

**1991 BC6**

A certain rumor spreads through a community at the rate  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2y(1-y)$ , where  $y$  is the proportion of the population that has heard the rumor at time  $t$ .

- (a) What proportion of the population has heard the rumor when it is spreading the fastest?
- (b) If at time  $t=0$  ten percent of the people have heard the rumor, find  $y$  as a function of  $t$ .
- (c) At what time  $t$  is the rumor spreading the fastest?

**2004 BC5** (Worldwide Average: 2.77/9...lowest average on any problem on the **2004 BC Exam**)

A population is modeled by a function  $P$  that satisfies the logistic differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{P}{5} \left( 1 - \frac{P}{12} \right).$$

(a) If  $P(0) = 3$ , what is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$ ?

If  $P(0) = 20$ , what is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$ ?

(b) If  $P(0) = 3$ , for what value of  $P$  is the population growing the fastest?

(c) A different population is modeled by a function  $Y$  that satisfies the separable differential equation

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = \frac{Y}{5} \left( 1 - \frac{t}{12} \right).$$

Find  $Y(t)$  if  $Y(0) = 3$ .

(d) For the function  $Y$  found in part (c), what is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Y(t)$ ?

You can find detailed solutions for both FRQs in:

**6.3 Notes Day 2 - AP Problems on Logistic Growth** (in documents)

You can find video solutions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> problem easily on youtube. (Search: 2004 bc 5)

7. A population  $y$  changes at a rate modeled by the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0.2y(1000 - y)$ , where  $t$  is measured in years. What are all values of  $y$  for which the population is increasing at a decreasing rate?

(A) 500 only  
(B)  $0 < y < 500$  only  
(C)  $500 < y < 1000$  only  
(D)  $0 < y < 1000$   
(E)  $y > 1000$

2013

4. Let  $k$  be a positive constant. Which of the following is a logistic differential equation?

(A)  $\frac{dy}{dt} = kt$   
(B)  $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$   
(C)  $\frac{dy}{dt} = kt(1 - t)$   
(D)  $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky(1 - t)$   
(E)  $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky(1 - y)$

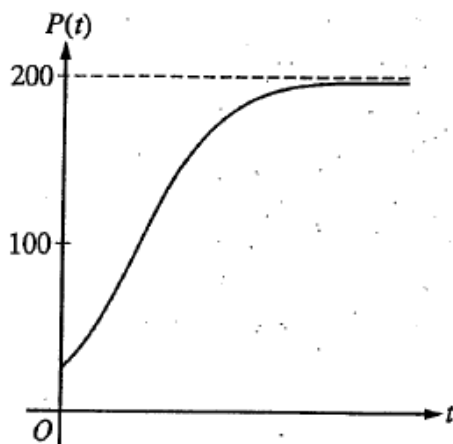
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84. The rate of change,  $\frac{dP}{dt}$ , of the number of people on an ocean beach is modeled by a logistic differential equation. The maximum number of people allowed on the beach is 1200. At 10 A.M., the number of people on the beach is 200 and is increasing at the rate of 400 people per hour. Which of the following differential equations describes the situation?

(A)  $\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{1}{400}(1200 - P) + 200$   
(B)  $\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{2}{5}(1200 - P)$   
(C)  $\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{1}{500}P(1200 - P)$   
(D)  $\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{1}{400}P(1200 - P)$   
(E)  $\frac{dP}{dt} = 400P(1200 - P)$

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24. Which of the following differential equations for a population  $P$  could model the logistic growth shown in the figure above?

(A)  $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0.2P - 0.001P^2$

(B)  $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0.1P - 0.001P^2$

(C)  $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0.2P^2 - 0.001P$

(D)  $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0.1P^2 - 0.001P$

(E)  $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0.1P^2 + 0.001P$

2008

21. The number of moose in a national park is modeled by the function  $M$  that satisfies the logistic differential equation  $\frac{dM}{dt} = 0.6M\left(1 - \frac{M}{200}\right)$ , where  $t$  is the time in years and  $M(0) = 50$ . What is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(t)$ ?

- (A) 50      (B) 200      (C) 500      (D) 1000      (E) 2000

2003

26. The population  $P(t)$  of a species satisfies the logistic differential equation  $\frac{dP}{dt} = P\left(2 - \frac{P}{5000}\right)$ , where the initial population  $P(0) = 3,000$  and  $t$  is the time in years. What is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$ ?

- (A) 2,500      (B) 3,000      (C) 4,200      (D) 5,000      (E) 10,000

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