

# Today

- Logistic equation appears in many places
  - Classic example of the power of mathematics – one unifying description for many apparently unrelated phenomena.
- A couple review questions.



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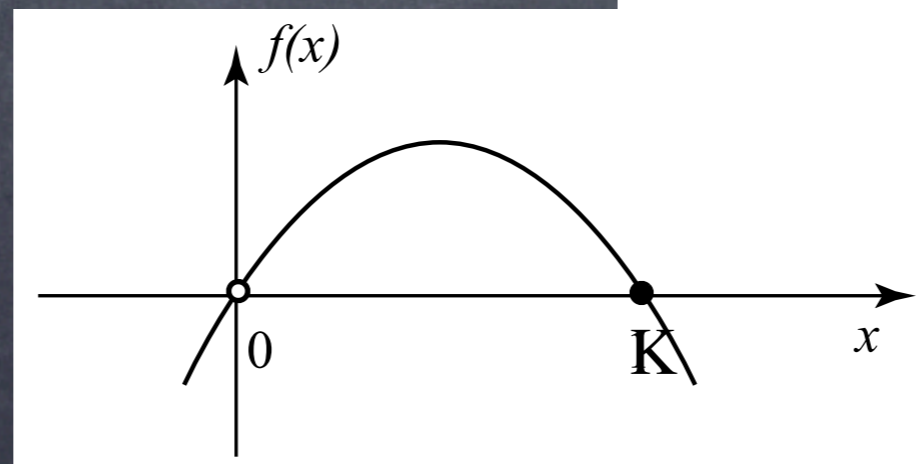
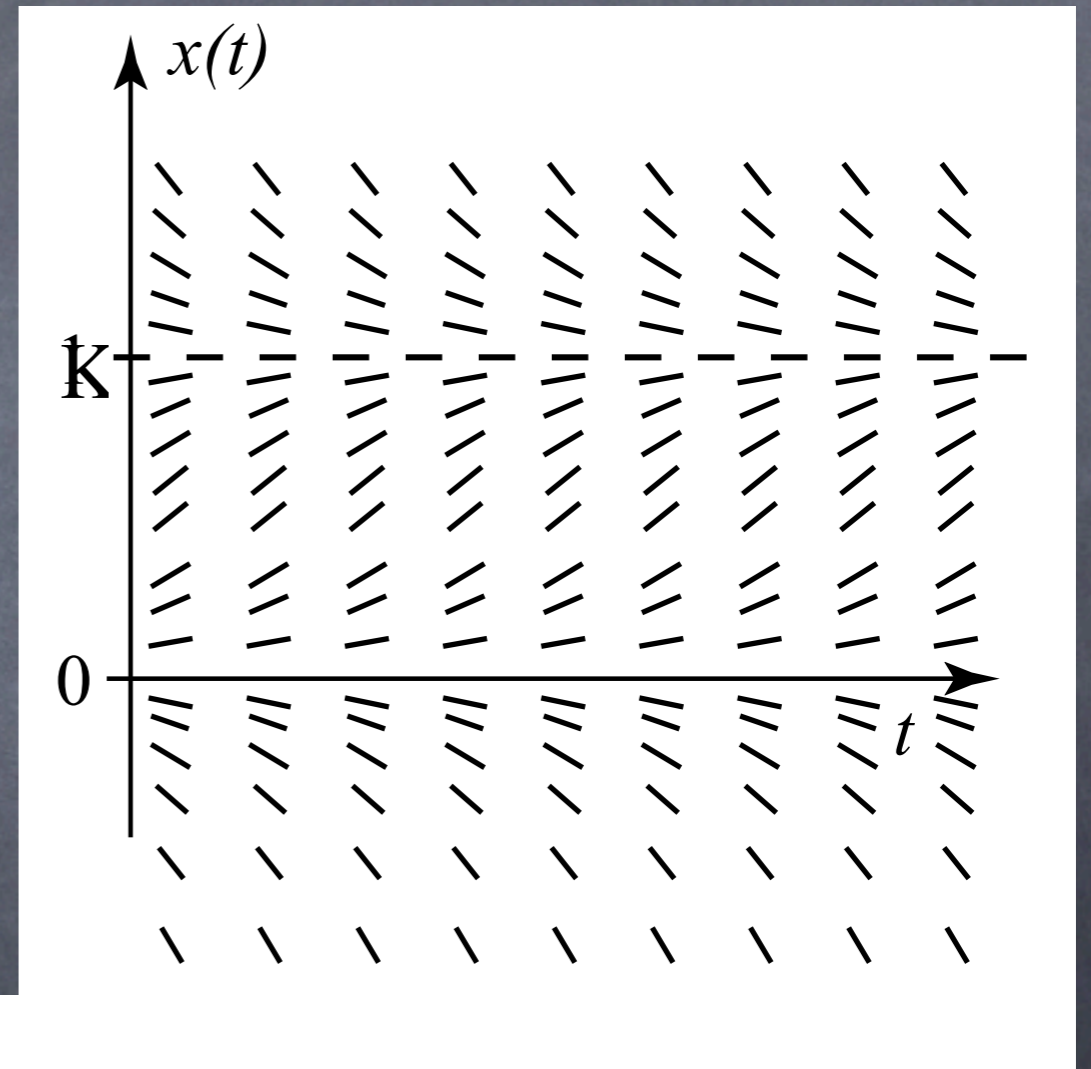
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  - Called the Logistic Equation or sometimes Verhulst Equation.
  - Arises in many other contexts.





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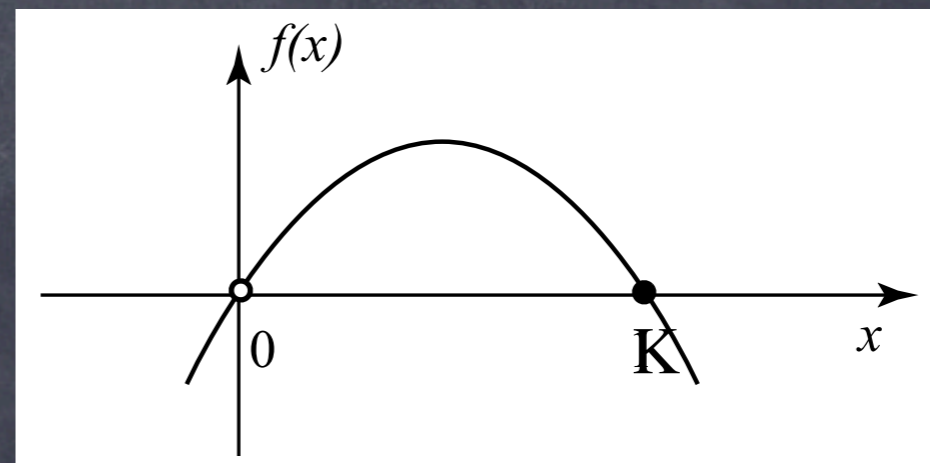
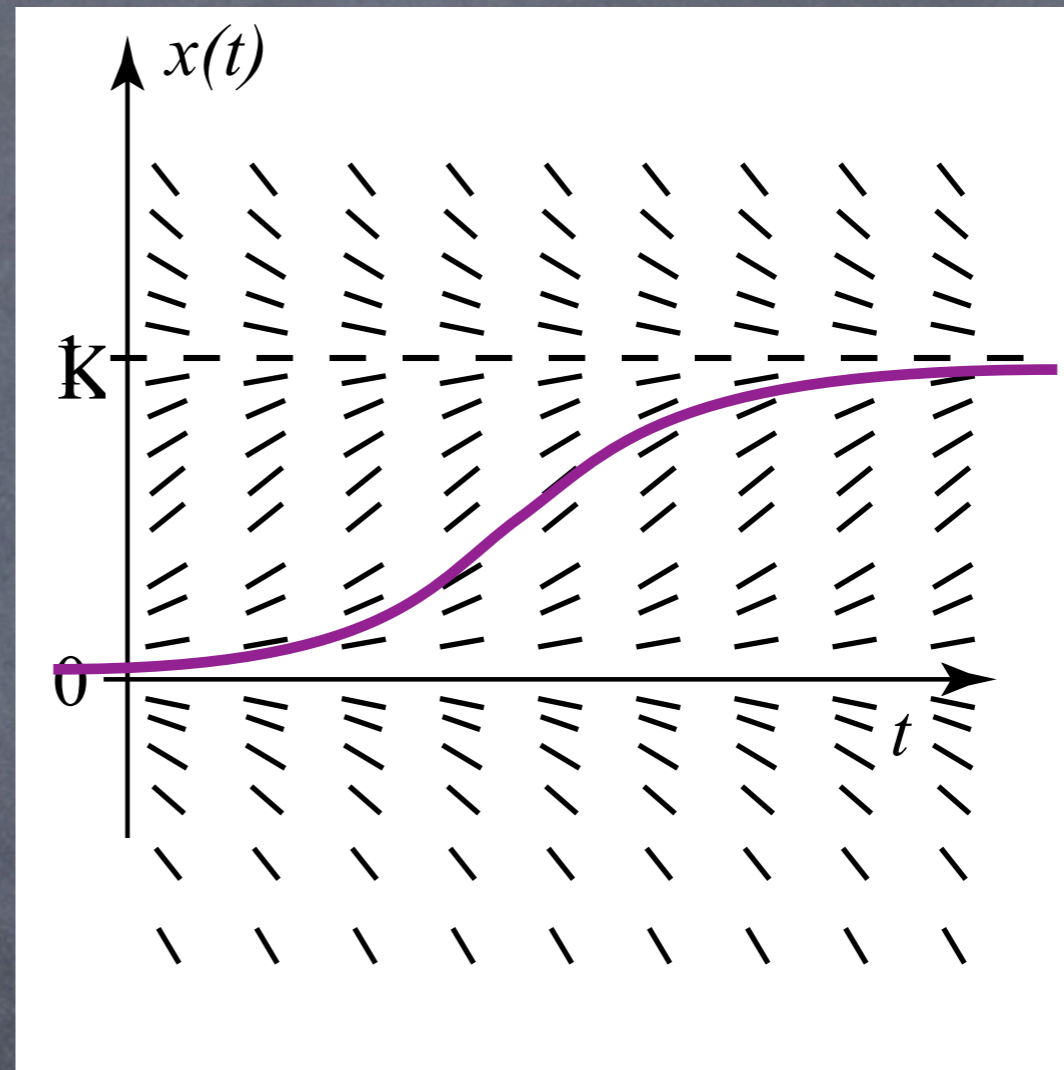
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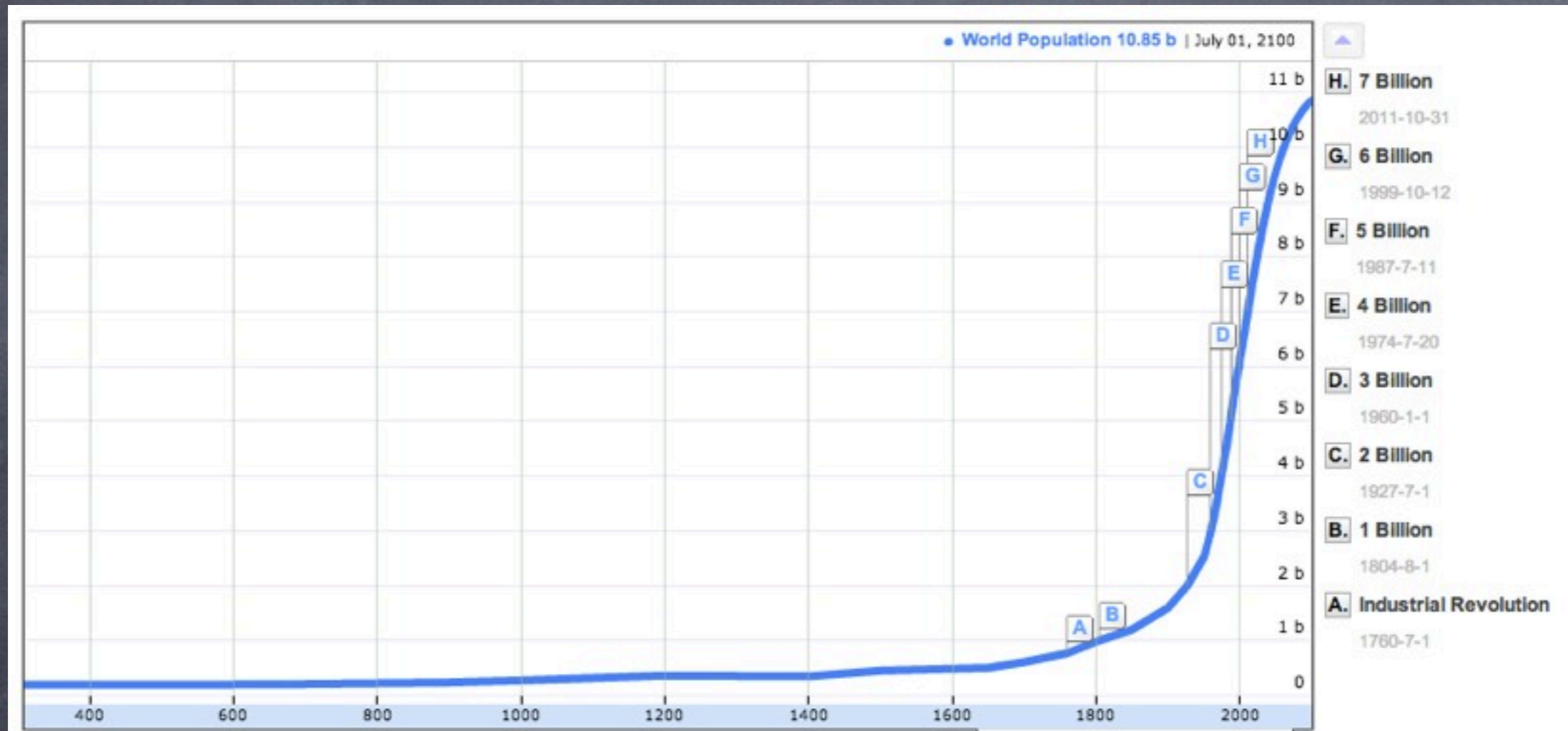
Where does inflection point occur?

- (A)  $x=0$
- (B)  $x=1/2$
- (C)  $x=K/2$
- (D)  $x=1/4$
- (E)  $x=K$





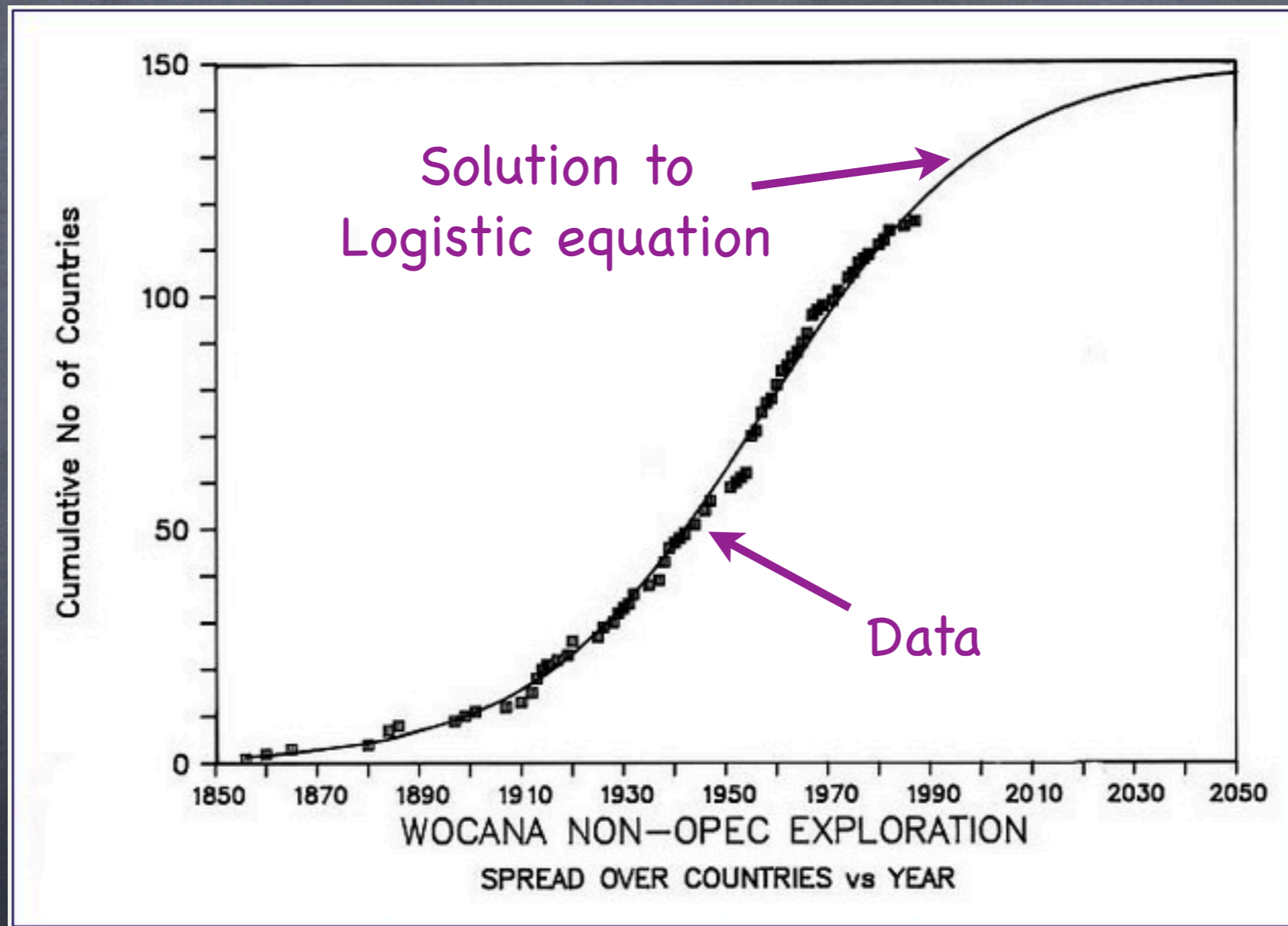
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We're past the inflection point  
- estimate  $K \approx 10$  billion



# Number of countries with active oil exploration



<http://www.mhnderlof.nl/kinghubbert.html>



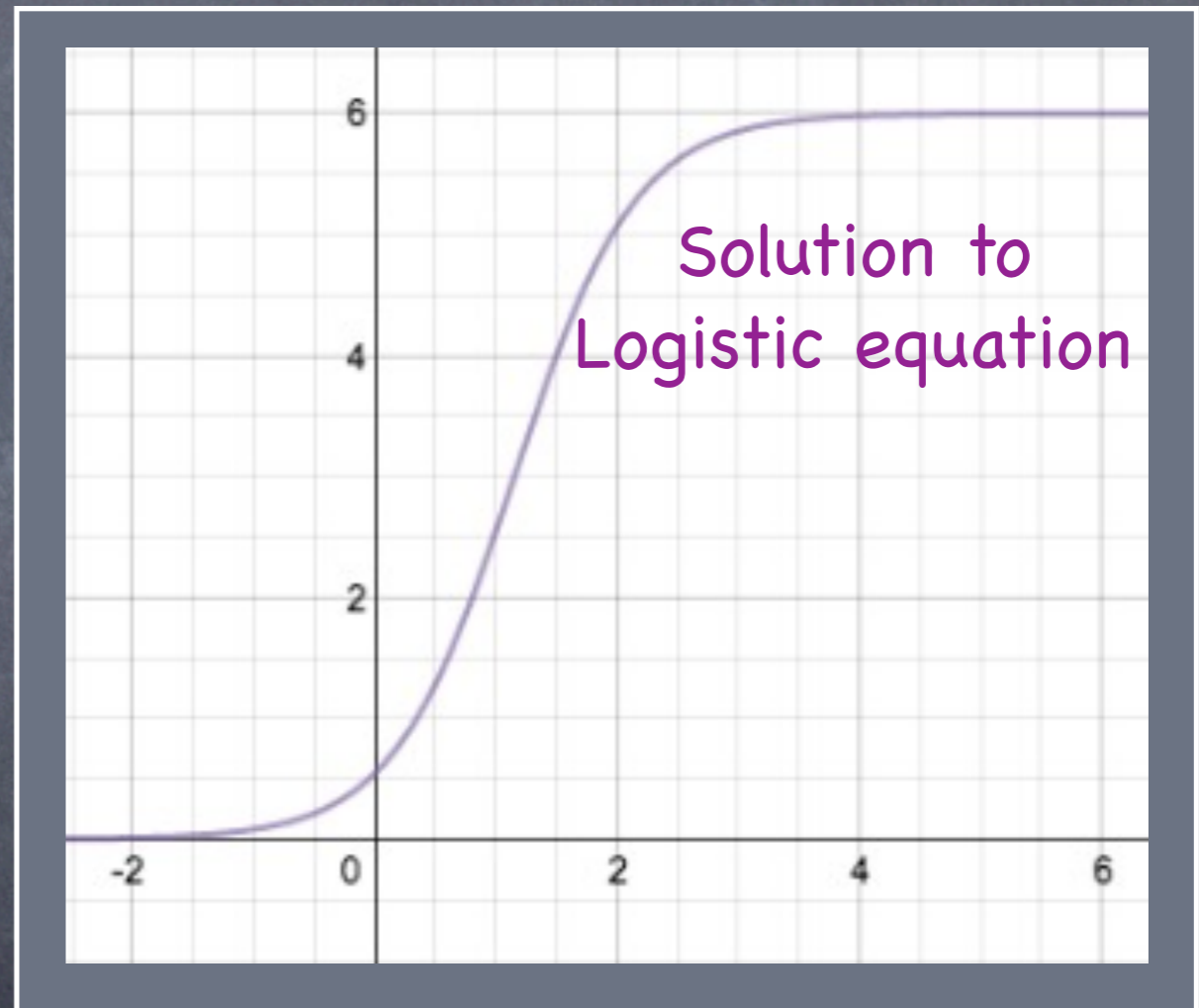
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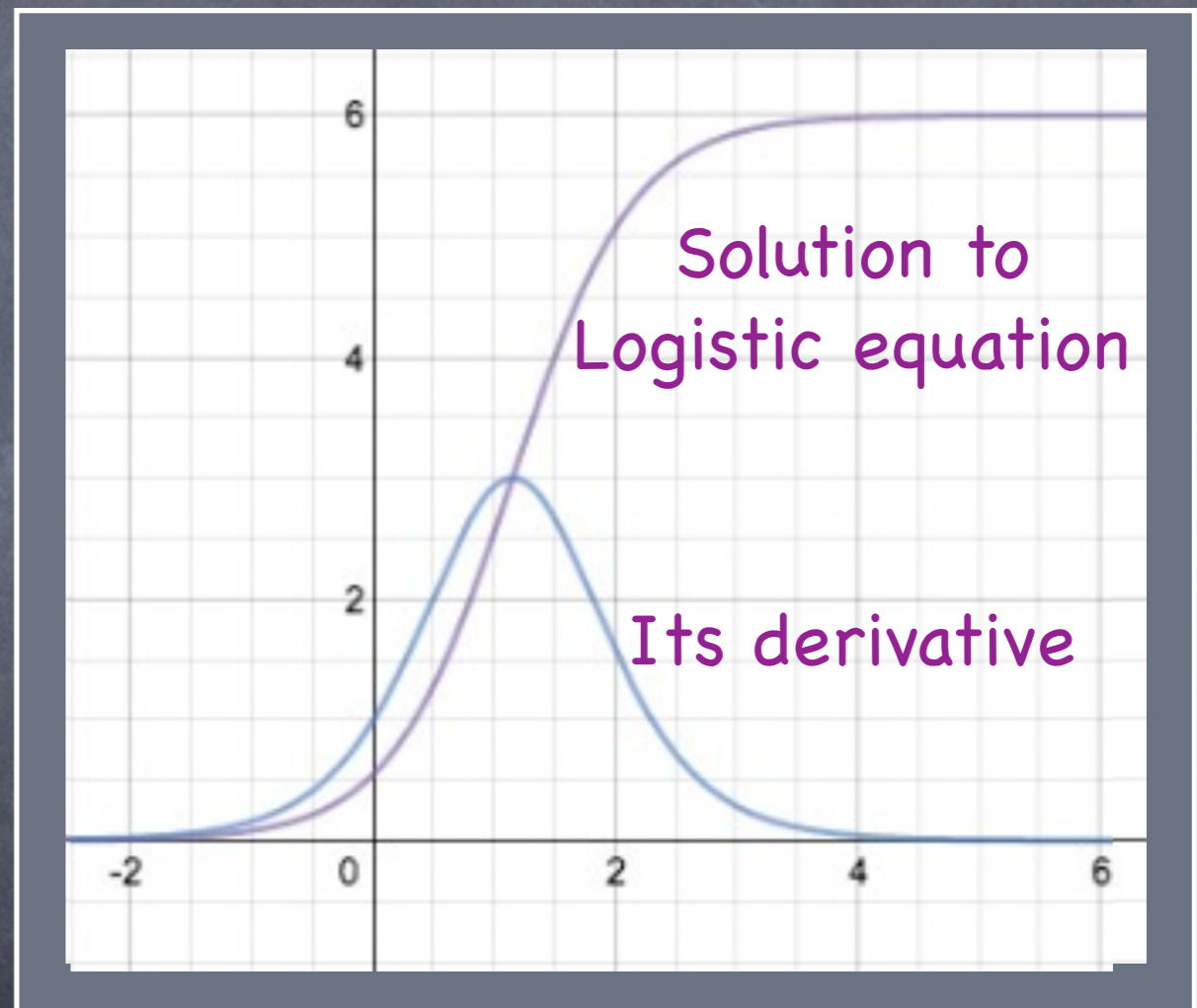
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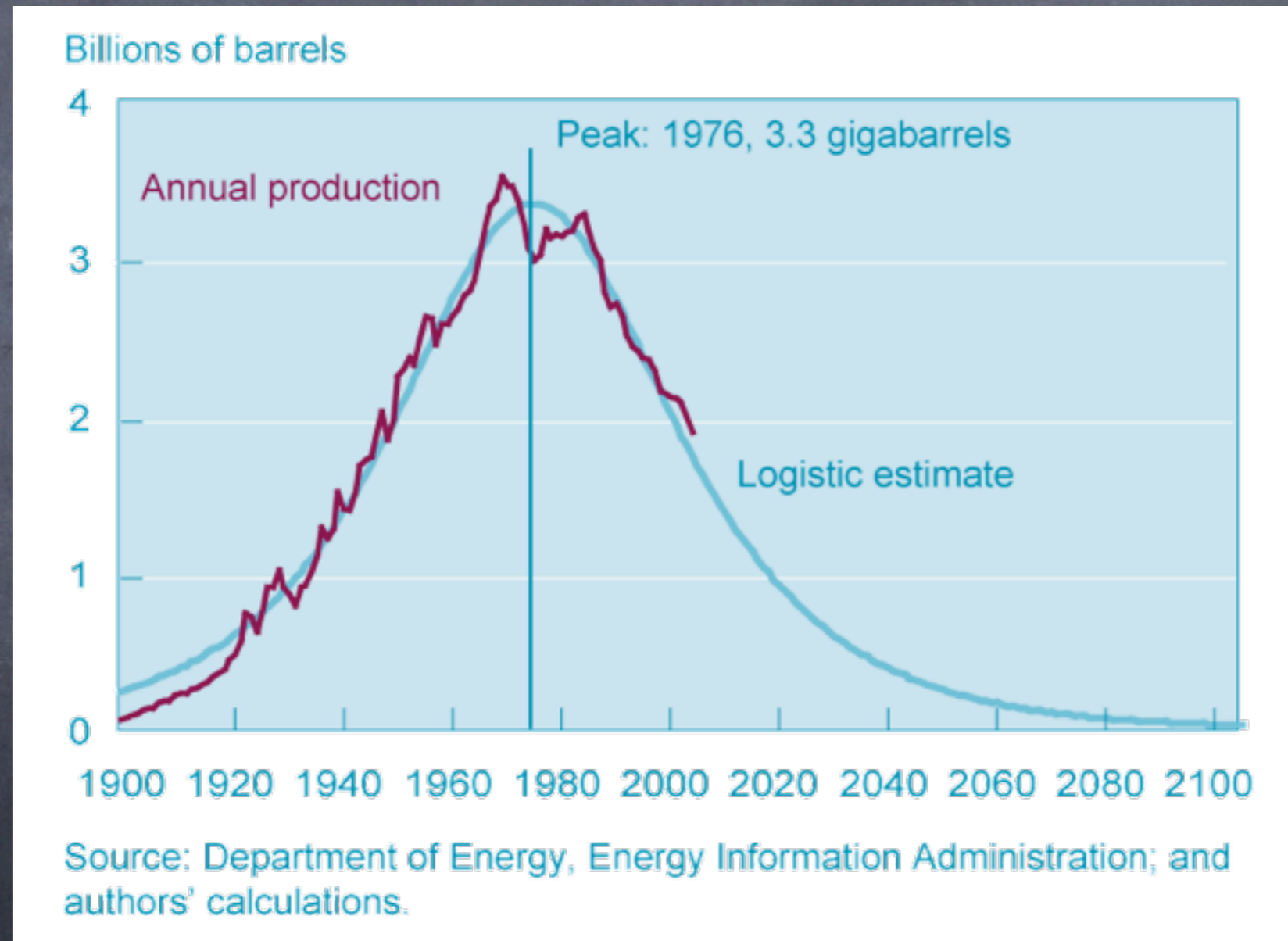
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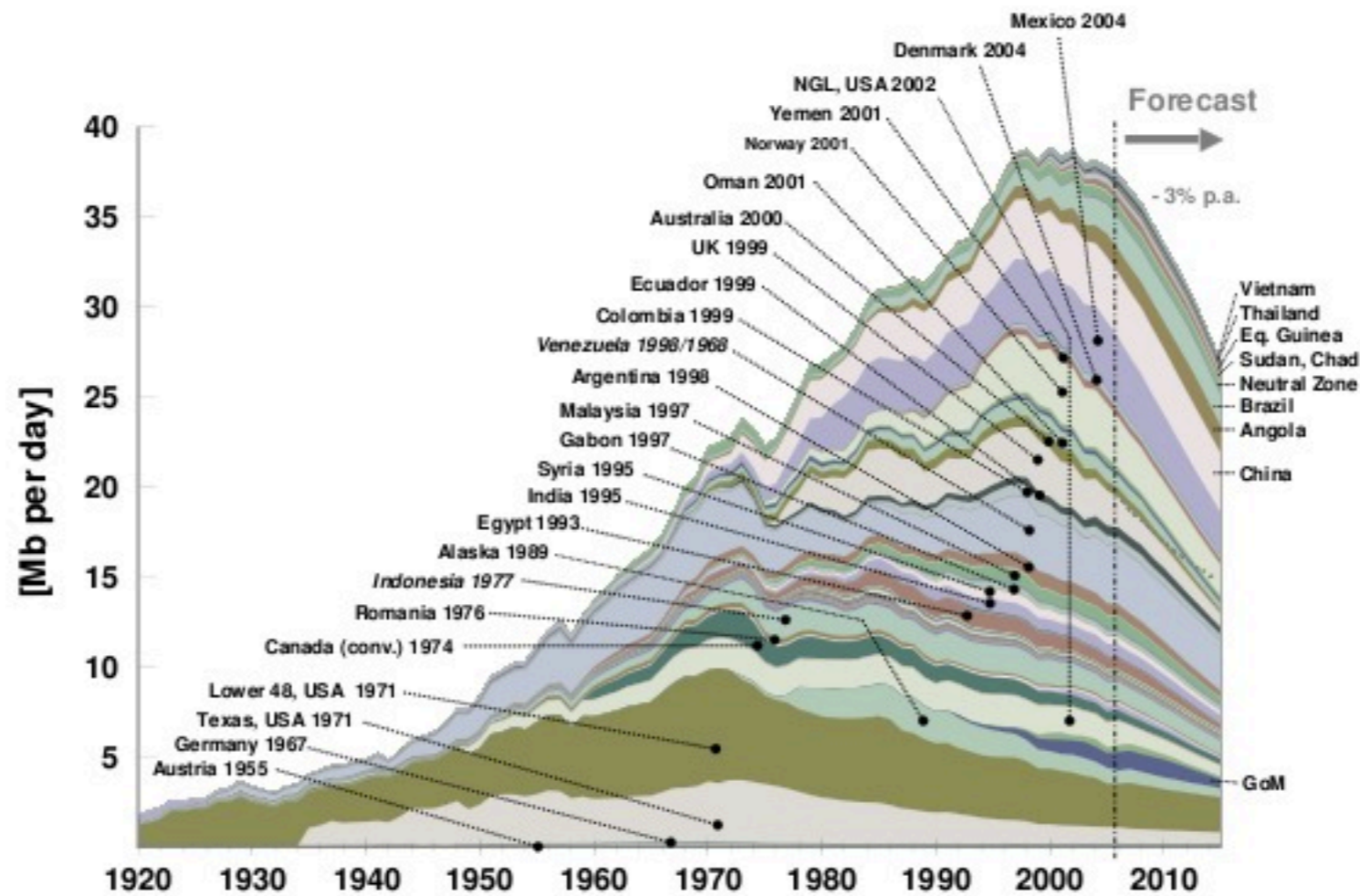
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# World peak oil production

Figure 5: Oil producing countries past peak



Ludwig-Bölkow-Systemtechnik GmbH, 2007

Source: IHS 2006; PEMEX, petrobras; NPD, DTI, ENS(Dk), NEB, RRC, US-EIA, January 2007

Forecast: LBST estimate, 25 January 2007



A couple review  
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Define  $h(x)=f(x)-g(x)$   
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