

## Announcements

- ① Exams are on the table  
- Get them; I do not want them
- ② Final Exam Review all of next week:
  - Think about what topics/questions you want to see
  - I'll ask Friday
- ③ EC 4 Due this Sunday @ 11:59PM
- ④ Complete course evaluations on Brightspace

## Lecture 34: Exponential Growth

**GOAL:** Discuss situations governed by the equation  $P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$  for  $k > 0$ .

We want to study the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$$

To solve, we use Separation of variables.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{k}{y}$$

$$\frac{1}{y} dy = k dt$$

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int k dt$$

$$\ln|y| + C_1 = kt + C_2$$

$$\ln|y| = kt + [C_2 - C_1]$$

$$|y| = e^{kt + [C_2 - C_1]}$$

$$y = \boxed{\pm e^{C_2 - C_1}} e^{kt}$$

Arbitrary Constant, call it  $C$

So the general solution is  $y(t) = Ce^{kt}$

Q: What if we have an initial condition  $y(0) = P_0$

$$y(t) = Ce^{kt}$$

$$P_0 \underset{\text{set}}{=} y(0) = Ce^{k \cdot 0}$$

$$C = P_0$$

Theorem The solution to the IVP

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = ky \\ y(0) = P_0 \end{cases}$$

is  $y(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$

Don't need  
to know  
this until  
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Def The quantity  $k$  is called the proportionality constant or growth rate.  $P_0$  is the initial value.

Def When  $P_0, k > 0$ , the equation  $y = P_0 e^{kt}$  is called the exponential growth model

Ex) An initial pop. of 2  <sup>$P_0$</sup>  protozoa grows according to

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 0.8P$$

where  $P(t)$  is the population after  $t$  days. Find  $P(6)$

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$$

$$P(t) = 2 e^{0.8t}$$

$$P(6) = 2 e^{0.8(6)} \approx 243 \text{ members}$$

Ex) A colony of E. coli starts w/ an initial pop. of 60 cells, then doubles every 20 min. Find the # of cells after 8 hours

Let  $t$  be the time in hours

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$$

$$P(t) = 60 e^{kt}$$

We know:  $P(\frac{1}{3}) = 120$ ,  $P(\frac{2}{3}) = 240$ ,  $\boxed{P(1) = 480}$

$$480 = P(1) = 60 e^{k \cdot 1}$$

$$480 = 60 e^k$$

$$8 = e^k$$

$$\ln 8 = \ln e^k$$

$$k = \ln 8$$

So,  $P(t) = 60 e^{\ln(8)t}$

$$P(8) = 60 e^{\ln(8) \cdot 8} = 60 \cdot 2^{24}$$
$$= 1,006,632,960 \text{ cells}$$

b) When will we reach 20 000 cells?

$$P(t) = 60 e^{\ln(8)t}$$

$$20000 = 60 e^{\ln(8)t}$$

$$333\frac{1}{3} = e^{\ln(8)t}$$

$$\ln(333\frac{1}{3}) = \ln(8)t$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(333\frac{1}{3})}{\ln(8)} \approx 2.7936 \text{ hrs}$$

Ex/ A pop. has 600 members in 2 years, 6 years

Later it has 75000 members.

@ Determine  $P(t)$ , i.e. the pop. after  $t$  years.

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$$

We know:  $P(2) = 600$ ,  $P(8) = 75000$

We need to solve  $\begin{cases} 600 = P_0 e^{2k} \\ 75000 = P_0 e^{8k} \end{cases} \rightarrow P_0 = \frac{600}{e^{2k}}$

So,  $75000 = \frac{600}{e^{2k}} e^{8k}$

$$75000 = 600 e^{6k}$$

$$125 = e^{6k}$$

$$\ln(125) = 6k$$

$$k = \frac{\ln(125)}{6} = \frac{\ln(5^3)}{6} = \frac{3\ln(5)}{6} = \frac{1}{2}\ln(5)$$

Solve for  $P_0$ :

$$600 = P_0 e^{2k}$$

$$600 = P_0 e^{2(\frac{1}{2}\ln(5))}$$

$$600 = P_0 e^{\ln(5)}$$

$$600 = 5P_0$$

$$P_0 = 120$$

Thus,  $P(t) = 120 e^{\frac{1}{2}\ln(5)t} \approx 120 e^{0.8047t}$

## Continuously Compounded Interest

It is common to model the growth of an investment via exponential growth. Let  $t$  be the time in years

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$$

$P_0$  is called the principal amount and  $k$  is the annual interest (as a decimal)

Ex4 \$3000 is invested at 5% interest

@ Assuming continuously compounded interest find  $P(t)$

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$$

$$P(t) = 3000e^{0.05t}$$

b) Find the amount after

$$10 \text{ years: } P(10) = 3000 e^{0.05(10)} \approx \$4,946.16$$

$$20 \text{ years: } P(20) \approx \$8,154.85$$

$$30 \text{ years: } P(30) \approx \$13,445.07$$

$$45 \text{ years: } P(45) \approx \$28,463.21$$

That is a 849% increase.

c) How long will the investment take to double?

$$2 \cdot 3000 = 3000 e^{0.05t}$$

$$2 = e^{0.05t}$$

$$\ln(2) = 0.05t$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(2)}{0.05} \approx 13.86 \text{ years}$$

Q: How long will it take for an investment to double if it is compounded continuously at  $r\%$ ?

$\frac{r}{100} \leftarrow r\% \text{ as a decimal}$

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{\frac{r}{100}t}$$

$$2 \cdot P_0 = P_0 e^{\frac{r}{100}t}$$

$$2 = e^{\frac{r}{100}t}$$

$$\ln(2) = \frac{r}{100} t$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(2) \cdot 100}{r}$$

Theorem (Rule of 72) The amount of time it takes for an investment to double at  $r\%$  compounded continuously is

$$t = \frac{\ln(2) \cdot 100}{r} \approx \frac{69}{r} \approx \frac{72}{r} \text{ years}$$

In the previous example

$$t = \frac{\ln(2) \cdot 100}{5} \approx 13.86 \text{ yrs}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ \overline{)72} \\ -5 \\ \hline 22 \\ -20 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

Rule of 72:  
 $t \approx \frac{72}{5} \times 14.4 \text{ yrs}$

Ex5 \$1000 is put into a HSA, after 2 years  
\$1123.60 remains in the account. Assume it follows exponential growth:

@ Find the amount in the HSA after  $t$  years

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$$

$$P(t) = 1000 e^{kt}$$

$$1123.60 = 1000 e^{k(2)}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2} \ln(1.1236) \approx \underbrace{0.04}_{\uparrow 6\%}$$

(b) How long will it take for the investment to double?

$$t = \frac{\ln(2) \cdot 100}{6} \approx 11.55 \text{ years}$$

Rule of 72:  $t \approx \frac{72}{6} = 12 \text{ yrs}$