

# 1.2 Solutions of Some Differential Eqs. (6)

Remember that the free fall and owl/mice differential equations

$$\dot{v} = \frac{dv}{dt} = 9.8 - 0.2v \quad \text{and}$$

$$\dot{p} = \frac{dp}{dt} = 0.5p - 450$$

They are of the form  $\boxed{\dot{y} = ay - b}$

To solve  $\downarrow \boxed{\dot{p} = 0.5p - 450}^*$ , we use methods of calculus as follows:  
 the differential equation

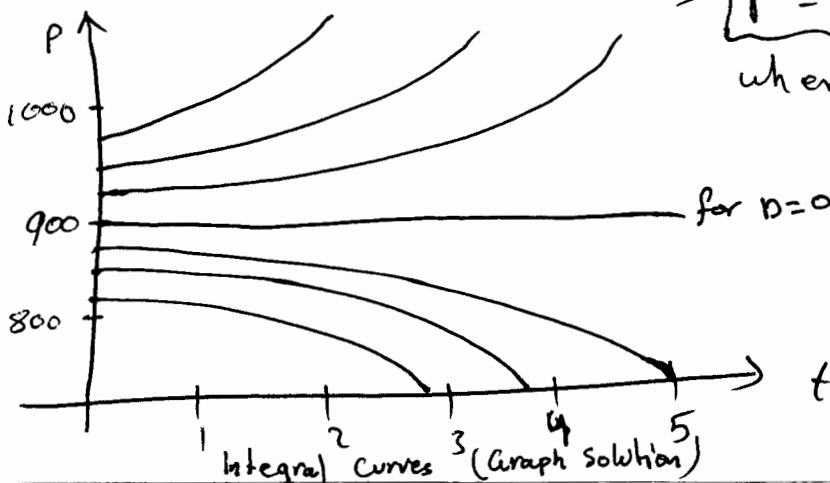
$$\frac{dp}{dt} = 0.5(p - 900) \Rightarrow \int \frac{\frac{dp}{dt}}{p-900} = \int 0.5 \Rightarrow$$

$$\ln |p-900| = 0.5t + c \Rightarrow |p-900| = e^{0.5t+c} \Rightarrow$$

$$p - 900 = \pm e^{0.5t+c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{p = 900 + D e^{0.5t}}$$

where  $D = \pm e^c$  constant



For several values of the constant  $D$  i.e. infinitely many solutions for  $*$  corresponding to the arbitrary constant  $D$

\* Initial Conditions:-

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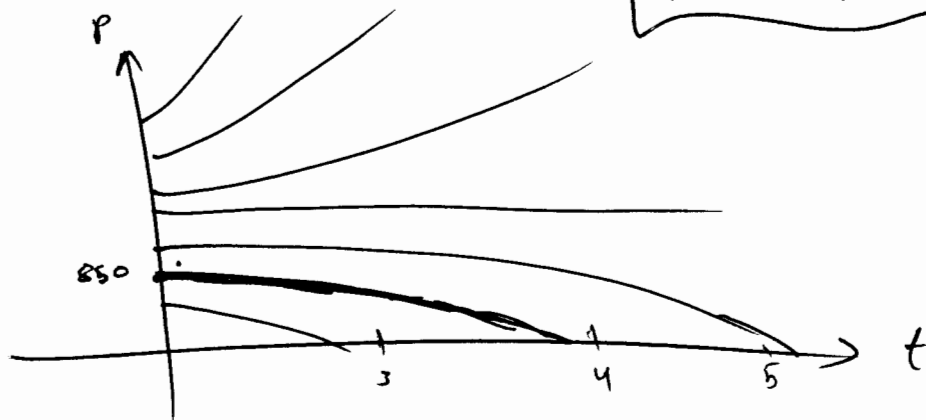
If we know a point that lies on the graph of the solution, then we determine a unique solution. Such point is called the initial condition.

→ Recall the solution  $p(t) = 900 + D e^{0.5t}$  \*

→ Suppose that the mice population starts at 850 i.e.  $p(0) = 850$ , Then from \* we have

$$850 = 900 + D e^{0.5(0)} \Rightarrow \boxed{D = -50}$$

Hence, the solution becomes  $p(t) = 900 - 50 e^{0.5t}$



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Note that the differential equation

$$p' = 0.5p - 450 \text{ together with the initial}$$

condition  $p(0) = 850$  form an initial value problem

whose solution is  $p(t) = 900 - 50 e^{0.5t}$ .

\* Initial Value Problem (IVP):

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Solve the following initial value problem

$$y' = ay - b, \quad y(0) = y_0$$

We use the methods of calculus as follows

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = a \left[ y - \frac{b}{a} \right] \Rightarrow \int \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{y - \frac{b}{a}} = \int a$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \left| y - \frac{b}{a} \right| = at + C \Rightarrow \left| y - \frac{b}{a} \right| = e^{at+C}$$

$$\Rightarrow y - \frac{b}{a} = \pm e^{at+C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{b}{a} + D e^{at}}$$

where the constant  $D$  is equal to  $\pm e^C$

\* Using the initial condition  $y(0) = y_0 \Rightarrow$

$$y_0 = \frac{b}{a} + D e^{a(0)} \Rightarrow y_0 = \frac{b}{a} + D$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{D = y_0 - \frac{b}{a}}$$

Hence,

$$\boxed{y = \frac{b}{a} + \left( y_0 - \frac{b}{a} \right) e^{at}}$$

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this is called general solution: it contains all possible solutions

\* Recall the Initial Value problem

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$$\dot{y} = ay - b, \quad y(0) = y_0$$

\* Remember that the equilibrium solution (when  $\dot{y} = 0$ ) is  $0 = ay - b \Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{b}{a}$

\* Remember that the general solution of the IVP above is

$$y(t) = \frac{b}{a} + \left(y_0 - \frac{b}{a}\right) e^{at}$$

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Note the following solution behavior:

\* If  $y_0 = \frac{b}{a}$  then  $y(t) = \frac{b}{a}$  "constant"

\* If  $y_0 > \frac{b}{a}$  and  $a > 0$ , then  $y(t)$  increases exponentially without bound

\* If  $y_0 > \frac{b}{a}$  and  $a < 0$ , then  $y(t)$  decreases exponentially (decays) to  $\frac{b}{a}$

\* If  $y_0 < \frac{b}{a}$  and  $a > 0$ , then  $y(t)$  decreases exponentially without bound.

\* If  $y_0 < \frac{b}{a}$  and  $a < 0$ , then  $y(t)$  increases asymptotically to  $\frac{b}{a}$

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Example Consider a falling object of mass = 10 kg (10) and drag coefficient  $\gamma = 2$  kg/sec.

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 9.8 - 0.2v$$

Suppose this object is dropped from a height of 300 m.

- (a) Find its velocity at any time  $t$ .  
 (b) How long until it hits ground and how fast will it be moving then?

Solution: The IVP is  $\dot{v} = 9.8 - 0.2v$ ,  $v(0) = 0$

(a) Using the general solution

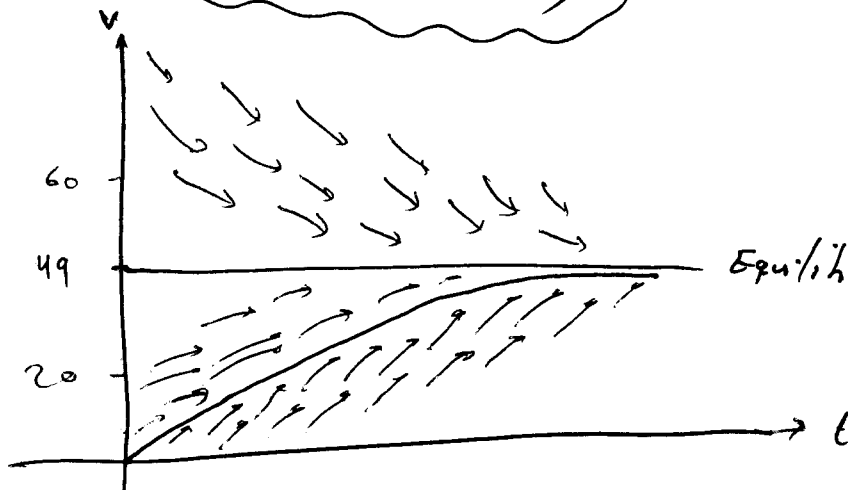
$$v(t) = \frac{b}{a} + \left[ v_0 - \frac{b}{a} \right] e^{at} \quad \text{for } \dot{v} = av - b$$

$$a = -0.2$$

$$b = -9.8$$

$$v(t) = \frac{9.8}{0.2} + \left[ 0 - \frac{9.8}{0.2} \right] e^{-0.2t}$$

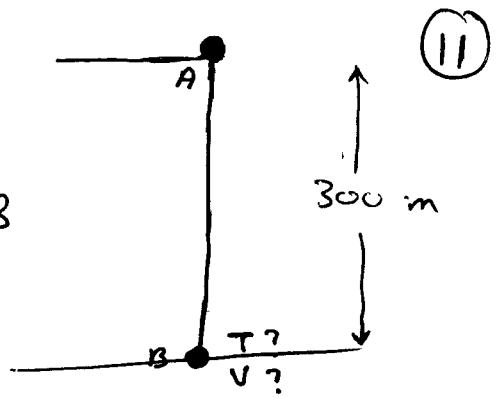
$$v(t) = 49 \left( 1 - e^{-0.2t} \right)$$



$$\frac{b}{a} = 49$$

$v_0 = 0 < 49$  and  
 $a = -0.2 < 0$  then  
 $v(t)$  increases  
 Solution  
 asymptotically  
 to 49.

(b) We need to find the time at position B and the velocity at position B



→ let  $x(t)$  be the distance that the object has fallen at time  $t$

$$x(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x(T) = 300$$

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this the time when the object touch the ground.

$$\dot{x}(t) = v(t) = 49(1 - e^{-0.2t})$$

since  $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$   
at moment  $t$

$$x(t) = 49t + 49 \times \frac{t}{0.2} e^{-0.2t} + c$$

$$x(t) = 49t + 245 e^{-0.2t} + c$$

$$x(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 0 + 245 + c \Rightarrow c = -245$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = 49t + 245 e^{-0.2t} - 245$$

⇒ This is the distance at any time  $t$

$$x(T) = 300 = 49T + 245 e^{-0.2T} - 245$$

$$T \approx 10.51 \text{ sec}$$

This is the time when the object touch the ground

Hence, the velocity of the object at  $T = 10.51$  is

$$v(10.51) = 49(1 - e^{-0.2 \times 10.51}) \approx 43.01 \text{ m/sec.}$$