

Math 2250-1  
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↳ 2.1 Improved population models: Begin with pages 4-5 on Wed. notes  
Once we understand the logistic DE, use this page to solve the IVP

$$\text{IVP } \begin{cases} \frac{dP}{dt} = kP(M-P) \\ P(0) = P_0 \end{cases}$$

via separation of variables (this DE is definitely not linear)

$$\text{soltn: } P(t) = \frac{M}{\left(\frac{M-P_0}{P_0}\right) e^{-Mkt} + 1}$$

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**Examples 4,5 from section 2.1 of the text, pages 83-84.**

The Belgian demographer P.F. Verhulst introduced the logistic model around 1840, as a tool for studying human population growth. Our text demonstrates its superiority to the simple exponential growth model, and also illustrates why mathematical modelers must always exercise care, by comparing the two models to actual U.S. population data. here are actual U.S. populations by decade, from 1800-2000, see e.g. the table on page 84:

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> restart : #clear Maple memory
> pops := [[1800, 5.3], [1810, 7.2], [1820, 9.6], [1830, 12.9],
           [1840, 17.1], [1850, 23.2], [1860, 31.4], [1870, 38.6],
           [1880, 50.2], [1890, 63.0], [1900, 76.2], [1910, 92.2],
           [1920, 106.0], [1930, 123.2], [1940, 132.2], [1950, 151.3],
           [1960, 179.3], [1970, 203.3], [1980, 225.6], [1990, 248.7],
           [2000, 281.4], [2010, 308.]] : #I added 2010 - between 306-313
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> Digits := 5 : #the default is 8 significant digits, which will clutter up the formulas
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Unlike Verhulst, the book uses data from 1800, 1850 and 1900 to get constants in our two models. We let  $t=0$  correspond to 1800.

**Exponential Model:** For the exponential growth model  $P(t) = P_0 e^{rt}$  we use the 1800 and 1900 data to get values for  $P_0$  and  $r$ :

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> P0 := 5.308;
   solve(P0 * exp(r * 100) = 76.212, r);

                               P0 := 5.308
                               0.026643                                (1)
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> P1 := t -> 5.308 * exp(.02664 * t); #exponential model -eqtn (9) page 83
                               P1 := t -> 5.308 e^{0.02664 t}                                (2)
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**Logistic Model:** We get  $P_0$  from 1800, and use the 1850 and 1900 data to find  $k$  and  $M$ :

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> P2 := t -> M * P0 / (P0 + (M - P0) * exp(-M * k * t));
   #logistic function, with our P0, eqtn (7) page 82

                               P2 := t -> \frac{M P0}{P0 + (M - P0) e^{-M k t}}                                (3)
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> solve({P2(50) = 23.192, P2(100) = 76.212}, {M, k});
                               {M = 188.12, k = 0.00016772}                                (4)
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> M := 188.12;
  k := .16772e-3;
  P2(t); #should be our logistic model function,
         #equation (11) page 84.

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$$M := 188.12$$

$$k := 0.00016772$$

$$\frac{998.54}{5.308 + 182.81 e^{-0.031551t}}$$

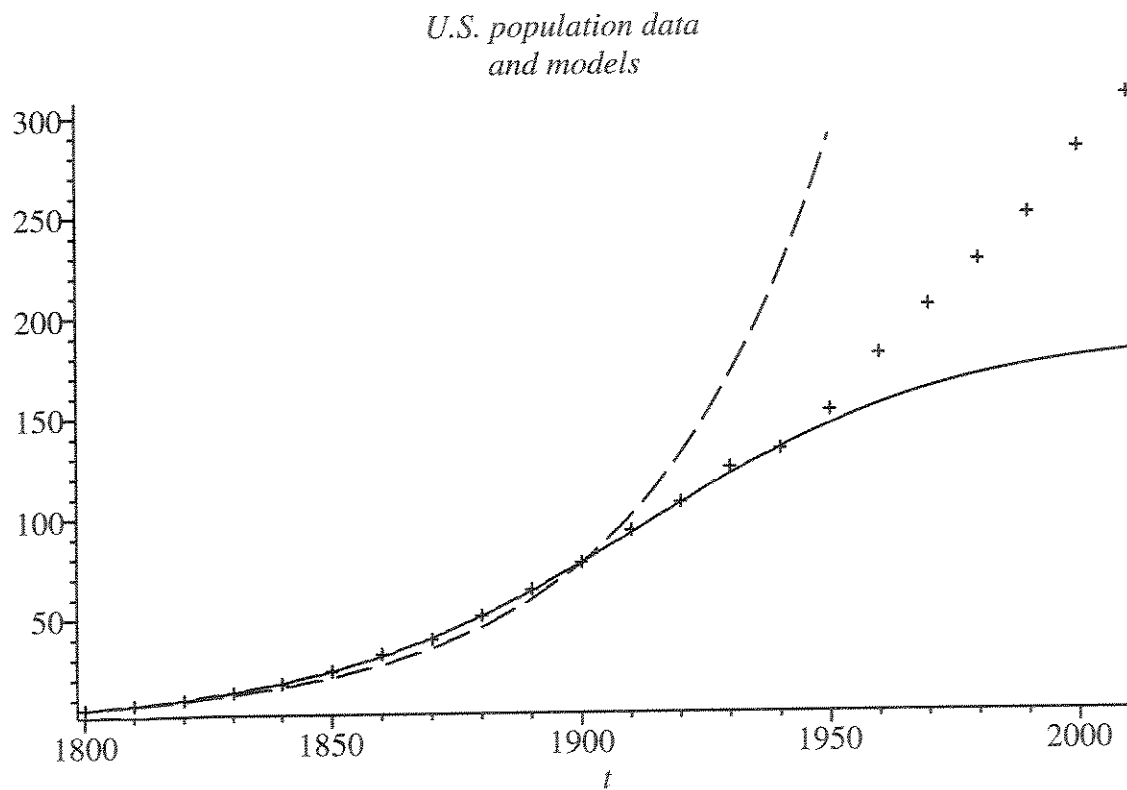
(5)

Now compare the two models with the real data, and discuss:

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> with(plots) :
  plot1 := plot(P1(t-1800), t = 1800..1950, color = black, linestyle = 3) :
  #this linestyle gives dashes for the exponential curve
  plot2 := plot(P2(t-1800), t = 1800..2010, color = black) :
  plot3 := pointplot(pops, symbol = cross) :
  display({plot1, plot2, plot3}, title = 'U.S. population data
and models');

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The exponential model takes no account of the fact that the U.S. has only finite resources. Any ideas on why the logistic model begins to fail (with our parameters) around 1950?

§2.2 Before discussing more population (and also velocity-acceleration) models, let's talk about the general language that gets used...

§2.2: A general 1<sup>st</sup> order DE  $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x)$

is called autonomous if  $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$  ( $\frac{dx}{dt}$  only depends on  $x$  itself, not also on  $t$ )

def  $x(t)$  is an equilibrium sol'n to a DE iff  $x(t) \equiv C$ , a constant  
If the DE is autonomous and  $x(t) \equiv C$  is an equilibrium sol'n, then  
 $0 = \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) = f(C) = 0.$

And if  $f(C) = 0$  then  $x(t) \equiv C$  is an equilibrium sol'n.

equilibrium sol's of  $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$  are exactly the fns  $x(t) \equiv C$  where  $f(C) = 0$

(in theory the non-equilibrium solutions may be found by separation of variables:

$$\int \frac{1}{f(x)} dx = \int dt$$

in practice  $\frac{1}{f(x)}$  may not have an elementary antiderivative.)

example

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = kx(M-x)$$

$x \equiv 0$   
 $x \equiv M$  are the equil. sol'n's

example

find the equil. sol'n's of

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^3 + 2x^2 + x$$

Def Let  $c$  be an equilibrium sol'n for a deq'n. Then

$c$  is stable iff  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  s.t. for sol'ns  $x(t)$  with  $|x(0) - c| < \delta$   
we have  $|x(t) - c| < \epsilon \quad \forall t > 0$

(sol'ns which start close enough to  $c$  stay arbitrarily close to it.)

$c$  is unstable if it is not stable

example: Make the slope field (or alternately, sketch a sufficient sample of sol'n graphs) and phase portrait for

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^3 + 2x^2 + x$$

and discuss stability of the equil sol'ns  $x=0, x=-1$   
Check with dfield.

example find equilibria and discuss stability for  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3x - x^2$

Def  $c$  is called asymptotically stable (stronger requirement than stable)

iff  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $|x(t_0) - c| < \delta \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = c$ .

- Are any of the equilibria you found above asymptotically stable?

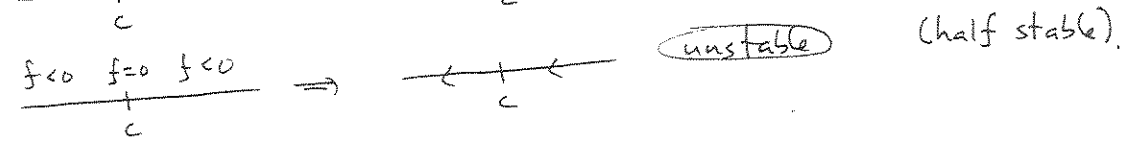
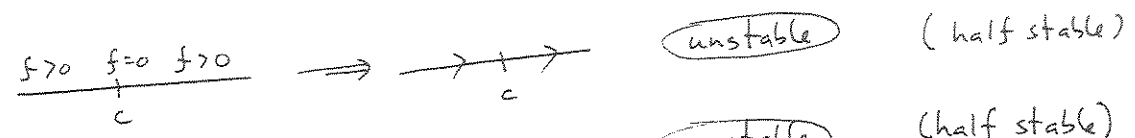
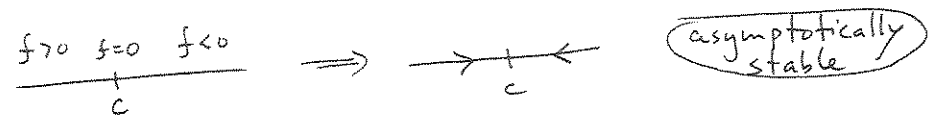
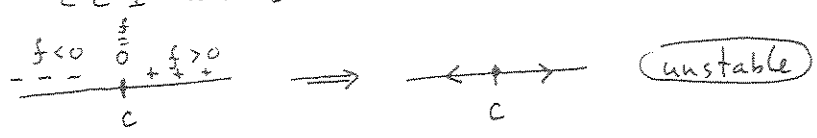
Theorem Consider the autonomous differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$$

with  $f$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  continuous. (so local existence and uniqueness theorem holds).

Let  $f(c) = 0$  so  $x(t) \equiv c$  is an equilibrium sol'n.

Suppose  $c$  is an isolated zero of  $f$ , i.e.  $c$  is in an open interval  $I$ ,  $c \in I$  and  $f$  has no other zeroes in  $I$ . Then



you can prove this theorem with calculus !!  
(want to try?)