# Today

- Exponential growth and decay
- Differential equations
- Initial value problems
- Model of population growth

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Similarly:

- Let  $y(t) = y_0 e^{kt}$ .
- If k>0, y(t) is increasing and doubles when  $2y_0 = y_0 e^{kt}$ .
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### Differential equations

The function y'(t) = ky(t) is a type of differential equation.

- **Differential equations** relate one (or more) derivative of a function to the function itself.
- A solution to a differential equation is a **function**.

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  - Therefore:  $y(t) = 2e^{kt}$

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