

20. Applications of Differential Equations

A. Activities

Carry out the following activities

- The rate of growth of the population of a city at any time 't' is proportional to the size of the population. For a certain city it is found that the constant of proportionality is 0.04. Find the population of the city after 25 years if the initial population is 10000 by completing the following activity. (Give $e = 2.7182$)

Let 'x' be the population of the city at time 't'

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{dt} \propto x, \therefore \frac{dx}{x} = [0.04] dt$$

But constant of proportionality is 0.04

$$\frac{dx}{x} = k dt$$

$$\frac{dx}{x} = [0.04] dt$$

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{x} = [0.04] dt, \text{ Integrating we get}$$

$$\log x = [0.04 t] + c \quad \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\text{i) } t = 0, x = 10000, \log (10000) = 0 + c$$

$$c = \log 10000$$

$$\text{ii) } t = 25, x = ?$$

$$\therefore \log x = 25 [0.04] + \log (10000)$$

$$\log x = [1] + \log (10000)$$

$$\therefore x = 10000 \times [2.7182] = [27182]$$

- The rate of decay of certain substance is directly proportional to the amount present at that instant. Initially there are 1.5 gms of certain substance and t hours later it is found that 0.5 gms are left. Find the time using the following activity.

Let M be the mass of the substance at time 't'.

$$\therefore \frac{dM}{dt} \propto M$$

$$\therefore \frac{dM}{dt} = -k M \text{ (-ve sign indicates dis-integration)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dM}{M} = -k dt, \text{ Integrating we get,}$$

$$\int \frac{dM}{M} = -k \int dt$$

$$\therefore \log M = -k t + c \quad \dots\dots (1)$$

i) $t = 0, M = 1.5$

$$\therefore \log 1.5 = c$$

$$\therefore c = \log 1.5$$

ii) $M = 0.5, t = ?$

$$\therefore kt = \log (1.5) - \log (0.5)$$

$$kt = \log (1.5/0.5)$$

$$t = \frac{1}{k} \log 3.$$

3. From the following information find the number of years in which the city have population 4,00,000.

Given $\frac{dx}{dt} \propto x$, x : population at time 't' years

t	x
0	50000
25	10000

$$\text{As } \frac{dx}{dt} \propto x, \therefore \frac{dx}{dt} = kx, \frac{dx}{x} = kdt$$

$$\text{Integrating we get, } \log x = k t + c \quad \dots\dots (1)$$

i) $t = 0, x = 50000, \therefore \log 50000 = k 0 + c$

$$\therefore c = \log (50000)$$

ii) $t = 25, x = 10000$

$$\therefore \log (10000) = 25 k + \log 50000$$

$$\therefore \log 10/5 = 25 k$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{1}{25} \log 2$$

iii) $x = 400000$ we get,

$$\log (400000) = \left[k = \frac{1}{25} \log 2 \right] t + \log 50000$$

$$\log \left(\frac{400000}{50000} \right) = \frac{t}{25} \times \log 2$$

$$\log 8 = \frac{t}{25} \log 2, \frac{t}{25} = 3, t = 75 \text{ years}$$

Q.3. The population of a country doubles in 60 years, in how many years will it be triple when the rate of increase is proportional to the number of inhabitants. (Given $\log_2 3 = 1.5894$)

Let P be the population of the country at time t .

As $\frac{dP}{dt} \propto P$, $\frac{dP}{dt} = KP$

Integrating,

$$\log P = kt + C \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{let } e^C = \alpha \therefore P = e^{kt} \cdot \alpha \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

Let Initial population at $t=0 \therefore N = \alpha e^0$
 $\therefore N = \alpha$

Eqn(ii) becomes $P = Ne^{kt}$

when $P = 3N$,

$$3N = Ne^{kt}$$

$$3 = e^{kt}$$

$$\log 3 = kt$$

$$\log 3 = \left[\frac{1}{60} \log 2 \right] t$$

$$\therefore t = 60 \frac{\log 3}{\log 2}$$

$$t = 60 \times \log_2 3.$$

$$t = 60 \times 1.5894.$$

$$t = 95.364$$

\therefore The population of the country will triple approximately in 95.36 years.

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