

Last week: Separable equations and some applications

Tu: Steps 1-5 for solving separable equations

separate variables, integrate, search for constant solutions

Th: finding curves with specified slopes, ...

Mixing problem  $\rightarrow$  set up differential equation

or initial value problem and solve it

Today: more applications

(1) Exponential growth/decay equation

(2) Logistic equation

In both cases: independent variable is (usually)  $t = \text{time}$

$y(t) = \text{some function of time}$

(1) Exponential growth/decay equation:

$y'(t)$  (rate of change) is proportional to  $y(t)$

$y'(t) = r y(t)$  for some constant  $r$

$r \equiv \frac{y'(t)}{y(t)}$  "relative growth/decay" rate

$r > 0$   $r < 0$

Typical examples:

(a) Bacteria culture (continuously compounding interest)

if population of 100 cells grows at 15 cells/min,

population of 500 cells should grow at 75 cells/min

(b) Radioactive decay ( $r < 0$ ): a fixed fraction of

(radioactive substance stops being radioactive in a fixed interval of time)

$\rightarrow$  Newton's Law of Cooling

Solution of  $y'(t) = r y(t)$ :

Separable:  $\frac{dy}{dt} = r y \rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = r dt \rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int r dt$

$\rightarrow \ln|y| = rt + c \rightarrow |y| = e^{rt+c} = e^{rt} e^c$

$\rightarrow y(t) = \pm A e^{rt} \rightarrow \boxed{y(t) = C e^{rt}}$  general solution

Note:  $y(0) = C \cdot e^{r \cdot 0} = C$

$C = y(0)$

$\therefore$  Exponential growth/decay formula:

The solution to the initial-value problem

$y' = r y, y = y(t), y(0) = y_0$

is  $y(t) = y_0 e^{rt}$

Interesting property of  $y(t) = C e^{rt}$

$y(t + \Delta t) = C e^{r(t+\Delta t)} = C e^{rt} \cdot e^{r \Delta t}$

$= y(t) \cdot (e^{r \Delta t})$

$\uparrow$  depends on  $\Delta t$ , but not  $t$

$\therefore y(t + \Delta t) = y(t) \cdot A$

$\therefore y(t)$  changes by a fixed factor every  $\Delta t$  (mins)

Example: A bacteria culture contains

100 cells and is growing at 15 cells/min at  $t=0$

(a) What is the number of cells at time  $t$  mins?

(b) When will this number reach 10,000?

(c) What is the growth rate at that time?

(d) When will this number reach 1,000?

(c) Exponential growth/decay formula:

$$y(t) = y(0)e^{rt} = 100e^{rt} \text{ (cells)}$$

What is  $r$ ?  $y'(t) = ry(t)$  for all  $t$

Plug in  $t=0$ :  $15 \text{ cells/min} = r \cdot 100 \text{ cells}$

$$\Rightarrow r = .15 / \text{min}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = 100e^{.15t} \quad (t = \text{in mins})$$

Example 2: A bacteria culture contains 100 cells

initially and 900 cells 1 hour later.

What is the number of cells at  $t$  hours?

Solution:  $y(t) = y(0)e^{rt} = 100e^{rt}$

What is  $r$ ?  $y(1) = 100e^{r \cdot 1} = 900$

$$\Rightarrow e^r = 9 \Rightarrow \ln = \ln 9 = \ln 3^2 = 2 \ln 3$$

II. Logistic Growth Equation:

$$y'(t) = ry(t) \left(1 - \frac{y(t)}{K}\right), \quad y = y(t)$$

$r, K > 0$  constants,  $K = \text{carrying capacity}$

$y' \approx ry$  if  $y$  is very small

$< 0$  if  $y > K$  (e.g. small car)

$\rightarrow 0$  as  $y \rightarrow K$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{K} \int \left( \frac{1}{y-K} - \frac{1}{y} \right) dy = -\frac{r}{K} t + C$$

$$\ln |y-K| - \ln |y| = \ln \left| \frac{y-K}{y} \right| = -rt + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{y-K}{y} \right| = e^{-rt+C} = e^{-rt} A \Rightarrow \frac{y-K}{y} = \pm A e^{-rt} = C e^{-rt}$$

$$\frac{y-K}{y} = C e^{-rt} \quad (*)$$

Note:  $\frac{y(0)-K}{y(0)} = C e^{-r \cdot 0} \Rightarrow C = \frac{y(0)-K}{y(0)}$

(b) Find  $t$  s.t.  $y(t)$

$$\frac{20}{3} \ln 10$$

Find  $t$  s.t.  $y(t) = 100e^{.15t} = 10,000$

$$\Rightarrow e^{.15t} = 100 \Rightarrow .15t = \ln 100 = 2 \ln 10$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{2 \ln 10}{.15} = \frac{2 \ln 10}{3/20} = \frac{40}{3} \ln 10 \text{ mins}$$

Faster:  $100 \xrightarrow{\times 10} 1,000 \xrightarrow{\times 10} 10,000$

$$\text{*) } y'(t) = ry(t) \Rightarrow (.15/\text{min}) \cdot 10,000 \text{ cells} = 15 \cdot 100 \frac{\text{cells}}{\text{min}} = 1,500 \text{ cells/min}$$

$$\therefore y(t) = 100 e^{2(\ln 3)t}$$

$$= 100 \cdot (e^{\ln 3})^{2t} = 100 \cdot (3^2)^t = 100 \cdot 9^t$$

either answer is fine

$100 e^{(\ln 9)t}$  is not

Separable  $\Rightarrow$  can solve:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ry \left(1 - \frac{y}{K}\right) = -\frac{r}{K} y(y-K) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y(y-K)} = -\frac{r}{K} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y(y-K)} = -\frac{r}{K} t + C$$

Quick PFS:  $\frac{1}{y(y-K)} = \frac{1}{-0 \cdot (-K)} \left( \frac{1}{y-K} - \frac{1}{y-0} \right)$

$$= \frac{1}{K} \left( \frac{1}{y-K} - \frac{1}{y} \right)$$

Can simplify (\*):  $1 - \frac{K}{y} = C e^{-rt} \Rightarrow 1 - C e^{-rt} = \frac{K}{y}$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{K}{1 - C e^{-rt}}$$

Note: if  $y(0) > K > 0$ , then  $C > 0$

if  $0 < y(0) < K$ , then  $C < 0$

$r > 0 \Rightarrow e^{-rt} \rightarrow 0^+ \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow y(t) \rightarrow K$

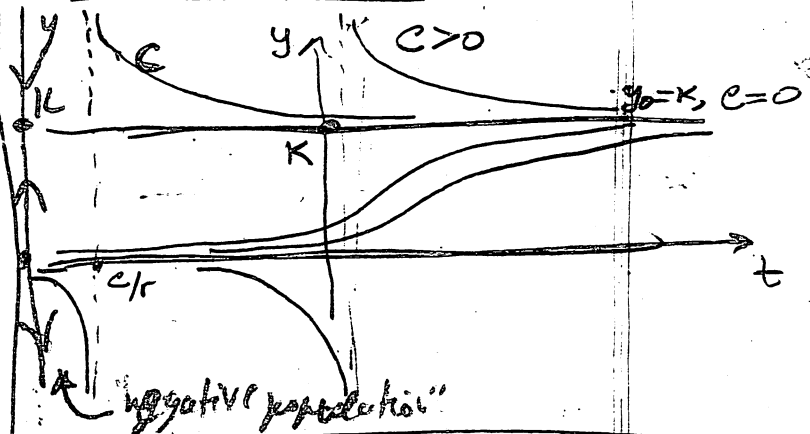
# Logistic Growth Formula

The solution to initial-value problem

$$y' = ry(1 - \frac{y}{K}), \quad y(0) = y_0, \quad (y_0 \neq 0)$$

$$\text{is } y(t) = \frac{K}{1 - \frac{y_0 - K}{y_0} e^{-rt}}$$

## Sketch ( $K > 0, r > 0$ )



$$c = \frac{y(0) - K}{y(0)} > 0 \Leftrightarrow y(0) > K$$

$$\Rightarrow -ce^{-rt} \text{ increases to } 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - ce^{-rt} \nearrow 1 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{K}{1 - ce^{-rt}} \searrow K \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{Not defined if } 1 - ce^{-rt} = 0 \Leftrightarrow ce^{-rt} = 1/c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -rt = \ln 1/c = \ln c \Rightarrow t = -\frac{1}{r} \ln c$$

$$\text{if } t \rightarrow -\infty, 1 - ce^{-rt} \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{K}{1 - ce^{-rt}} \nearrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$c = \frac{y(0) - K}{y(0)} < 0 \Leftrightarrow y(0) < K$$

$$\Rightarrow -ce^{-rt} \searrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow 1 - ce^{-rt} \searrow 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{K}{1 - ce^{-rt}} \nearrow \infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \nearrow$$

$$\nearrow K \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\searrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow -\infty$$

Slope diagram  $\leftarrow$   
invariant under shift  $\rightarrow$

defined for  $t$  since  $1 - ce^{-rt} \neq 0$   
if  $c < 0 \Leftrightarrow -c > 0$