

8.1.2 AUTONOMOUS EQUATIONS

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(y)$$

THESE ARE EQUATIONS IN WHICH THE RIGHT HAND SIDE DOES NOT DEPEND EXPLICITLY ON 'TIME'  $x$ .

WE FORMALLY SEPARATE THE VARIABLES  $x$  AND  $y$

$$\frac{1}{g(y)} dy = dx$$

THEN INTEGRATE BOTH SIDES (W.R.T.  $x$  ON THE RIGHT, AND W.R.T.  $y$  ON THE LEFT.)

$$\int \frac{1}{g(y)} dy = \int dx = x + C$$

HOPEFULLY THE L.H.S. WILL BE INTEGRABLE  
SUPPOSE  $H(y)$  IS AN ANTIDERIVATIVE OF  $\frac{1}{g(y)}$ . THEN

$$H(y) = x + C$$

IF WE'RE LUCKY AGAIN THE FUNCTION  $H(y)$  WILL BE INVERTIBLE, AND

$$y = H^{-1}(x + C)$$

INITIAL VALUES CAN THEN BE USED TO DETERMINE  $C$ .

CASE 1 :  $g(y) = k(y - a)$

HERE  $k$  AND  $a$  ARE CONSTANTS.  
WE HAVE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = k(y - a)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{y - a} dy = \int k dx$$

$$\ln|y - a| = kx + C_1$$

$$|y - a| = e^{kx + C_1} = e^{C_1} \cdot e^{kx}$$

$$y - a = \underbrace{(\pm e^{C_1})}_C \cdot e^{kx}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y = C e^{kx} + a}$$

check :

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{dy}{dx} = ck e^{kx}$$

$$\text{RHS} = k(y-a) = ck e^{kx}$$

$\therefore$  LHS = RHS for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Ex.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 - 5y = -5\left(y - \frac{3}{5}\right)$

$$\int \frac{1}{y - \frac{3}{5}} dy = -5 \int dx$$

$$\ln \left| y - \frac{3}{5} \right| = -5x + C_1$$

$$y - \frac{3}{5} = \pm e^{C_1} \cdot e^{-5x}$$

$$\therefore y = C e^{-5x} + \frac{3}{5}$$

Suppose  $y(0) = \frac{13}{5}$ . Then

$$\frac{13}{5} = y(0) = C \cdot 1 + \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow C = \frac{10}{5} = 2$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y = 2e^{-5x} + \frac{3}{5}}$$

Ex.  $\frac{dh}{ds} = 2h + 1$ ,  $h(0) = 4$

Soln:  $h(s) = \frac{9e^{2s} - 1}{2}$

Ex. EXPONENTIAL GROWTH

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dN}{dt} = rN \\ N(0) = N_0 \end{cases}$$

Soln:  $N(t) = N_0 e^{rt}$

THE I/P MODELS MANY PHENOMENA  
SUCH AS: POPULATION GROWTH, RADIOACTIVE  
DECAY, INTEREST, INFLATION.

$r$  IS CALLED THE GROWTH/DECAY RATE.

Ex.  $\frac{dN}{dt} = (.3)N$ ,  $N_0 = 20$

$$N(t) = 20e^{(.3)t}$$

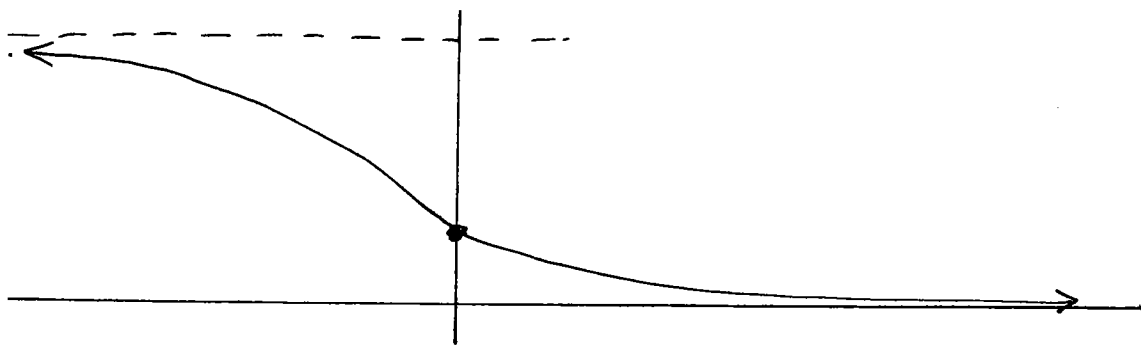
FIND THE POPULATION AT TIME  $t = 5$ .

$$N(5) = 89.633$$

CASE 2:  $g(y) = k(y-a)(y-b)$

Ex.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y(y-5) \quad y(0) = 1$

$$y(x) = \frac{5}{1 + 4e^{5x}}$$



Ex. THE LOGISTIC EQUATION

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dN}{dt} = rN \left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right) \\ N(0) = N_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -\frac{r}{K} N(N-K)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{N(N-K)} dN = -\frac{r}{K} \int dt$$

$$\frac{1}{N(N-K)} = \frac{A}{N} + \frac{B}{N-K} \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{K}, B = \frac{1}{K}$$

$$\frac{1}{K} \int \left( \frac{1}{N-K} - \frac{1}{N} \right) dN = -\frac{r}{K} \int dt$$

$$\ln|N-K| - \ln|N| = -rt + C_1$$

$$\frac{N-K}{N} = e^{-rt}$$

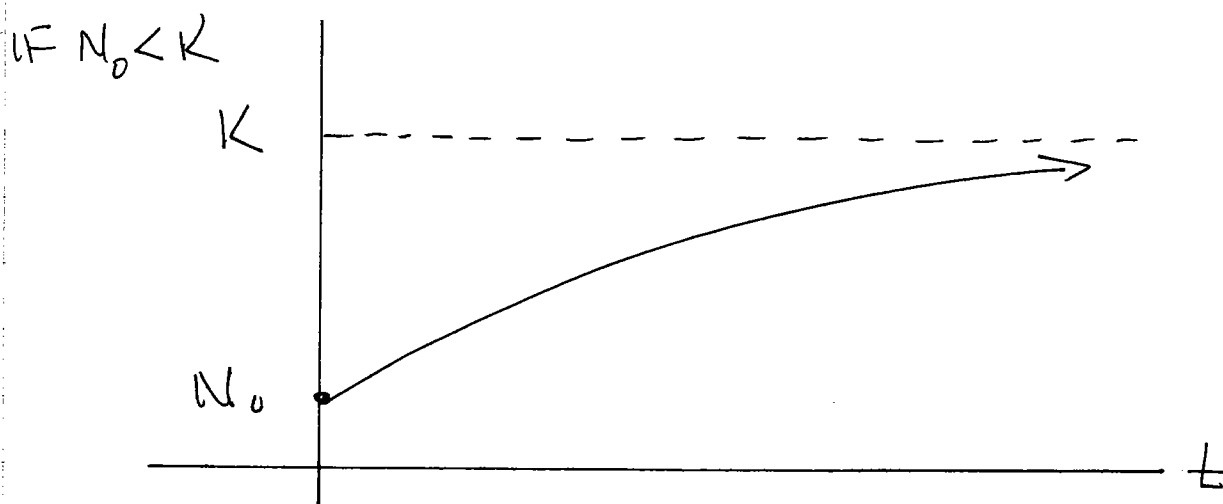
$$\therefore e = \frac{N_0 - K}{N_0}$$

$$\frac{N-K}{N} = \frac{N_0 - K}{N_0} e^{-rt}$$

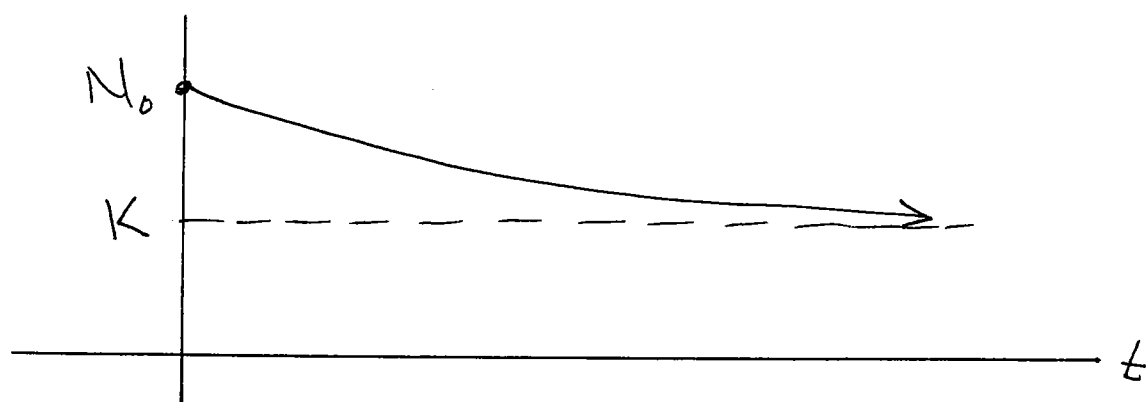
$$\therefore N(t) = \frac{K}{1 + \left( \frac{K}{N_0} - 1 \right) e^{-rt}}$$

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$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(t) = K$$



OR IF  $N_0 > K$



IF  $N_0 = K$ , THEN  $N(t) = K$  IS  
THE UNIQUE IVP SOLN.

IN GENERAL  $K$  REPRESENTS A  
KIND OF 'SATURATION POINT' FOR  
THE QUANTITY  $N(t)$ .  $K$  IS ALSO  
CALLED THE CARRYING CAPACITY

LET'S COMPARE EXPONENTIAL GROWTH TO LOGISTIC GROWTH. WE ASSUME IN BOTH CASES THAT  $r > 0$ .

EXPONENTIAL

LOGISTIC

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN \left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right)$$

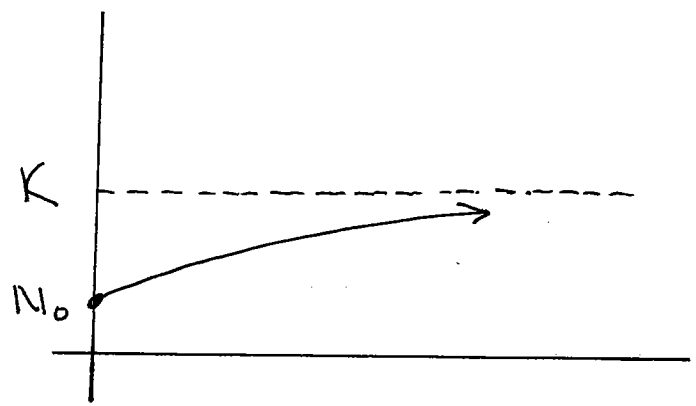
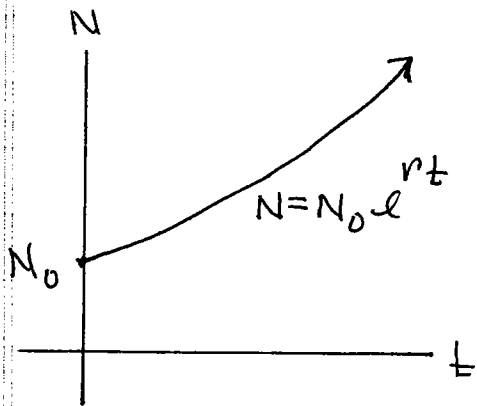
$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dt} = r$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dt} = r \left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right)$$

↑  
PER CAPITA  
GROWTH RATE

CONSTANT

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1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE  
POLYNOMIAL

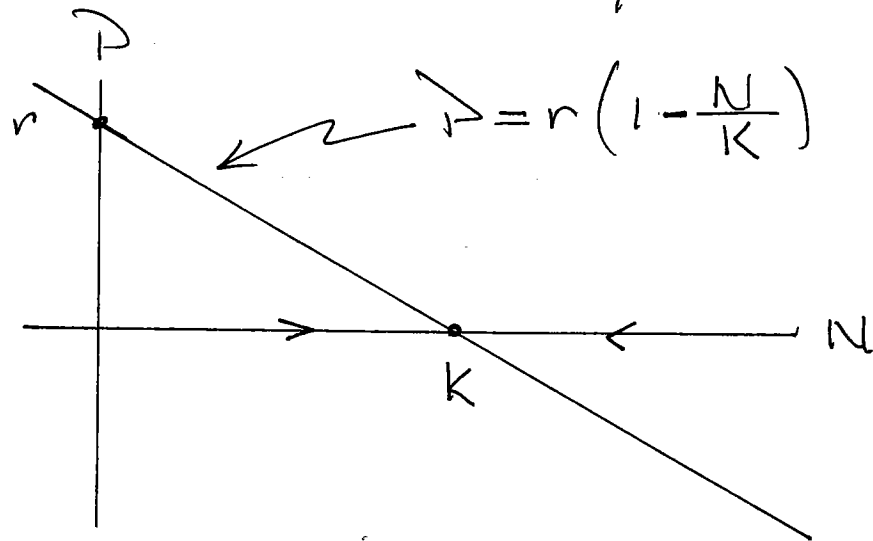


IN THE CASE OF EXPONENTIAL GROWTH THE PER-CAPITA GROWTH RATE

$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dt}$$



is a constant, while in the case of logistic growth  $\dot{N}$  is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree polynomial:



When the per capita growth rate  $\dot{N}$  is positive, the 'population'  $N$  must necessarily increase, while when  $\dot{N}$  is negative  $N$  decreases.