

# Today

- Please email requests for problems to discuss on Monday.
- Midterm Tuesday!
- Office hours M 11-12:30, M2-2:45, T10:30-12.
- Translating from word problem to IVP.
- Solving a linear ODE:  $y' = a - by$ .

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<-- This is a solution. So is  $P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$  for any value  $P_0$ .

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# Doubling time

- Let  $c(t) = c_0 e^{kt}$ .
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- That is when  $t = \ln(2)/k$ .
- This is called the **doubling time**.

# Half-life

- Let  $c(t) = c_0 e^{kt}$ .
- If  $k < 0$ ,  $c(t)$  is decreasing and halves when  $c_0 e^{kt} = c_0/2$ .
- That is when  $t = -\ln(2)/k$ .
- This is called the **half-life**.

# Characteristic time / mean life

- Let  $c(t) = c_0 e^{kt}$ .
- If  $k < 0$ ,  $c(t)$  is decreasing and reaches  $1/e$  its original value when  $c_0 e^{kt} = c_0/e$ .
- That is when  $t = -1/k$ .
- This is called the **characteristic time** or **mean life**. Just like half-life but replace 2 with  $e$  (could be called  $1/e$ -life).

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Make sure eq matches physical intuition.

If the coefficient on  $T(t)$  is +ive, the solution  $\rightarrow \infty$ .

Units have to match!

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Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law

$$\begin{aligned} ma &= F_{\text{grav}} + F_{\text{drag}} \\ &= mg - \gamma v(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$a = g - \gamma/m v(t)$$

- Sign on  $\delta v$  is independent of reference frame.
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