

Homework logistic growth

Show analytically: $\frac{dN}{dt} = rN(1 - \frac{N}{K}) \longrightarrow N_t = \frac{K}{1 + Ce^{-rt}}$

Hint: partial fraction.

Due date:

No late homework acceptable without consulting me in advance.

Solution: $\frac{dN}{dt} = rN(1 - \frac{N}{K})$

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

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

< partial fraction >

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

$$\ln N - \ln(K - N) = rt + \text{Const.}$$

$$\ln \left(\frac{N_t}{K - N_t} \right) = rt + \text{Const.}$$

$$\frac{N_t}{K - N_t} = \frac{1}{C} e^{rt} \xrightarrow{t=0} C = \frac{K - N_0}{N_0}$$

$$K - N_t = N_t \cdot C \cdot e^{-rt}$$

$$K = N_t (1 + C e^{-rt})$$

$$N_t = \frac{K}{1 + C e^{-rt}}, \quad C = \frac{K - N_0}{N_0}$$

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