

Modeling with DE's

- Sometimes DE's are called Mathematical Models (MM) as they can use to model (describe) a physical phenomena (waves, heats, velocity of objects, ...) or chemical phenomena (radioactivity, reactions, ...) or biological phenomena (population growth/Decay, ...) or psychological phenomena (process of making decisions, ...)

Exp (Free Fall)

An object falls from a rest

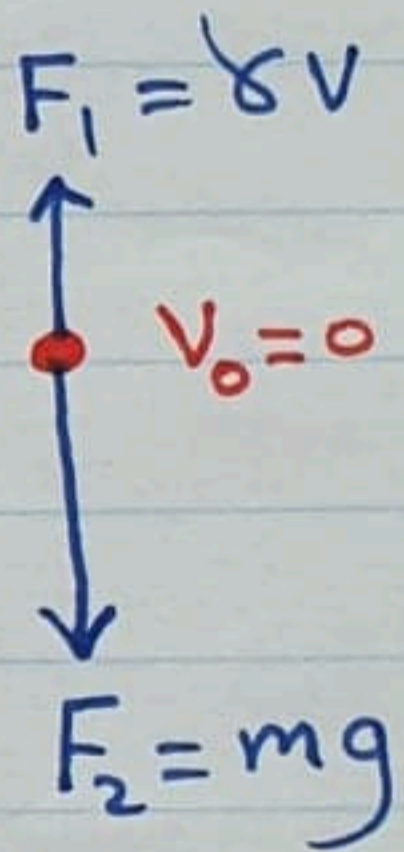
- ① Write MM describing its velocity change over time

m : mass of object

$v(t)$: velocity of object at time t

γ : drag coefficient

$g \approx 9.8 \text{ m/sec}^2$ acceleration due to gravity



Net force is $\Delta F = F_2 - F_1$

$$ma = mg - \gamma v$$

a : acceleration
 $a = \dot{v}(t) = \frac{dv}{dt}$

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - \gamma v$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dv}{dt} = g - \frac{\gamma}{m} v} \rightarrow \text{MM}$$

- ② Take $m = 10 \text{ Kg}$, $\gamma = 2 \text{ Kg/sec}$, $g \approx 9.8 \text{ m/sec}^2$
 Find Eq. Sol.

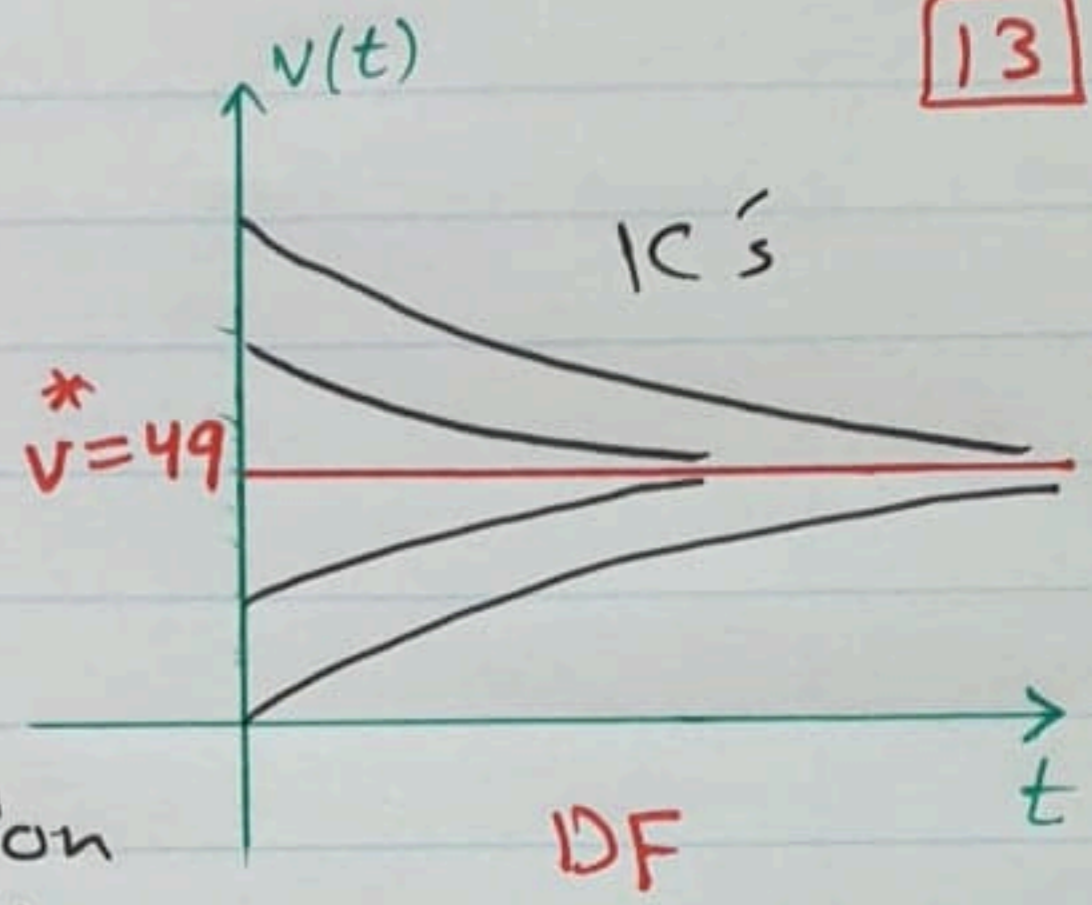
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 9.8 - 0.2v \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v^* = \frac{9.8}{0.2} = 49$$

③ Draw the DF

$$\dot{V} = 9.8 - 0.2V$$

if $V_0 = 100$ then $\dot{V} < 0 \Rightarrow V(t) \downarrow$

if $V_0 = 0$ then $\dot{V} > 0 \Rightarrow V(t) \uparrow$



④ study the behavior of solution
"Find the limiting velocity"

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V(t) = 49$$

$$a = -0.2 < 0$$

$$V(t) \rightarrow 49$$

Exp (Mice and Owls)

Assume a mice population $p(t)$ increases proportionally to its current size, where t in months.

① write MM to describe the change in $p(t)$ over time

$$\frac{dp}{dt} \propto p$$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = r p \quad \text{where the constant } r \text{ is called the growth rate } (r > 0).$$

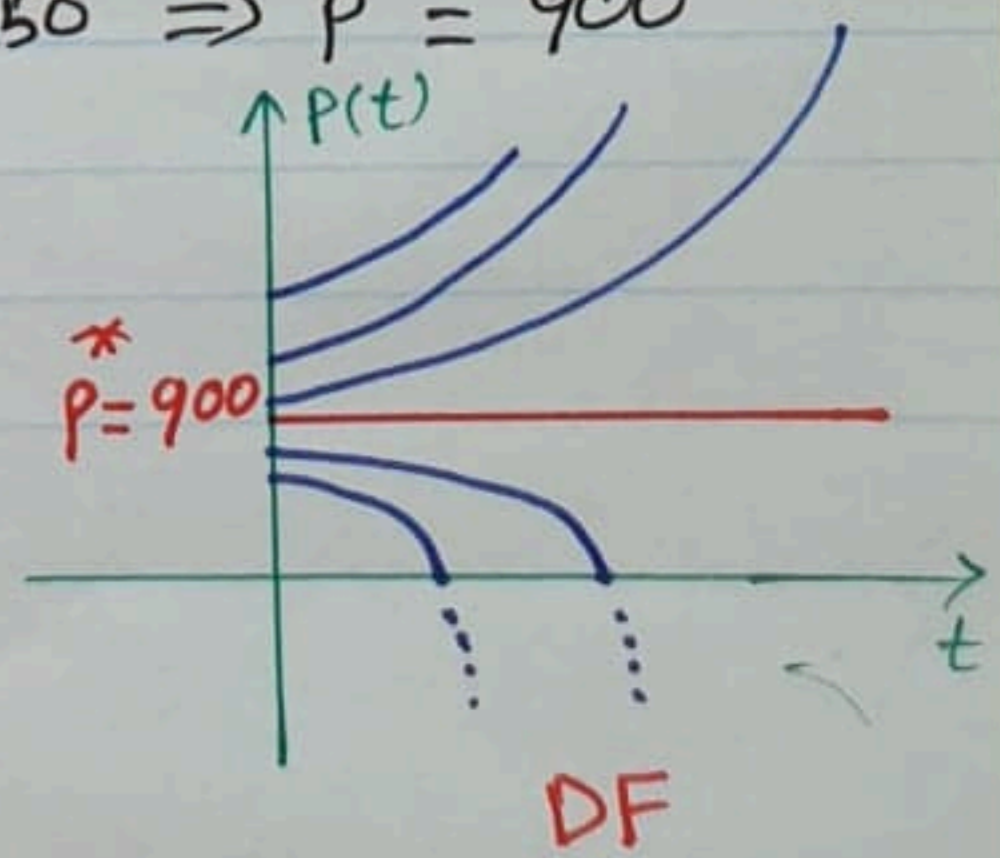
② Assume the owls (predators) come and they eat 15 mice/day. Write MM to describe the change in $p(t)$ over time (consider $r = 0.5$)

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

15 x 30 since t in months

③ Draw the DF and study the behavior of solution
Eq. Sol. $\Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 0.5p - 450 \Rightarrow p^* = 900$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p(t) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } p_0 > 900 \\ 900 & \text{if } p_0 = 900 \\ 0 & \text{if } p_0 < 900 \end{cases}$$



Exp Assume $\phi(t)$ is a solution for the IVP:

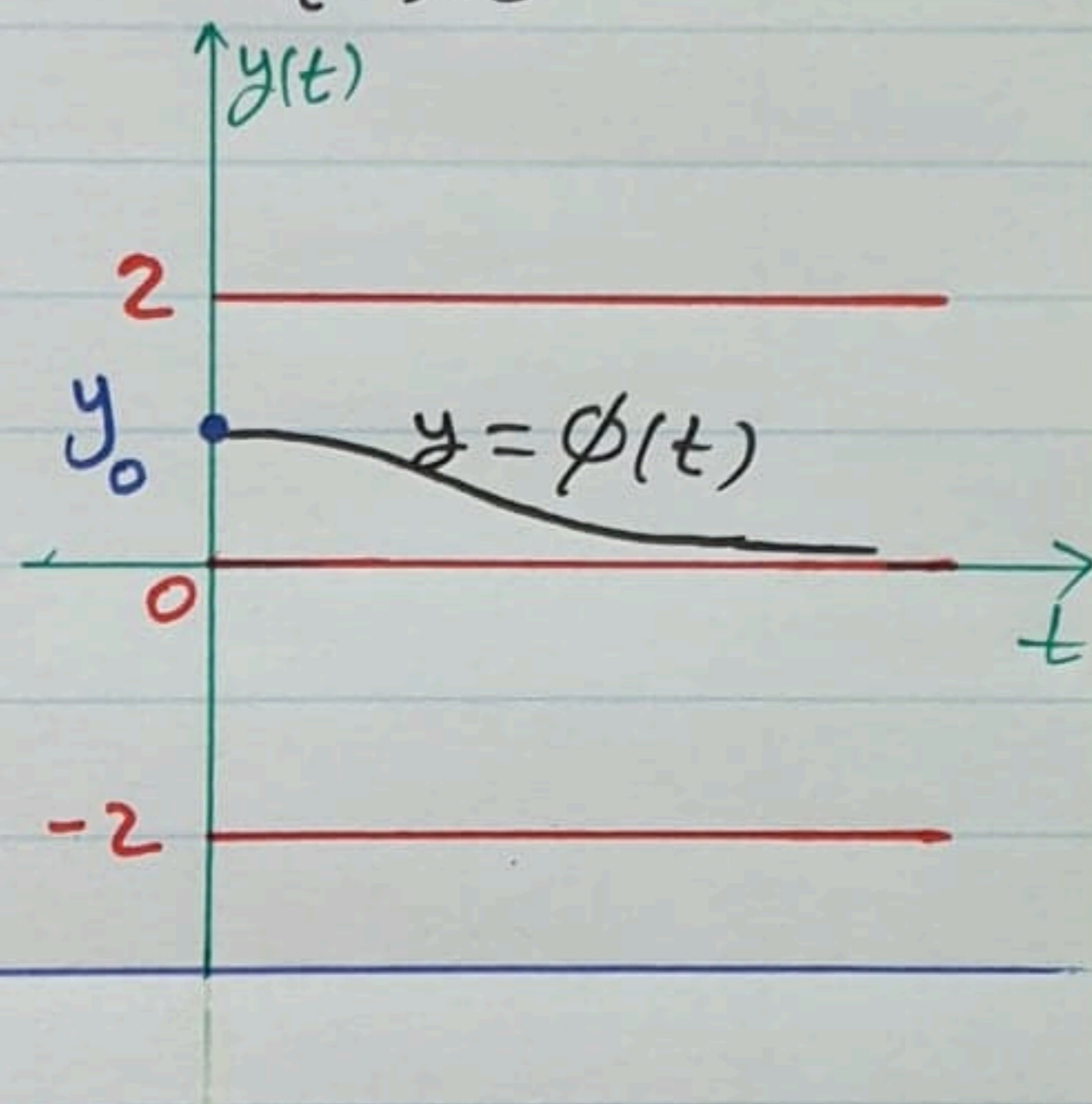
$$y' = y(y^2 - 4), \quad y(0) = 1$$

Eq. Sol. $\Rightarrow \dot{y} = 0 \Rightarrow y^* = 0, 2, -2$

Find $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t)$

If $y_0 = 1 \Rightarrow \dot{y} = -3 < 0 \Rightarrow y(t) \downarrow$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t) = 0$$



Three important questions for a given DE

1) Is there a solution?

2) If there is a sol., is it unique?

3) If there is a sol., how to find it?

• Now we will start solving DE's instead of drawing the DF

• The solution we get by solving a DE is called analytical solution