

Mathematics 172 Test #1

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- (1) (15 points) Ten tigers are released in a national park in India and the population has discrete exponential growth with a per capita rate of  $r = .8$  (tigers/year)/tiger.

(a) Write a formula for  $N_t$ , the number of tigers after  $t$  years.

$$N_t = N_0(1+r)^t = 10(1.8)^t$$

$$N_t = \underline{10(1.8)^t}$$

(b) How many tigers are there after five years?

Number of tigers after five years = 188.9  $\approx$  189

$$N(5) = 10(1.8)^5 =$$

(c) How long does it take the population of tigers to reach 1,000?

We wish to solve

Time to reach 1,000 7.83 years

$$N(t) = 10(1.8)^t = 1000$$

$$(1.8)^t = 100$$

$$t \ln(1.8) = \ln(100)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(100)}{\ln(1.8)} = 7.83 \text{ year}$$

- (2) (15 points) A population of tilapia breeds with continuous exponential growth. If the population starts with 100 fish and 4 months later has size 150. Find, (a) the intrinsic growth rate  $r$ , (b) a formula for the number of fish,  $N(t)$  after  $t$  months, and (c) how many months it takes for the population size to reach 5,000.

$$N(t) = N_0 e^{rt}$$

We know

$$N(0) = N_0 = 100$$

$$N(4) = 100e^{4r} = 150$$

Thus  $e^{4r} = 150/100$

$$4r = \ln(150/100)$$

$$r = \ln(150/100)/4 = .1014$$

$$r = \underline{.1014}$$

$$N(t) = \underline{100 e^{.1014 t}}$$

Time to reach 5,000 is 38.59 months

To find time to 5000 solve

$$100 e^{.1014 t} = 5000$$

$$e^{.1014 t} = 5000/100$$

$$\begin{aligned} .1014 t &= \ln(5000/100) \\ t &= \ln(5000/100)/.1014 \\ &= 38.59 \end{aligned}$$

(3) (15 points) Let  $N(t)$  satisfy the rate equation

$$\frac{dN}{dt}(t) = -0.3N(N - 10)(N - 30)$$

(a) If  $N(0) = 20$  what is  $N'(0)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} N'(0) &= -0.3(20)(20-10)(20-30) & N'(0) &= \underline{600} \\ &= -0.3(20)(10)(-10) \\ &= 600 \end{aligned}$$

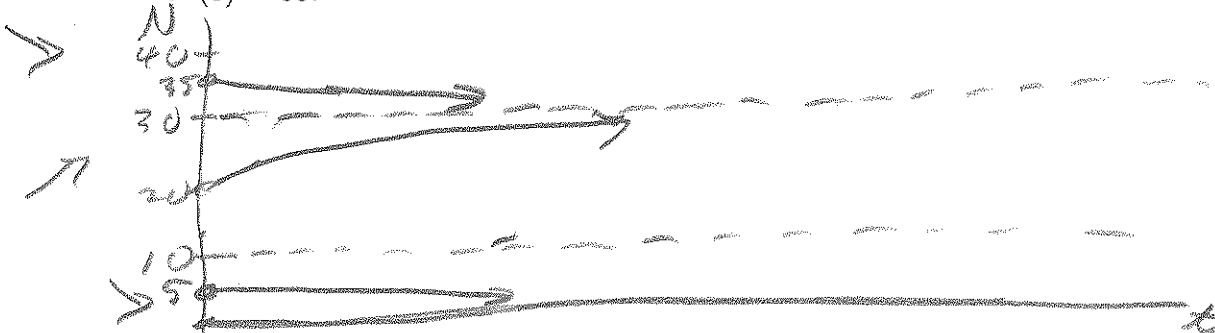
(b) What are the equilibrium points of this equation?

solve

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -0.3N(N-10)(N-30) = 0 \quad \underline{0, 10, 30}$$

to get  $N = 0, 10, 30$

(c) Sketch the graphs of the solutions the three solutions with  $N(0) = 5$ ,  $N(0) = 20$ , and  $N(0) = 35$ .



(d) If  $N(0) = 23$  estimate  $N(100)$ .

$$N(100) \approx \underline{30}$$

starting 23 the graphs goes to  $N = 30$

- (4) (15 points) A population of frogs lives on a small island. Let  $N_t$  be the number of frogs in year  $t$ . Assume that the population grows by the

$$N_{t+1} = f(N_t)$$

where  $N_t$  is the number of frogs in year  $t$  and the graph of  $f$  is given by Figure 1.

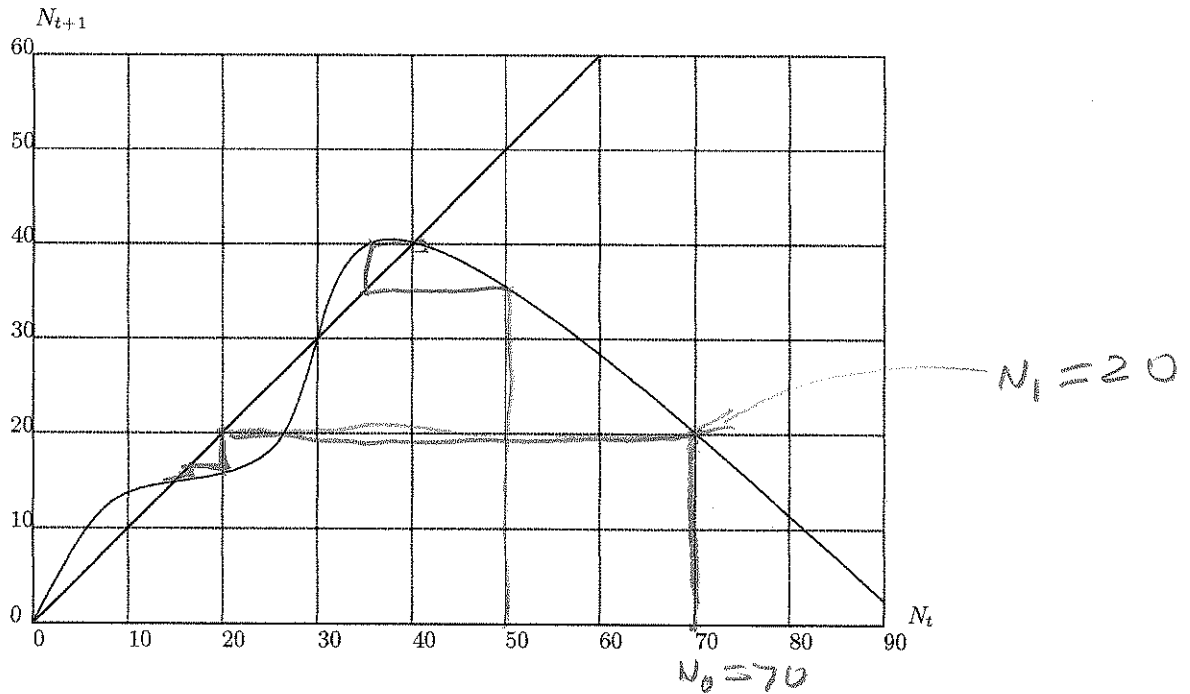


FIGURE 1

- (a) If  $N_0 = 70$  estimate  $N_1$ .

$N_1 \approx \underline{20}$

- (b) What are the equilibrium points?

This is where the graph crosses the  $y=x$  line. Equilibrium points are 0, 15, 30, 40

- (c) Which of the equilibrium points are stable? Explain how you determined they are stable.

Those are where  $|slope| < 1$ . Stable equilibrium points 15, 40

- (d) If  $N_0 = 50$  estimate  $N_{100}$

From picture we see it spirals into  $N=40$

$N_{100} \approx \underline{40}$

- (e) If  $N_0 = 70$  estimate  $N_{100}$  It goes to  $N=15$

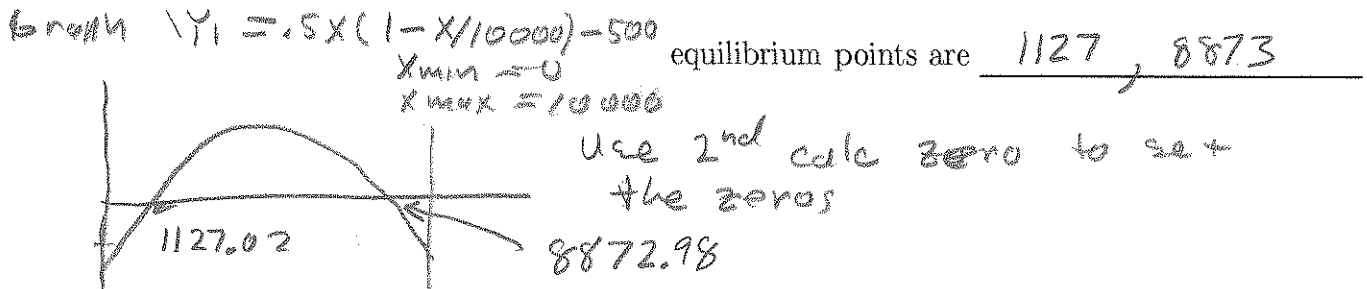
$N_{100} \approx \underline{15}$

(5) (15 points) Crayfish are being raised in pond. The population grows logistically with an intrinsic growth rate of  $r = .5$  (crayfish/month)/caryfish and a carrying capacity of  $K = 10,000$  caryfish. After the population has become well established the crayfish are harvested at a continuous rate of 500 crayfish/month.

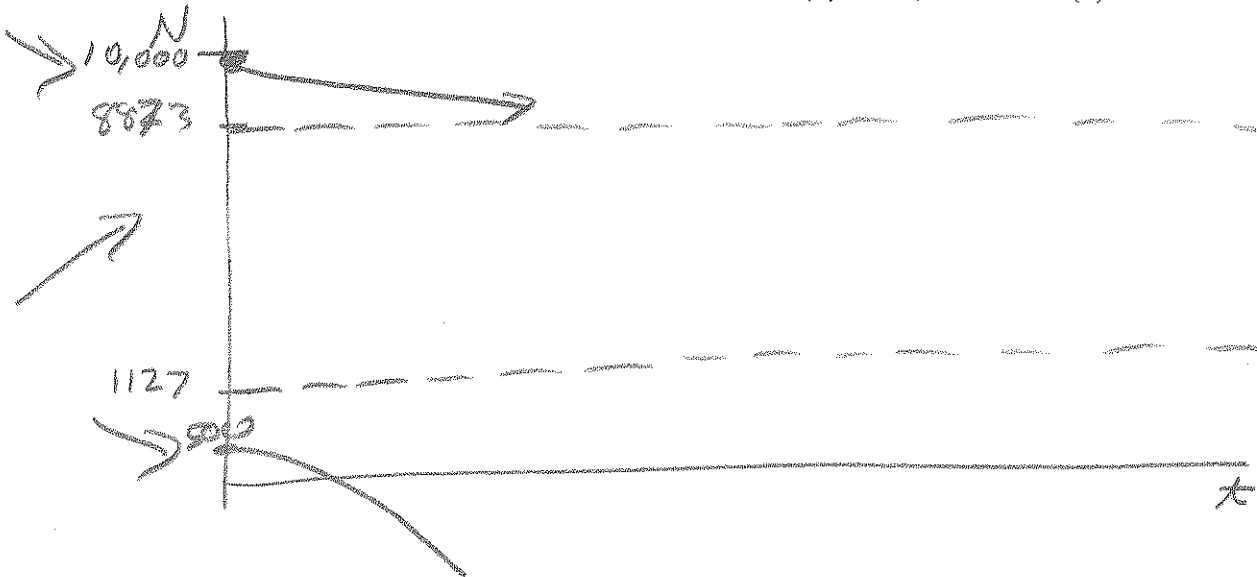
(a) If  $N(t)$  is the number of crayfish in the pond  $t$  months after the harvesting starts, write a rate equation for  $N(t)$ .

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = .5N\left(1 - \frac{N}{10,000}\right) - 500$$

(b) What are the equilibrium points for this equation?



(c) Sketch the graphs of the solutions with  $N(0) = 10,000$  and  $N(0) = 500$ .



(d) What is the new stable population size?

Stable population size is 8873

- (6) (15 points) Due to fishing pressure, the per capita growth for a population of bass in a lake is reduced by 5% a year. (As bass breed just once a year assume that the growth is discrete exponential.) The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources would like to have a stable population of 25,000 fish in the lake. At what rate should the lake be stocked?

Let  $N_t =$  population  
after  $t$  years  
 $S =$  stocking rate.

Stocking rate = 1250

Then

$$N_{t+1} = N_t - 0.05N_t + S$$

If  $N_t = 25000$ , then  $N_{t+1} = 25000$  (as this is stable population size)

so

$$25000 = 25000 - 0.05(25000) + S$$

$$S = (0.05)(25000) = 1250$$

- (7) (10 points) The size of a population of snails in a backyard pond grows by the rate equation

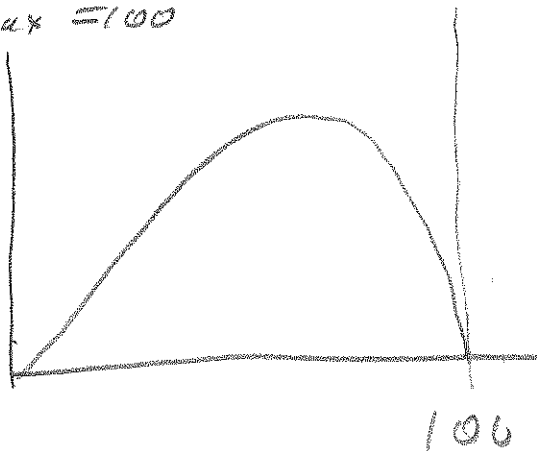
$$\frac{dN}{dt} = .5N \left( 1 - \left( \frac{N}{100} \right)^2 \right).$$

At some point someone starts to harvest the snails to sell to a pet shop. What is the maximum rate that the snails can be harvested without killing off the population. Explain briefly how you arrived at your answer.

We graph  $\frac{dN}{dt}$  as

a function of  $N$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} Y = .5X(1 - (X/100)^2) \\ X_{min} = 0 \\ X_{max} = 100 \end{array} \right)$$



Maximum harvesting rate is 19.245.

By 2nd calc max we  
find  $X = 57.735$   
 $Y = 19.245$

$Y$  is the max. As this is the maximum rate of growth, if we harvest faster than this the population dies off.