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### Quiz for September 22, 2016

The quiz is worth 5 points. **Remove EVERYTHING from your desk except this quiz and a pen or pencil.** SHOW your work. Express your work in a neat and coherent manner. BOX your answer.

1. Consider a population  $P(t)$  which satisfies the Differential Equation

$$(1) \quad \frac{dP}{dt} = aP^2 - bP,$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive constants. Let  $B(t) = aP(t)^2$  and  $D(t) = bP(t)$ . Call  $B(t)$  the birth rate at time  $t$  and  $D(t)$  the death rate at time  $t$ . When we first thought about population models we learned that  $P(t) = 0$  and  $P(t) = M$  are equilibrium solutions for the Differential Equation

$$(2) \quad \frac{dP}{dt} = kP(P - M),$$

where  $k$  and  $M$  are positive constants. We also learned that the solution of (2) is

$$P(t) = \frac{MP(0)}{P(0) + (M - P(0))e^{kMt}}.$$

- (a) Express the “ $M$ ” of (2) in terms of the data  $B(0)$ ,  $D(0)$ , and  $P(0)$  from (1).
- (b) Suppose that some population is modeled by (1) and that the initial population is 100 and there are 10 births per month and 9 deaths per month occurring at  $t = 0$ . How many months does it take until  $P(t)$  reaches 10 times the threshold population  $M$ ?

First we do (a). We write (1) in the form  $\frac{dP}{dt} = aP(P - \frac{b}{a})$ . We now see that  $M = \frac{b}{a}$ . On the other hand, when we put  $t = 0$  into the equations  $B(t) = aP(t)^2$  and  $D(t) = bP(t)$ , we learn that the constants  $a$  and  $b$  are  $\frac{B(0)}{P(0)^2} = a$  and  $\frac{D(0)}{P(0)} = b$ ; and therefore,

$$M = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{\frac{D(0)}{P(0)}}{\frac{B(0)}{P(0)^2}} = \boxed{\frac{D(0)P(0)}{B(0)}}.$$

Now we do (b). We are told that  $P(0) = 100$ ,  $B(0) = 10$ ,  $D(0) = 9$ ,  $M = \frac{D(0)P(0)}{B(0)} = \frac{9 \cdot 100}{10} = 90$ , and  $kM = b = \frac{D(0)}{P(0)} = \frac{9}{100}$ . So we know that

$$P(t) = \frac{MP(0)}{P(0) + (M - P(0))e^{kMt}} = \frac{90 \cdot 100}{100 + (90 - 100)e^{\frac{9t}{100}}}.$$

We are supposed to find  $t$  with  $P(t) = 900$ . We solve the following equation for  $t$ :

$$900 = \frac{90 \cdot 100}{100 + (90 - 100)e^{\frac{9t}{100}}}$$

$$1 = \frac{10}{100 + (90 - 100)e^{\frac{9t}{100}}}$$

$$100 + (90 - 100)e^{\frac{9t}{100}} = 10$$

$$-10e^{\frac{9t}{100}} = -90$$

$$e^{\frac{9t}{100}} = 9$$

$$\frac{9t}{100} = \ln 9$$

The population hits 900 when the time is  $\boxed{\frac{100}{9} \ln 9}$  months.