

Logistic Functions:

Do you think it is reasonable for a population to grow exponentially indefinitely?

NO

Logistic Growth Functions... functions that model situations where exponential growth is limited.

An equation of the form $f(x) = \frac{c}{1+ab^x}$ or $f(x) = \frac{c}{1+ae^{-kx}}$.

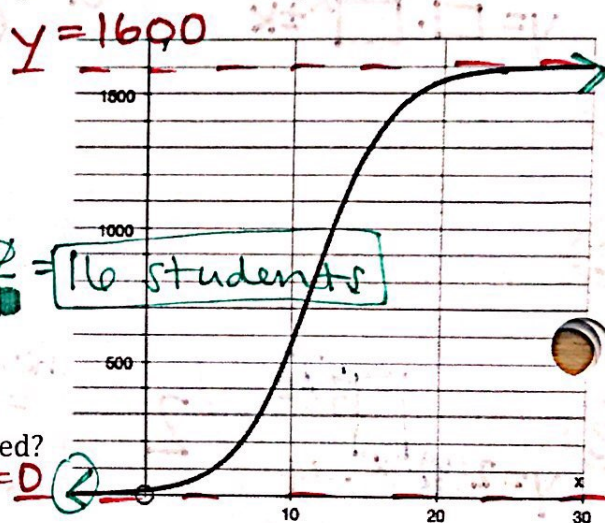
where $c =$ growth limit. ← A.K.A. "maximum capacity" or "carrying capacity"

The graph of a logistic function looks like an exponential function at first, but then "levels off" at $y=c$. The logistic function has two HA: $y=0$ and $y=c$.

Example of modeling with the logistic function:

The number of students infected with flu after t days at Springfield High School is modeled by the following function:

$$P(t) = \frac{1600}{1+99e^{-0.4t}}$$



a) What was the initial number of infected students $t=0$?

$$P(0) = \frac{1600}{1+99e^{-4(0)}} = \frac{1600}{1+99} = \frac{1600}{100} = 16 \text{ students}$$

b) After 5 days, how many students will be infected?

$$t=5, P(5) \approx 111 \text{ students}$$

c) What is the maximum number of students that will be infected?

$$c = 1600 \text{ students}$$

d) According to this model, when will the number of students infected be 800?

$$t=?$$

$$P(t) = 800$$

$$800 = \frac{1600}{1+99e^{-0.4t}}$$

Swap! $\frac{1600}{800} = 1+99e^{-0.4t}$

Analyzing Logistic Functions:

Green: same for all logistic functions

$$f(x) = \frac{9=c}{1+2(0.6)^x}$$

$$D: (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$R: (0, 9)$$

$$\text{Inc: } (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\text{Dec: } \text{---}$$

Boundedness: Bounded

Extrema: ---

$$\text{Asy: } y=0 \text{ \& } y=9$$

$$\text{End Behavior: } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 9$$

$$f(x) = \frac{8}{1+4e^{-x}}$$

$$D:$$

$$R:$$

$$\text{Inc:}$$

$$\text{Dec:}$$

Boundedness:

Extrema:

Asy:

End Behavior:

$$1+99e^{-0.4t} = \frac{1600}{800}$$

$$1+99e^{-0.4t} = 2$$

$$99e^{-0.4t} = 1$$

$$\frac{99e^{-0.4t}}{99} = \frac{1}{99}$$

$$e^{-0.4t} = \frac{1}{99}$$

$$-0.4t = \ln\left(\frac{1}{99}\right)$$

$$t \approx 11.49 \text{ days}$$

Exponential Growth

Exp Decay

MODELING CONT.

$$y = a(1+r)^t$$

$$y = a(1-r)^t$$

Example 1: The population of Glenbrook in the year 1910 was 4200. Assume the population increased at the rate of 2.25% per year.

$$r = 0.0225$$

$$\% \rightarrow \text{dec. } t=0 \quad a=4200$$

$$2.25 \div 100$$

$$b > 1 \text{ growth}$$

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a) Write an exponential model for the population of Glenbrook. Define your variables.

$$y = 4200(1 + 0.0225)^t$$

y = population

t = yrs. after 1910

b) Determine the population in 1930 and 1900.

$$t = 20 \quad t = -10$$

$$y(20) \approx 6554$$

$$y(-10) \approx 3362$$

c) Determine when the population is double the original amount.

$$t = ? \quad y = 2 \cdot 4200 = 8400$$

$$y_1 = \text{equation } t = 31.15$$

$$y_2 = 8400 \quad 1910 + 31 = 1941$$

Example 2: The half-life of a certain radioactive substance is 14 days. There are 10 grams present initially.

$$b = 1/2$$

$$t \div 14$$

$$a = 10$$

$$y = 10(1/2)^{t/14}$$

t: time (days)

y: amount of substance remaining

a) Express the amount of substance remaining as an exponential function of time. Define your variables.

b) When will there be less than 1 gram remaining?

$$t = ? \quad t \quad y < 1$$

| x | y |
|--------|---------|
| 46 | 1.0254 |
| t = 47 | 0.97589 |

After 46 days

$$y = \frac{c}{1 + ae^{-bx}}$$

Example 3: Find a logistic equation of the form $y = \frac{c}{1 + ae^{-bx}}$ that fits the graph below, if the y-intercept is (0, 5) and the point (24, 135) is on the curve.

① Use (0, 5):

$$5 = \frac{500}{1 + ae^{-b(0)}}$$

$$5 = \frac{500}{1 + a}$$

$$5(1 + a) = 500$$

$$5 + 5a = 500$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ -5 \\ \hline 5a = 495 \\ a = 99 \end{array}$$

$$5a = 495$$

$$a = 99$$

② Use (24, 135): $y = \frac{500}{1 + 99e^{-bx}}$

$$135 = \frac{500}{1 + 99e^{-b(24)}}$$

$$b = 0.15$$

$$y = \frac{500}{1 + 99e^{-0.15x}}$$

