

Find the equation of the curve that passes through the point (0, 4) and has the following derivative:

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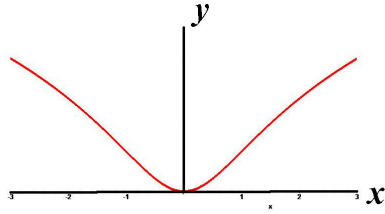
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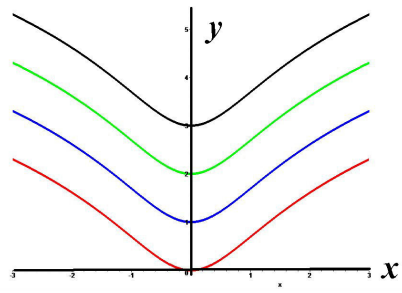
$$y = \int \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1} dx = \ln(x^2 + 1) + C$$

This is called the *general solution*.

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If $y(0) = 4$ then:

$$4 = \ln(0 + 1) + C = C$$

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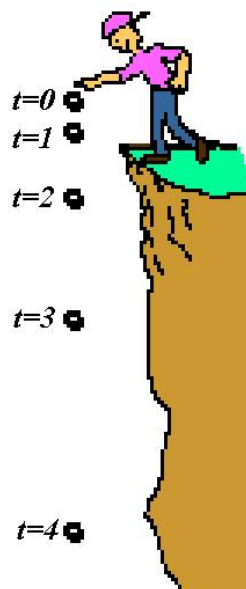
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Separation of variables.

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If we impose the initial condition that $v(0) = 2$ then

$$2 = (-32)(0) + C \quad \text{so} \quad C = 2$$

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C is determined if some initial condition is given. For example, $y(0) = 1$.

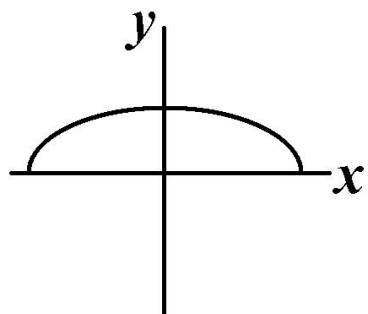
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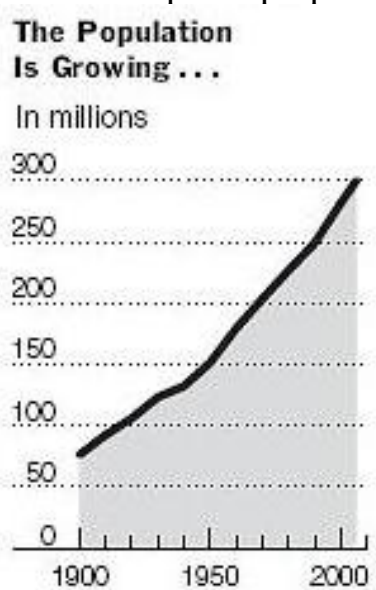
$$2 \cdot 1^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot 0^2 + C \quad \text{implies} \quad C = 2$$

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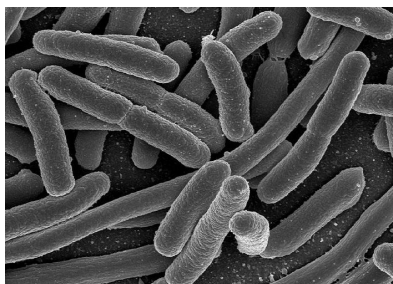
$$y = \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{4}}$$



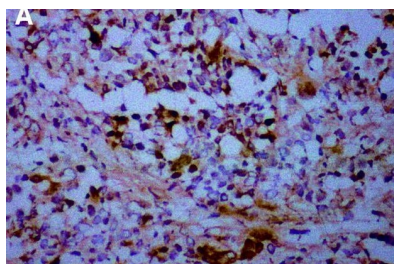
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$$P = e^{kt+C}$$

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Let $a = e^C$

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Let P_0 denote the *initial population*

$$P_0 = ae^{k \cdot 0} = ae^0 = a \cdot 1 = a$$

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A truck arrives at a flour storage facility. Hidden in the flour on the truck are 100 flour beetles which then find a home in the flour storage facility.

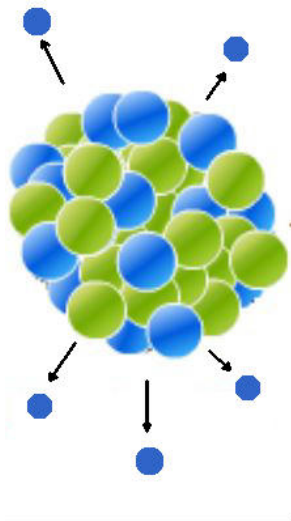
The population of beetles after t days is given by:

$$P(t) = 100e^{kt}$$

For flour beetles, the value of k is known to be 0.10

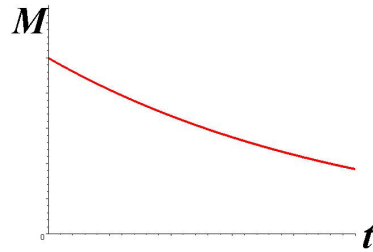
How long will it take for the beetle population to double?

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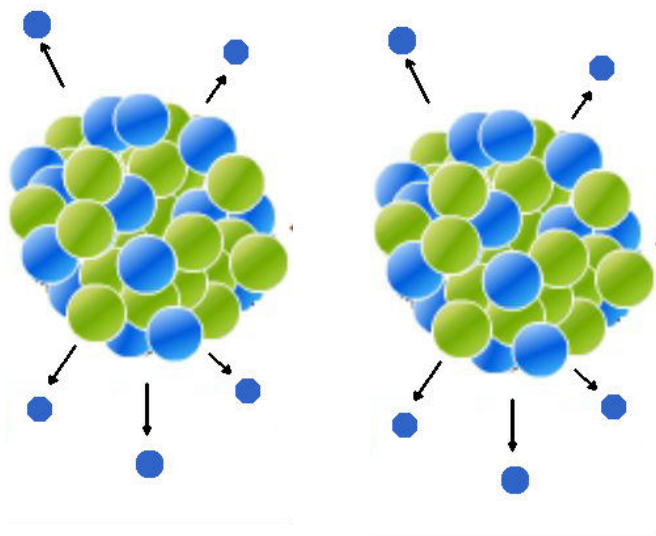


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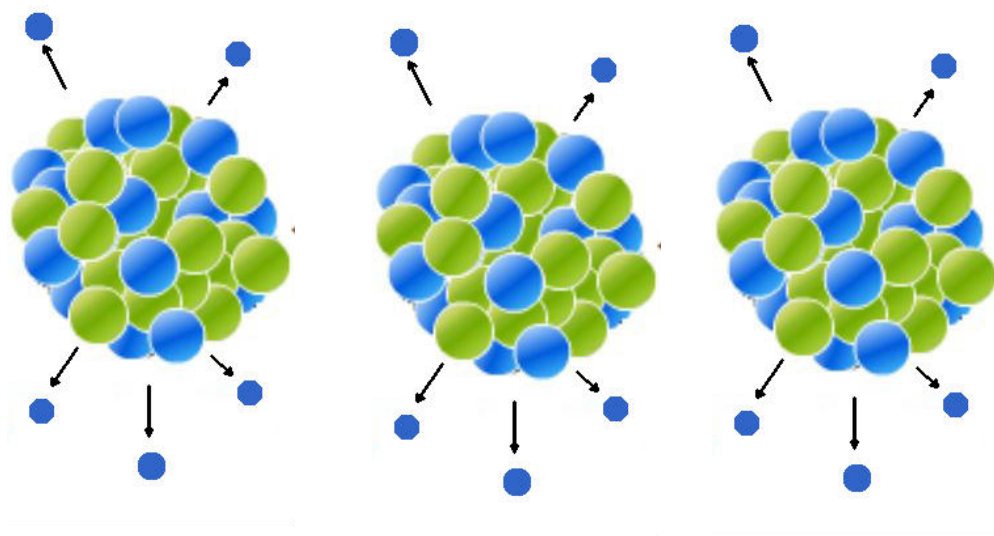
$$M = M(t)$$



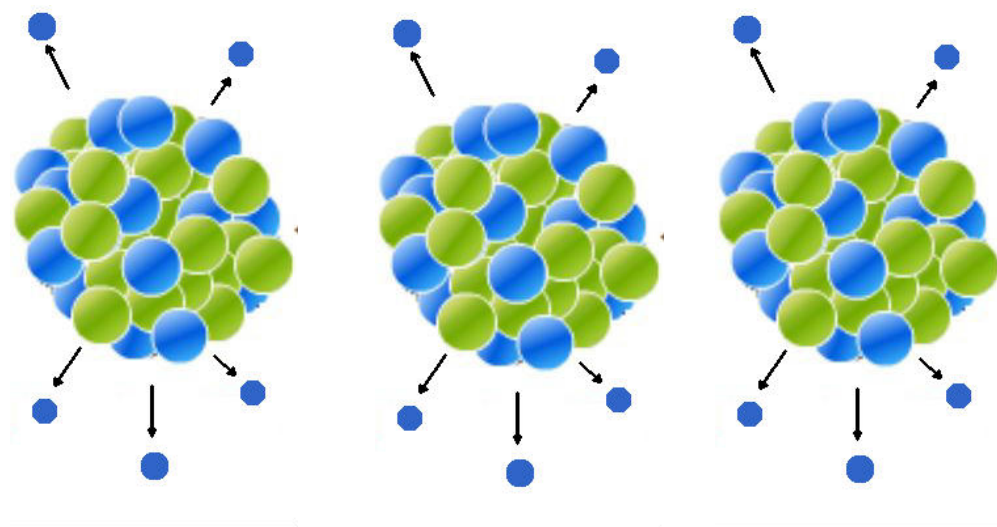
If we double the mass, we double the rate at which the mass decreases.



If we triple the mass, we triple the rate at which the mass decreases.

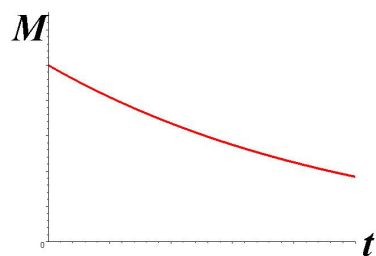


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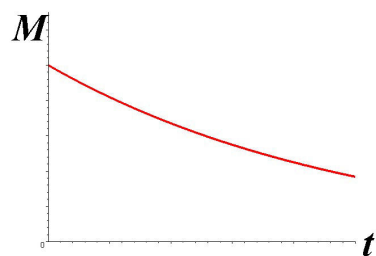
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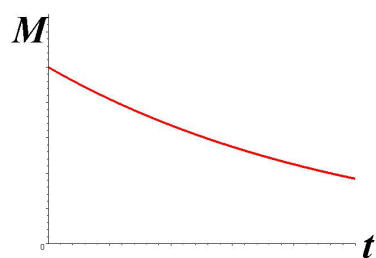
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Let $y(t)$ denote the temperature at time t . Let us suppose that the temperature of the environment is 25 (degrees Centigrade)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} \text{ is proportional to } y - 25$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = k(y - 25)$$

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k must be a negative constant

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -k(y - 25)$$

This way, k will stand for a positive constant

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Suppose the temperature of an object is $100^\circ C$ at $t = 0$ and it cools to $75^\circ C$ at $t = 8$. Find the formula for the temperature $y = y(t)$