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**No calculators, cell phones, computers, notes, etc.**

Circle your answer. Make your work correct, complete and coherent.

Please take a picture of your quiz (for your records) just before you turn the quiz in. I will e-mail your grade and my comments to you.

The quiz is worth 5 points. The solutions will be posted on my website later today.

### Quiz 4, February 21, 2024

Let  $P(t)$  represent the number of alligators in a certain park at time  $t$ . Suppose further that  $P(t)$  satisfies the Differential Equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{B_0}{P_0^2} P^2 - \frac{D_0}{P_0} P,$$

where  $P_0$  is the alligator population at time zero,  $B_0$  is the birth rate at time zero, and  $D_0$  is the death rate at time zero. The solution of the Differential Equation is

$$P(t) = \frac{M}{1 - \frac{P_0 - M}{P_0} e^{\frac{D_0 t}{P_0}}},$$

where  $M = \frac{D_0 P_0}{B_0}$ . **Use this value of  $P(t)$ . I do not expect you to solve the Differential equation or even to verify that the given solution is correct.**

Suppose that  $P_0 = 100$  alligators,  $B_0 = 10$  alligators per month, and  $D_0 = 9$  alligators per month. When will the alligator population reach ten times  $M$ ?

**ANSWER:** Calculate  $M = \frac{D_0 P_0}{B_0} = \frac{9(100)}{10} = 90$ . Observe that  $P(t)$  is equal to ten times  $M$  when

$$900 = \frac{90}{1 - \frac{100 - 90}{100} e^{\frac{9t}{100}}};$$

In other words,

$$900 = \frac{90}{1 - \frac{1}{10} e^{\frac{9t}{100}}};$$

Multiply both sides by  $1 - \frac{1}{10} e^{\frac{9t}{100}}$  and divide both sides by 900; obtain

$$1 - \frac{1}{10} e^{\frac{9t}{100}} = \frac{1}{10}.$$

Add  $\frac{1}{10} e^{\frac{9t}{100}}$  to both sides and subtract  $\frac{1}{10}$  from both sides:

$$\frac{9}{10} = \frac{1}{10} e^{\frac{9t}{100}}.$$

Multiply both sides by 10 and take the logarithm of both sides:

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

Multiply both sides by  $\frac{100}{9}$ :

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

The population will reach ten times  $M$  after  $\frac{100}{9} \ln 9$  months.