

# 1. Introduction to Modeling:

Let's think back to basic models we've seen, & how to extend them.

- Falling object (physics):  $x'' = -9.8$

$$x(t) = -4.9t^2 + Ct + D.$$

- Exponential growth (Biology; Malthus, 1798):  $m' = rm$

$$m(t) = Ce^{rt}$$

- Exponential growth (finance):  $P' = rP$   $r = \text{interest rate, e.g., } 0.05$

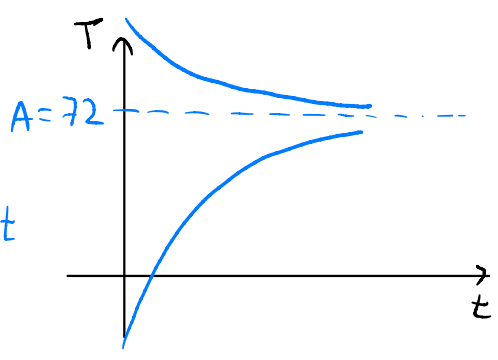
$$P(t) = Ce^{rt}$$

- Exponential decay (chemistry):  $m' = -km$

$$m(t) = Ce^{-kt}$$

- Decay to value (Newton's law of cooling):  $T' = k(A - T)$

$$T(t) = A + Ce^{-kt}$$



Now, let's modify some of these:

- Falling object w/ air resistance:  $F = ma = mv' = -mg + R(v)$

Air resistance force approx. proport. to velocity, in opposite direction

$$R(v) = -rv$$

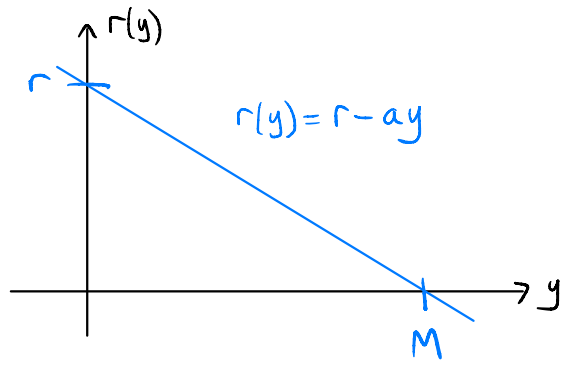
$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } mv' &= -mg - rv \Rightarrow v' = -g - \frac{r}{m}v \\ &\Rightarrow = \frac{r}{m} \left( -\frac{mg}{r} - v \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$v(t) = -\frac{mg}{r} + Ce^{\frac{r}{m}t} \quad \text{"decay to a value"}$$

• Logistic model for population growth (Verhulst, 1838)

Expon. growth:  $y' = r y$  growth rate  $r$  constant

Realistically, growth rate decreases with  $y$



$r = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} r(y)$  "intrinsic growth rate"

$M = \text{carrying capacity} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t)$

$a = r/M$

Now,  $y' = r(y) y = (r - \frac{r}{M} y) y \Rightarrow y' = r y (1 - \frac{y}{M})$

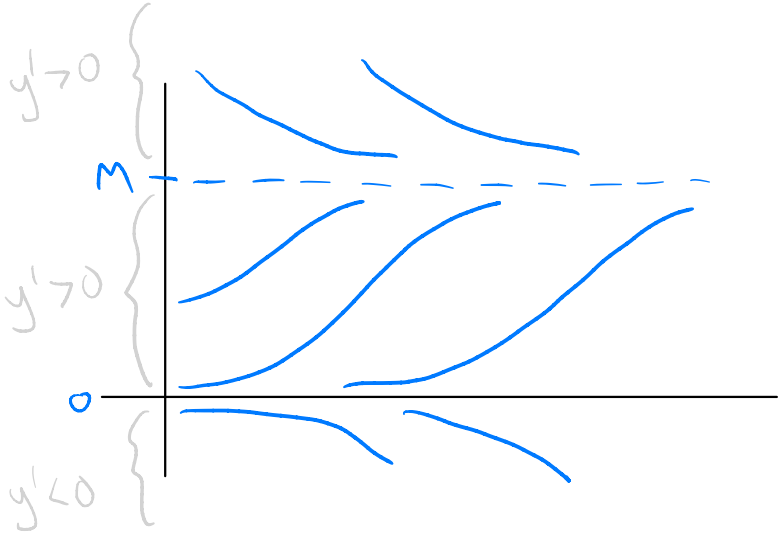
To solve: separate variables:  $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{r}{M} y (1 - y)$

$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y(1-y)} = \int \frac{r}{M} \Rightarrow \dots \boxed{y(t) = \frac{M}{1 + C e^{-rt}}}$

Steady-states:  $y' = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0, M$

Init pop:  $y(0) = \frac{M}{1+C}$

limiting pop:  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = M$



$y' = r y (1 - \frac{y}{M})$

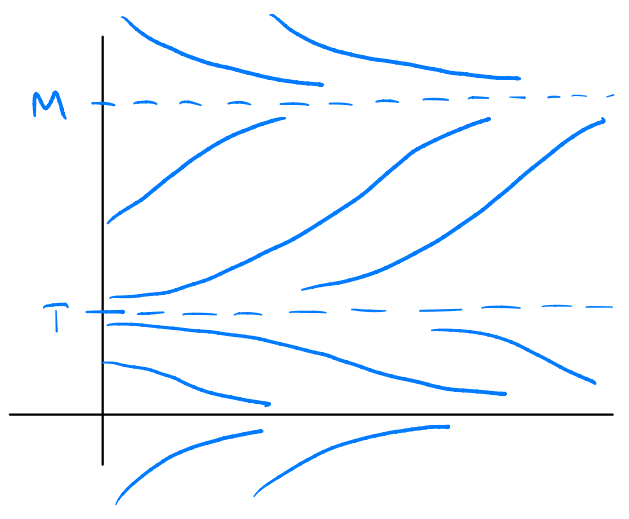
$y > M$	-	=	+	-
$0 < y < M$	+	=	+	+
$y < 0$	-	=	-	+

Threshold equation: let's now add an "extinction threshold"  $T$

Want steady-states  $y(t) = 0, M, T$

$$y' = -r y \left(1 - \frac{y}{M}\right) \left(1 - \frac{y}{T}\right)$$

$y > M$	-	=	-	+	-	-
$T < y < M$	+	=	-	+	+	-
$0 < y < T$	-	=	-	+	-	-
$y < 0$	+	=	-	-	-	-



This actually modeled the now extinct passenger pigeon quite well.