Math 3B: Lecture 19

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General solution

Using separation of variables, we can show that the general solution to

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is

$$y(t) = \frac{a}{b} - Ce^{-bt}$$

where C is an arbitrary constant.

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$$y(t) = 28.9 - 28.9e^{-0.3t} = 28.9(1 - e^{-0.3t})$$

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• Rearranging we get $20e^{-0.01t} = 5$ i.e.

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• So we get

$$t = -100 \ln \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \approx 138 = 2 \text{ hours } 18 \text{ minutes.}$$