

# MAT303: Calc IV with applications

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Last time:

- Ch 1.6 Substitution methods:

- $\frac{dy}{dx} = F(ax + by + c)$

- $\frac{dy}{dx} = F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

- $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n$

Today:

- A few more substitutions (Reducible)

- Ch 2.1 (general) population models

- $\frac{dP}{dt} = (\beta - \delta)P$

- Ch 2.2 Equilibrium solutions

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There is another useful substitution when  $F(x, y', y'') = 0$ , see textbook Ch1.6.

## 2.1: Population models

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**Example 1** Suppose that an alligator population numbers 100 initially, and that its death rate is  $\delta = 0$  (so none of the alligators is dying). If the birth rate is  $\beta = (0.0005)P$ —and thus increases as the population does—then Eq. (1) gives the initial value problem

Assume

- Death rate is 0
- Birth rate is proportional to population



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Interactive Graph: <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/iw4c9k5fv1>

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$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP(M - P)$$

Solution (next HW):

$$P(t) = \frac{MP_0}{P_0 + (M - P_0)e^{kMt}}$$

Notice:

- No matter what initial condition, the limiting population exists
- Limit population is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t) = M$ .

## 1. Limited environment:

- Suppose environment can only support up to  $M$  individuals.
- Growth rate  $\beta - \delta$  is proportional to  $M - P$ .
- Then  $\frac{dP}{dt} = (\beta - \delta)P = kP(M - P)$ .

## 2. Competition situation:

- Suppose birth rate constant, but deaths result from chance encounters between the members of the population.
- Then  $\frac{dP}{dt} = (\beta - \alpha P)P = kP(M - P)$ .

## 3. Suppose we are modeling disease spread in a constant size population $M$ .

- This time,  $P(t)$  represents the number of infected individuals.
- Reasonable to assume that rate of new infections is proportional to  $P(M - P)$ .
- Thus  $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP(M - P)$  again.

The same equation can have multiple interpretations.

Different models can give rise to the same equation.

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- Ch 2.2 Equilibrium solutions

By changing the functions  $\beta$  and  $\delta$  we can model and observe a large variety of phenomena:

- Exponential growth
- Bounded growth (logistic equation)
- Doomsday vs Extinction thresholds

## 2.2: Equilibrium solutions and stability

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Example: Let  $k$  be a constant. What can we say about the solution to

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -k(x - A)$$

Solution:

$$x(t) = A + (x_0 - A) e^{-kt}$$

Conclusion:

- As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , temperature  $x$  approaches  $A$ .

Can get the same conclusion by looking at the phase diagram:



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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = kx(M - x)$$

Draw the phase diagram:

Conclusion:

First order autonomous:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = f(P)$$

- “Update rule” only depends on current state (not time!)
- Long term behavior is easy to figure out.