

logistic model

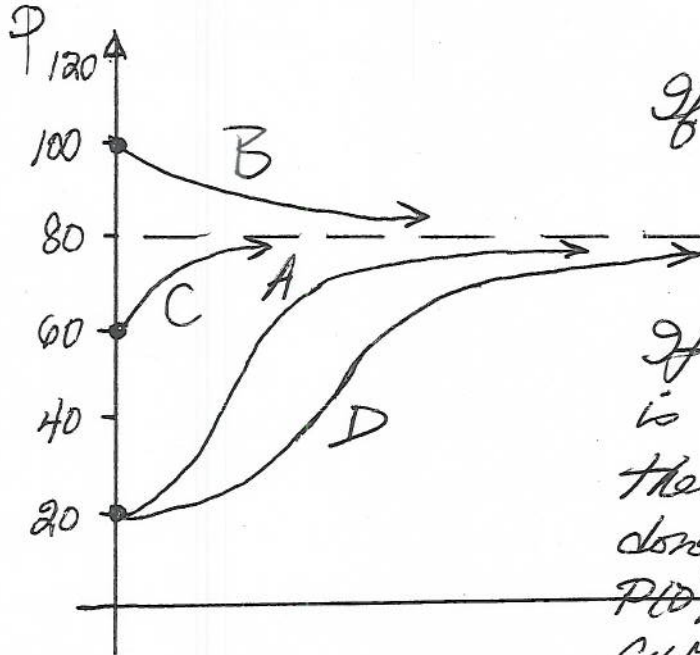
The growth rate of a population $P = P(t)$ is governed by the model equation $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0.04P \left(1 - \frac{P}{80}\right)$. Determine all the equilibrium values. Sketch the long term behavior of $P(t)$ given each of the initial conditions.

- $P(0) = 20$. Label this graph A.
- $P(0) = 100$. Label this graph B.
- $P(0) = 60$. Label this graph C.
- Now suppose 0.04 is replaced by 0.01 in the model. Take $P(0) = 20$ again. Sketch the new graph and label it D.

$$0 = 0.04P \left(1 - \frac{P}{80}\right)$$

$$P^* = 0 \quad P^* = 80$$

↑ carrying capacity
↑ not interesting



If $P(0) > 80$ then $P(t) \rightarrow 80$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

If $P(0) < 40$ the curve is S-shaped; if $P(0) > 40$, there is only a concave down rising curve (if $P(0) > 80$ the curve is concave up, decreasing).

- The growth rate of a population $N = N(t)$ is governed by the model equation $\frac{dN}{dt} = 0.04N \left(1 - \frac{N}{150}\right) \left(\frac{N}{30} - 1\right)$. If $N(0) = 25$, sketch the long term behavior of $N(t)$, and explain why the graph has the shape that it does.

Equilib = $N^* = 0$
 $N^* = 150$ (carrying capacity)
 $N^* = 30$ (threshold)

At $N = 25$, $\frac{dN}{dt} = -0.14$

$N = 15$, $\frac{dN}{dt} = -0.27$

$N = 5$, $\frac{dN}{dt} = -0.16$

