

### 3.7 Rates of Change in the Sciences

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A particle moves back and forth in a straight line, (called rectilinear motion)

Describe the motion of the particle

if position at time  $t$  is

$$s = f(t) = t^3 - 9t^2 + 15t + 10 \text{ ft.}$$

Solution

$$v = \text{velocity} = f'(t) = 3t^2 - 18t + 15 = 3(t-1)(t-5) \text{ ft/sec}$$

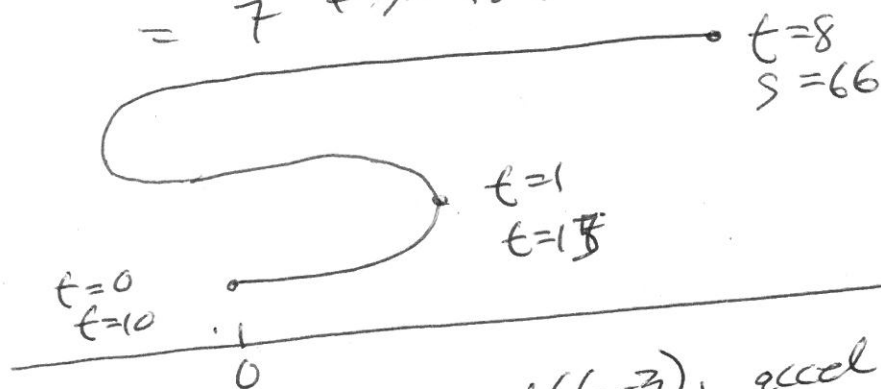
The particle is at rest when  $v=0$ , so  $t=1, 5$  seconds

The particle is moving in a positive direction when  $v(t) > 0$   
so  $0 \leq t < 1$  or  $t > 5$

The particle is moving in a negative direction when  $v(t) < 0$   
i.e.  $1 < t < 5$

The total distance traveled in the first 8 seconds

$$\begin{aligned} \text{is } & |f(1) - f(0)| + |f(5) - f(1)| + |f(8) - f(5)| \\ & = |17 - 10| + |-15 - 17| + |f(8) - f(5)| \\ & = 7 + 32 + 81 = 120 \text{ ft} \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Accel} = v' = 6t - 18 = 6(t-3), \text{ accel} > 0, \text{ if } t > 3$$

$$\text{accel} < 0 \text{ if } t < 3$$

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$0 < t < 1$  moving forward  $v > 0$   
slowing down  $a < 0$

$1 < t < 3$  moving backwards  $v < 0$   
speeding up  $a < 0$ , but the direction is neg

$3 < t < 5$  moving backwards  $v < 0$   
slowing down  $a > 0$

$t > 5$  moving forward  $v > 0$   
speeding up  $a > 0$

Density: Suppose that you have a rod  
whose mass between two pts on the rod  $x_1$  and  $x_2$



is  $\Delta m = f(x_2) - f(x_1)$

The average density is  $\frac{\Delta m}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$

As  $x_2 \rightarrow x_1$  (i.e.  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ ) we get the  
linear density  $\rho$

$$\rho = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta x} = \frac{dm}{dx}$$

Ex Suppose that the mass of the part of a metal rod that lies between its left end and a pt  $x$  meters to the right is  $3x^2$  kg. Find the d(linear) density of the rod at 2 m.

density  $= \rho(x) = 3x^2$

$$\rho'(x) = 6x$$

$$\rho'(2) = 12 = 12 \text{ kg/m}$$

### Compressibility in thermodynamics

If a substance is kept at a constant temperature, then its volume  $V$  depends on the pressure  $P$

We consider the rate of change of volume wrt pressure i.e.  $\frac{dV}{dP}$

As  $P$  increases,  $V$  decreases, so  $\frac{dV}{dP} < 0$ .

The compressibility is defined by introducing a minus sign and dividing by  $V$ , so

$$\text{isothermal compressibility} = \beta = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{dV}{dP}$$

$\beta$  measures how fast per unit volume, the volume of a substance decreases as the pressure on it increases at constant temperature.

Ex Let  $V$  (in cubic meters) of air at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  is related to pressure  $P$  (in kilopascals) by  $V = \frac{5.3}{P}$

The rate of change of  $V$  wrt  $P$  when  $P = 100 \text{ kPa}$ .

$$\text{is } \left. \frac{dV}{dP} \right|_{P=100} = \left. \frac{-5.3}{P^2} \right|_{P=100} = -\frac{5.3}{100^2} = -0.00053 \text{ m}^2/\text{kPa}$$

$$= \frac{-5.3}{10,000} = -0.00053 \text{ m}^2/\text{kPa}$$

So, the compressibility at that pressure is

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= -\frac{1}{V} \left. \frac{dV}{dP} \right|_{P=100} = \frac{+0.00053}{\frac{5.3}{100}} = 0.01 \\ &= 0.01 (\text{m}^3/\text{kPa}) / \text{m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

## Economics

Let  $C(x)$  be the total costs to produce  $x$  units,

If production is increased from  $x_1$  to  $x_2$ ,

The additional cost is  $\Delta C = C(x_2) - C(x_1)$

and the average rate of change of the cost is

$$\frac{\Delta C}{\Delta x} = \frac{C(x_2) - C(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{C(x_1 + \Delta x) - C(x_1)}{\Delta x}$$

As  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ , the marginal cost

$$\text{is: marginal cost} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta C}{\Delta x} = \frac{dC}{dx}$$

The marginal cost is an approximation of the additional cost of producing one more item (the  $n+1$  item).

The marginal cost can change with  $n$ .

Ex Suppose that the ~~marginal~~ cost is

$$C(x) = 84 + 0.16x - 0.0006x^2 + 0.000003x^3$$

$$\text{Then } \cancel{C'(x) = 0.16} \quad C'(x) = 0.16 - 0.0012x + 0.000009x^2$$

$C'(100) \approx 0.13$ . This is an approximation of producing the 101st item

## Section 3.8 Exponential Growth and Decay

When the rate of change is proportional to the amount present

$$f'(t) = K f(t)$$

$\downarrow$   
K is the constant of proportionality

Aside  $f'(t) = K f(t)$  is an example of a differential equation

The function that solves the above differential equation is

$$y(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$$

check  $y'(t) = k A_0 e^{kt} = k [A_0 e^{kt}] = k y(t)$

Note if  $t=0$   $k \cdot 0 = A_0 e^0 = A_0 \cdot 1 = A_0$

so  $A_0$  is the initial amount

i.e.  $A_0 = y(0)$

Note The only solutions of  $\frac{dy}{dx} = ky$

are of the form  $y(t) = y(0)e^{kt}$

where  $k$  is the constant of proportionality

Ex Suppose that a bacteria sample is  $x$ .

At  $t=2$  hours, the population is 3.1 grams

At  $t=10$  " " " " 5.8 grams

The population growth follows an exponential model.

How large is the population at  $t=12$  hours?

Solution We are given that  $A(t) = A(0)e^{kt} = A_0 e^{kt}$

We know that  $A(10) = 5.8 = A_0 e^{10k}$   
 $A(2) = 3.1 = A_0 e^{2k}$

So,  $\frac{5.8}{3.1} = \frac{A_0 e^{10k}}{A_0 e^{2k}} = \frac{e^{10k}}{e^{2k}} = e^{10k-2k} = e^{8k}$

~~$1.871 \approx e^{8k}$~~

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$\ln(1.871) \approx \ln(e^{8k}) = 8k$

$0.6284 \approx 8k \Rightarrow k \approx \frac{0.6284}{8} \approx 0.07831$

So  $A(t) = A_0 e^{0.07831t}$

To find the value of  $A_0$ , use either  $A(2)=3.1$  or  $A(10)=5.8$

$A(2) = 3.1 = A_0 e^{(0.07831)(2)} = A_0 e^{0.1566}$

So  $A_0 = \frac{3.1}{e^{0.1566}} \approx \frac{3.1}{1.16953} \approx 2.6506$

So  $A(t) = 2.6506 e^{(0.07831)t}$

So  $A(12) = 2.6506 e^{(0.07831)(12)} \approx 6.7359$  grams

When will the population reach 12 grams

Solve  $12 = 2.6506 e^{0.07831t}$  for  $t$

$4.527 \approx e^{0.07831t}$

$\ln(4.527) \approx 0.07831t$

~~$1.51$~~   $1.51 \approx 0.07831t$

$t \approx \frac{1.51}{0.07831} \approx 19.33$  hours

$t \approx 19$  hours and 20 minutes

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Background on C-14 dating

A team from U. of Chicago led by William Libby found a method to estimate the age of carbonaceous fossilized matter. The radioisotope C-14 is produced in the atmosphere when cosmic rays interact with nitrogen 14.

The ratio  $\frac{\text{C-14 (radioactive)}}{\text{C-14 (stable)}}$  seems to be constant

for all living material up to the time of death.

This ratio is also constant in the atmosphere. When the organism dies, the proportion of C-14 declines. The half-life of C-14 is 5730 years.

This can be used to determine the age of clothes, bones etc, up to about 65,000 years.

For  $> 65,000$  years the method is still theoretically sound but small errors in measurements are compounded too many times to have reliable results.



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Let  $m(t)$  be the mass remaining at time  $t$  from an initial mass  $M_0$ , i.e.,  $m(0) = M_0$

The relative decay rate

$-\frac{1}{m} \frac{dm}{dt}$  is known to be constant

$$\text{So } -\frac{1}{m} \frac{dm}{dt} = km, k < 0$$

so  $m(t) = m_0 e^{kt}$ , this is an exponential model  
 $k < 0$ , means that we have decay

Ex A fossilized bone contains 0.1% of its original amount of C-14. Determine the age of the bone.

Use  $A(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$   
 $\frac{1}{2} A_0 = A_0 e^{5730k}$

$\frac{1}{2} = e^{5730k}$ , take  $\ln$  of both sides

$\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \ln(1) - \ln 2 = -\ln 2 = 5730k$

$k = \frac{-\ln 2}{5730} \approx -0.00012097$

So  $A(t) = A_0 e^{-0.00012097t}$

$0.001 A_0 = A_0 e^{-0.00012097t}$

$\ln 0.001 = -0.00012097t$

$t = \frac{\ln 0.001}{-0.00012097}$

$t \approx 57103 \text{ years}$

$0.001 = e^{-0.00012097t}$   
 $\ln 0.001 = \ln(e^{-0.00012097t})$

$\ln 0.001 = -0.00012097t$

Newton's Law of Cooling (Heating)

The rate of change of the temperature  $T$  of an object w.r.t time  $t$  is proportional to the difference of the temperature of the object and the surrounding temperature.

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_s)$$

This is not quite an ~~exponential~~ exponential model ( $\frac{dT}{dt} = kT$ )  
To transform it into an exponential model  
we use a change of variables.

$$y(t) = T(t) - T_s \rightarrow \text{constant}$$

$$\text{so } y'(t) = T'(t) = 0$$

$$y'(t) = T'(t)$$

Ex A water bottle at room temperature ( $72^\circ\text{F}$ ) is placed in a fridge at  $44^\circ\text{F}$ . After  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour, the water temp is  $61^\circ\text{F}$ . What is the temp of the water after another half hour.

Solution  $\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - 44)$

$$\text{Let } y(t) = T(t) - 44$$

$$\text{so } y(0) = T(0) - 44 = 72 - 44 = 28$$

We now have a true exponential model.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky \text{ with } y(0) = 28$$

$$y(t) = y_0 e^{kt} = 28e^{kt}, \text{ find } k.$$

$$\text{We have } T(30) = 61, \text{ so } y(30) = 61 - 44 = 17$$

$$\text{so } 28e^{30k} = 17, \text{ solve for } k$$

$$k = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{17}{28}\right)}{30} \approx -0.01663$$

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$$\text{so } y(t) = 28e^{-0.01663t}$$

Almost there

$$\text{Recall } y(t) = T(t) - 44$$

$$\text{so } T(t) = 44 + y(t)$$

$$T(t) = 44 + 28e^{-0.01663t}$$

After another half hour,  $t=60$

$$T(60) \approx 54.3^\circ\text{F}$$

When does the water temp reach  $50^\circ\text{F}$

Solution Solve  $50 = 44 + 28e^{-0.01663t}$

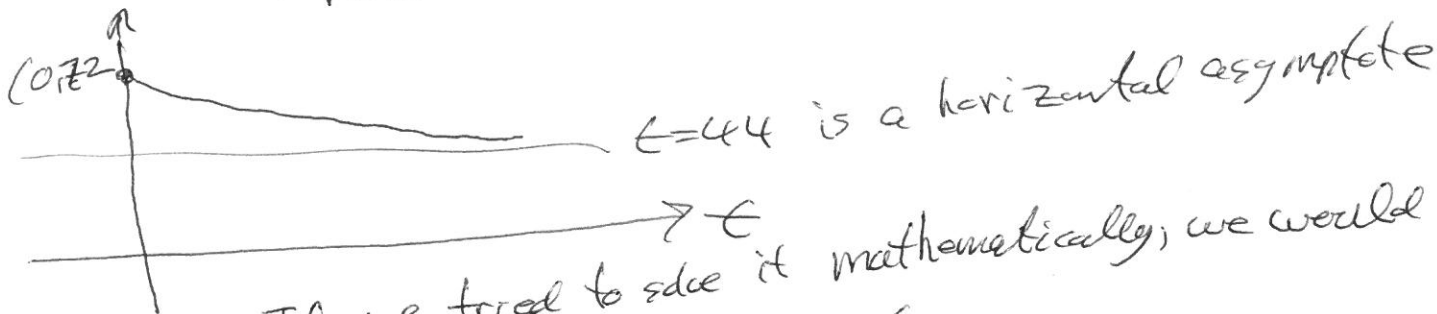
$$\frac{6}{28} = e^{-0.01663t}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{6}{28}\right) = -0.01663t$$

$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{6}{28}\right)}{-0.01663} \approx 92.6 \text{ minutes}$$

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When will the water temp  
reach  $40^\circ\text{F}$  - Never.



If we tried to solve it mathematically, we would have

$$40 = 44 + 28e^{-0.01663t}$$
$$-\frac{4}{28} = e^{-0.01663t}$$

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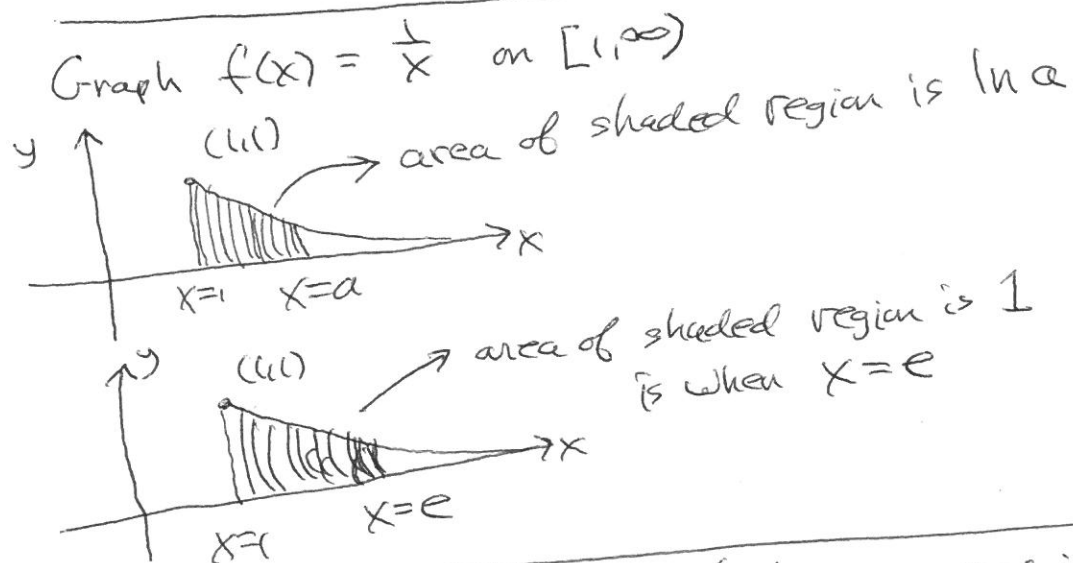
but note for any real  
number  $x$ ,  $e^x > 0$

The number  $e$  as a limit

Two ways to define and compute  $e$

$$e = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x, \quad e = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$e \approx 2.718 \dots$$



$e$  is irrational, so  $e$  can not be expressed in the form  $e = \frac{a}{b}$ ,  $a, b$  are integers  $b \neq 0$

$e$  is not an algebraic number. This means that  $e$  is not the root of a polynomial with integer coeff.

A number that is not algebraic is said to be transcendental

Note  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational but is algebraic

since  $\sqrt{2}$  solves the equation  $x^2 - 2 = 0$

Note  $e, \pi$  are both transcendental.

Euler Identity

$$e^{\pi i} + 1 = 0$$

## Continuously Compounding Interest

You make one deposit into a savings account and leave it alone

The amount in the account will depend on:

must agree {  $t$  - time  
 $r$  - interest rate, written as a decimal so  $5\% = 0.05$   
 $n$  - number of compounding period per unit time  
 $A_0$  - the initial amount

$$A(n, t, A_0, r) = A_0 \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}, \quad nt \text{ is the total number of compounding periods,}$$

Ex Let  $t$  be fixed at 3 years  
 $r$  " " " 6%/year

$$A_0 = \$1000$$

$n$  will vary

Simple interest - (you do not get interest on the interest)

$$S = A_0 + A_0 \cdot r \cdot t$$

$$S = 1000 + 1000(0.06)3 = \$1180$$

Compound interest: you do get interest on the interest

$$A(n) = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{n}\right)^{3n}$$

$n=1$ , the amount is \$1191.02 up \$11.02 from simple interest  
 $n=2$ , " " " \$1194.05 up another \$3.03  
 $n=4$ , " " " \$1195.62 " " \$1.57  
 $n=12$ , " " " \$1196.68 " " \$1.06  
 $n=365$ , " " " \$1197.20 " " \$0.52

As  $n$  increases,  $A(n)$  increases

but the increases seem to taper off

The best that you can do is when interest is compounded at every moment. This is continuous interest

$$A(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_0 \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt} = A_0 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

$$= A_0 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{r}} \right]^{rt}$$

Now let  $m = \frac{n}{r}$ ,  $A(t) = A_0 \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)^m \right]^{rt}$

$$\text{so } A(t) = A_0 e^{rt}$$

In our case  $A(3) = 1000 e^{(0.06)3} = 1000 e^{0.18}$   
 $A(3) \approx \$1197.21$

We now show that:  $A(t) = A_0 e^{rt}$  is an exponential model  
pf  $A'(t) = r A_0 e^{rt} = r [A_0 e^{rt}] = r A(t)$

$$\text{so } A'(t) = r A(t)$$

So, we do have an exponential model with the rate of change  $A'(t)$ , is proportional to the amount present. The constant of proportionality is the interest rate per unit time written as a decimal.

Often in place of  $A_0$ , one uses the letter  $P$ ,  $P$  is for principle. We have

$$A(t) = P e^{rt}$$