \ln\left|\frac{P_0}{1 - \alpha P_0}\right|$ and so $k = \frac{P_0}{1 - \alpha P_0}$ using

$$\text{This makes } P(t) = \frac{\frac{P_0}{1 - \alpha P_0} e^{at}}{1 + \left(\frac{P_0}{1 - \alpha P_0}\right) \alpha e^{at}} = \frac{P_0}{(1 - \alpha P_0) e^{-at} + \alpha P_0}$$

c) Calculate $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$ and compare with your answer for part a.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k e^{at}}{1 + \alpha k e^{at}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{e^{-at} + \alpha k} = \frac{k}{\alpha k} = \frac{1}{\alpha}.$$

2. Newton's law of cooling states that the rate of change of an object's temperature is proportional to the difference between its temperature and the temperature of its environment. As a differential equation: $T' = -k(T - T_m)$ where k is a positive constant of proportionality and T_m is the (constant) temperature of the environment.

a) Draw a phase line and use it to predict the eventual temperature of the object.

$$0 = T' = -k(T - T_m) \Leftrightarrow T = T_m$$



The object eventually reaches the temp. of the environment.

b) Find the general solution to the differential equation.

$$T' + kT = kT_m \quad \text{linear, nonhomogeneous.}$$

$$y_1 = e^{-kt} \quad u = \int kT_m e^{kt} dt = T_m e^{kt} + C$$

$$y = e^{-kt} (T_m e^{kt} + C) = T_m + C e^{-kt}$$

3. An object with initial temperature 150°C is placed outside, where the temperature is 10°C . Its temperatures at 12:15 and 12:20 are 120°C and 90°C , respectively. At what time was the object placed outside?

Given $T_m = 10^\circ\text{C}$. Let 12:15 be time 0.

$$\text{Thus } 120^\circ\text{C} = T(0) = T_m + C = 10^\circ\text{C} + C \quad \text{so } C = 110^\circ\text{C.}$$

$$\text{Furthermore, } 90 = T(5) = 10 + 110 \cdot e^{-k \cdot 5}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{80}{110} = e^{-5k} \quad \text{and so } k = -\frac{1}{5} \ln\left(\frac{80}{110}\right) \approx 0.063691$$

Now we know that $150 = T(t_0) = 10 + 110 e^{-k t_0}$ and we can solve for t_0 .

$$\frac{140}{110} = e^{-k t_0}$$

$$t_0 = -\frac{1}{k} \ln\left(\frac{140}{110}\right) \approx -3.7865$$

Therefore the object had been out for about 3 minutes and 47 seconds at 12:15. It must have been placed outside at about 12:11:13.

4. A 960 lb object is launched upward with initial velocity 60 ft/s. The atmosphere resists the object's motion with a force of 3 lb for each ft/s of speed. Assume that the only other force acting on the object is gravity (the acceleration of which is 32 ft/s^2 downward). Find the terminal velocity of the object.

$$m = 960 \text{ lb} / 32 \text{ ft/s}^2 = 30 \text{ slugs (?)}. \quad \text{From class } 30v' = -30g - 3v \quad \text{and terminal velocity } v = -\frac{30g}{3} = 320 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} = 1152000 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{hr}} \approx 218.1818 \text{ mph.}$$