

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.

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 $t = 0$?

$$P(0) = \frac{1600}{1+99e^{-0.4(0)}} = \frac{1600}{1+99} = \frac{1600}{100} = 16$$

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

$$P(5) = 111.125 \rightarrow \text{about } 111 \text{ students}$$

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?

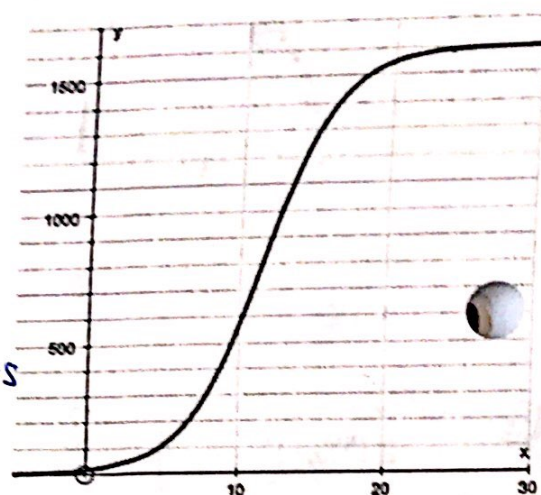
$$800 = \frac{1600}{1+99e^{-0.4t}} \rightarrow 1+99e^{-0.4t} = \frac{1600}{800} \rightarrow 1+99e^{-0.4t} = 2$$

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

$$\ln(e^{-0.4t}) = \ln(1/99)$$

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

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



Analyzing Logistic Functions:

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

D: $(-\infty, \infty)$
 R: $(0, 9)$
 Inc.: $(-\infty, \infty)$
 Dec.: —

Boundedness: Above/Below

Extrema: none

Asy.: $y = 0, y = 9$

End Behavior: L: ~~0~~, R: 9

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

D: $(-\infty, \infty)$ R: $(0, 8)$
 Inc.: $(-\infty, \infty)$ Dec.: —

Bounded (above + below)

Extrema: none

Asy.: $y = 0, y = 8$

End Behavior:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 8$$

MODELING CONT.

$$y = a(1 \pm r)^t$$

Example 1: The population of Glenbrook in the year 1910 was 4200. Assume the population increased at the rate of 2.25% per year. $b > 0$
growth

$r = 0.0225$

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

$y =$ population $t =$ years after 1910

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

b) Determine the population in 1930 and 1900.

$t = 20$ $t = -10$

$$f(20) = 6554$$

$$f(-10) = 3362$$

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

$\frac{8400}{4200} = (1 + 0.0225)^t \rightarrow 2 = (1 + 0.0225)^t$ $y = 2(4200) = 8400$

Between $t = 31 + 32$

$$1941 - 1942$$

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

$b = 1/2$

$t = 14$

$a = 10$

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

y : amount of substance remaining

t : days

$$y = 10(0.5)^{t/14}$$

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

Let $y_1 = 10(.5)^{t/14}$ $t = 47$

After 46 days

x	y ₁
46	1.0254
47	0.9759

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

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. * Replace ALL constants *

(0, 5)

(24, 135)

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

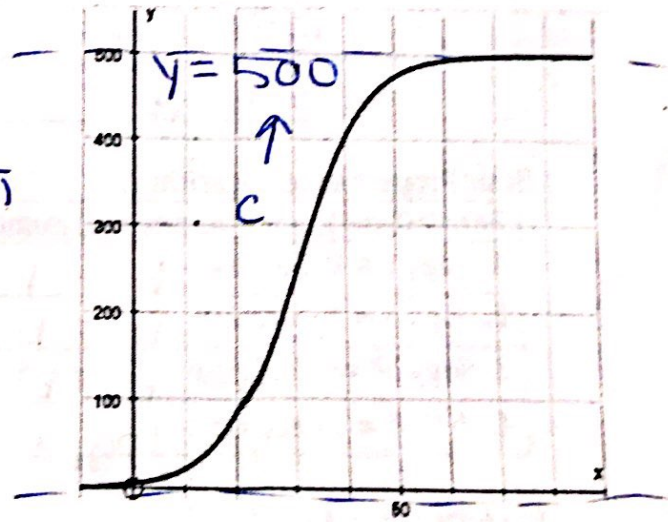
$$135 = \frac{500}{1 + 99e^{-k(24)}}$$

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

... $k = 0.15$

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

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



$1 + a = 100$

$a = 99$