

# Chapter 1 First Order Differential Equations

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## Course Description

- Exam: one midterm, one final.
- Quiz: two quizzes each week, two drop
- Homework: collected twice a week, partially graded, two drop
- MatLab: totally three assignment
- Grade Distribution

MatLab	5
Homework	10
Quiz	15
Midterm	25
Final Exam	45

Please read a syllabus on Sakai carefully.

## Overview of the Course

- Chapt. 1 First-order Differential Equations(DE)
- Chapt. 2 First-order Systems
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The quantities fall into three basic categories

- **independent variable**: quantity that does not depend on any other quantities
- **dependent variables**: quantity that depends on independent variables
- **parameters**: quantity that does not depend on independent variable, but that can be adjusted.

([PRG] page 2,3)

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### Equation

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## What does the model predict?

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What if

- $P \equiv 0$ <sup>i</sup> (Detail 1)<sup>ii</sup>
- $P(t_0) > 0$  for some time  $t_0$  (Detail 2)

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<sup>i</sup>This notation means the function  $P$  is identically equal to 0.

<sup>ii</sup>We will discuss detail in class on blackboard.

So the graph might look like

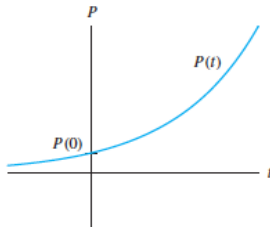


Figure 1.2

**Qualitative** analysis: population explosions happen as long as  $P(0) > 0$ .

([PRG] page 5, 6)

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- Note

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$$

is a solution to the initial value problem (Detail 3).

- This way of solving DE is called an **analytic** technique.



# The U.S Population

How can this model be used? The U.S. Population (Detail 4)

Table 1.1

U.S. census figures, in millions of people (see [www.cen](http://www.cen))

Year	$t$	Actual	$P(t) = 3.9e^{0.03067t}$
1790	0	3.9	3.9
1800	10	5.3	5.3
1810	20	7.2	7.2
1820	30	9.6	9.8
1830	40	13	13
1840	50	17	18
1850	60	23	25
1860	70	31	33
1870	80	39	45
1880	90	50	62
1890	100	63	84
1900	110	76	114
1910	120	91	155
1920	130	106	210

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### Equations (Detail 5)

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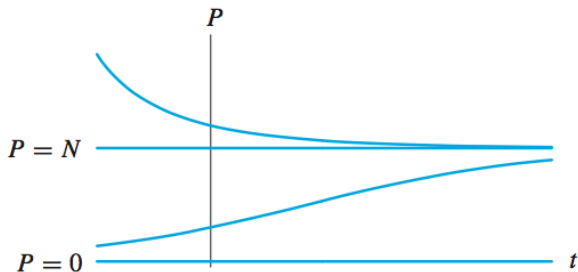
This model is called the **logistic population model**. ([PRG] page 9,10)

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(Detail 7) ([PRG] page 12,13 )

## Quantities

$t$  = time,  $F$  = population of fox,  $R$  = population of rabbit

$\alpha$  = growth-rate coefficient of rabbits

$\beta$  = constant of proportionality that measures the number  
of rabbit-fox interactions

$\gamma$  = death-rate coefficient of foxes

$\delta$  = constant of proportionality that measures the benefit  
to the fox population of an eaten rabbit

([PRG] page 12, 13 )

## Equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dR}{dt} &= \alpha R - \beta RF \\ \frac{dF}{dt} &= -\gamma F + \delta RF.\end{aligned}$$

This pair of equations is also called a **first-order system** of ordinary differential equations (ODE). We will learn more about this model in Chapter 2.

([PRG] page 13 )

## The Basic Approaches (Quick Review)

- Analytic: finding explicit formulas of solutions
- Qualitative: a rough sketch/long-term behavior
- Numerical: arithmetic that yields approximations of solutions (not covered in this section).

([PRG] page 14 )

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What is next

- 1.2 Analytic technique: Separation of Variables

## Homework & Quiz

- **Homework** Exercises for Section 1.1: 1, 3, 5, 11, 13, 21(a)
- Write down your solutions and submit it in class. (You don't have to write down instructions of the problems. Save your time!)
- Due date will be announced on Sakai.
- For Problem 11, the unit of time  $t$  is a year. For example,  $t = 0$  is the year 2000 and  $t = 1$  is the year 2001.
- If you have any questions regarding homework problem, please feel free to come to my office hour. (Office hour info is posted at Sakai.)
- Take a course survey.  
<https://goo.gl/forms/qEMUJYpsplbfajQ93>