

# Section 9.1 Modeling w/ DE's - A Survey

## I. Population Growth Model

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} k = \text{growth rate} \\ P = \text{number in population} \\ t = \text{time} \end{cases}$$

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  Possible Solution...  $P = e^{kt}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dt} = ke^{kt} = kP$$

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  Problem with model ... it's explosive

## II. Another Model For Population Growth

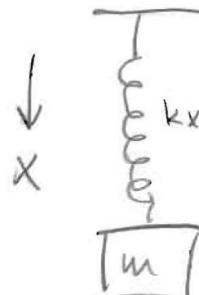
let  $K$  be the maximum population

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP\left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right)$$

analysis =  $\begin{cases} P < K & \Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dt} > 0 \\ P = K & \Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dt} = 0 \\ P > K & \Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dt} < 0 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow$  called logistics diff-eq. proposed by Dutchman Verhulst in 1840

## III. Spring-Mass System Motion



$$F = -kx \quad (\text{Hooke's law})$$

$$F = ma = m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

$$\therefore m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx \Rightarrow \text{possible solution: } x = \sin \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t$$

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## (IV) General Diff-Eqs.

contain:

{ unknown function  
{ one or more derivatives

i.e.  $y' = xy$  (recall  $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$ )

$y''' + 3y'' + y' = x^2y + \sin(xy)$

- "order" of Diff-Eq. "Highest Derivative"

## V Solving Diff-Eqs

$$y' = 3t^5 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = 3t^5 \Rightarrow \int dy = \int 3t^5 dt$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}t^6 + C}}$$

$\underline{\underline{t}}$  general solution - family of curves

$\Rightarrow$  "initial condition" ... suppose  $y(0) = 10$

$$\Rightarrow y(0) = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}(0)^6 + C}} = 10 \Rightarrow C = 10$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{y(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^6 + 10}}$$

$\underline{\underline{t}}$  specific solution for initial cond.

## VII Examples

Prob 4, p. 511

Prob 5, p. 511

Prob 6, p. 511