

5.2 Day 2 Notes

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Precalculus – 3.2B Notes Logistic Growth Modeling

Hinsdale Central's senior class has 620 students. Seniors Halie, Katie, and Joey start a rumor that Imagine Dragons will be playing at this year's senior prom.

The rumor spreads logistically so that
$$S(t) = \frac{c}{1 + a \cdot e^{-0.9t}}$$

models the number of seniors who have heard the rumor after t days.

a) Why is a logistic model more appropriate than an exponential model?

b) What is the maximum # of seniors that can hear this rumor? 620

c) Determine c . 620

d) How many seniors started the rumor? 3 (y-int)
(not a)
(0, 3)



e) Determine a . _____

$$3 = \frac{620}{1 + a \cdot e^{-0.9(0)}}$$

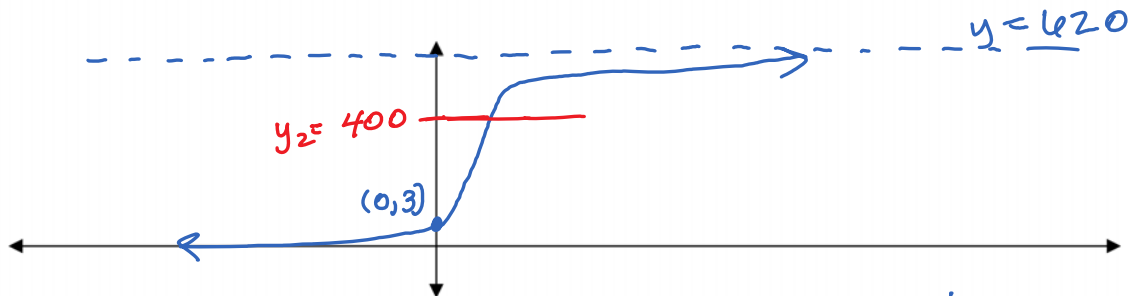
$$3 = \frac{620}{1 + a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 + 3a &= 620 \\ 3a &= 617 \\ a &= 205.7 \end{aligned}$$

f) Write the function for $S(t)$.

$$S(t) = \frac{620}{1 + 205.7e^{-0.9t}}$$

g) Sketch a graph of this function Label the y-intercept and the horizontal asymptotes.



h) How long does it take for 400 students to hear the rumor? on calc!
after about $t = 6.58$ days

17) How long does it take for 400 students to hear the rumor? $0.11 \cdot 2^{t/2}$

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Finding a Logistic Function that models the given data.

$$f(x) = \frac{c}{1 + a \cdot b^x}$$

2) Initial Value: 12 Limit to Growth: 60 Passing through (1, 24)
 y-int (0, 12) $c = 60$ $x, f(x)$

Step 1: use y-int to solve for a

$$12 = \frac{60}{1 + a \cdot b^0}$$

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$$12 + 12a = 60$$

$$12a = 48$$

$$a = 4$$

Step 2: use other Given point to solve for b

$$24 = \frac{60}{1 + 4 \cdot b^1}$$

$$24 = \frac{60}{1 + 4b}$$

$$24 + 96b = 60$$

$$96b = 36$$

$$b = .375$$

$$f(x) = \frac{60}{1 + 4 \cdot .375^x}$$

3) Initial height: 5 Limit to Growth: 30 Passing through (3, 15)
 y-int (0, 5) $c = 30$

$$5 = \frac{30}{1 + a \cdot b^0}$$

$$5 + 5a = 30$$

$$5a = 25$$

$$a = 5$$

$$15 = \frac{30}{1 + 5b^3}$$

$$15 + 75b^3 = 30$$

$$75b^3 = 15$$

$$b^3 = .2$$

$$b = .585$$

$$f(x) = \frac{30}{1 + 5 \cdot .585^x}$$

Modeling Doubling & Half-Life

4) A culture of 100 bacteria is put into a petri dish and the culture doubles every four hours. Predict when the number of bacteria will be 350,000.

$$t \approx 47 \text{ hours}$$

5) The half-life of Carbon 14 is 5,730 years. If a fossil found is determined to have 15% of its original Carbon 14, how old is the fossil?

$$A(t) = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/5730}$$

$$.15 = 1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/5730}$$

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$$\log_{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} .15 = \frac{t}{5730}$$

$$t \approx 15,683 \text{ years}$$

