

# MATH TOOLS

Tools of the Trade

# Equations for Early IPOL 8512 Calculations

$$\text{Surface area of sphere} = 4\pi r^2 = 4\pi(d/2)^2 = \pi d^2$$

$$\text{volume of a sphere} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$\text{circumference} = \pi \bullet \text{diameter} \quad \text{or} \quad c = \pi d$$

$$\text{volume of a regular solid} = \text{area of the base} \times \text{height}$$

$$V = A \times h$$

$$V_{\text{cyl}} = A_{\text{base}} \times h = \pi r^2 \times h = \pi \left( \frac{d}{2} \right)^2 \times h = \frac{\pi d^2 h}{4}$$

$$\text{time} = \frac{\text{quantity of resource}}{\text{rate of consumption}}$$

$$\text{flow in} = \text{flow out} = \frac{\text{stock}}{\text{residence time}} = F_{\text{in}} = F_{\text{out}} = \frac{M}{T}$$

# Other Equations

Area of square = (length of side)<sup>2</sup>

Circumference of circle of radius  $r = 2\pi r$

Area circle of radius  $r = \pi r^2$

Area triangle =  $\frac{1}{2}(\text{base} \times \text{height})$

Surface area cube =  $6(\text{length side})^2$

Volume cube = (length side)<sup>3</sup>

$$a^x \bullet a^y = a^{x+y}$$

$$a^x \div a^y = a^{x-y}$$

$$(a^x)^y = a^{x \bullet y}$$

$$a^{-b} = \frac{1}{a^b}$$

# Ideal Gas Equation Derivation

$$P \propto n \quad \text{if } T \text{ and } V \text{ are constant}$$

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$$P \propto \frac{1}{V} \quad \text{if } n \text{ and } T \text{ are constant}$$

$$\text{or } P \propto \frac{nT}{V}$$

$$\text{so } P = (\text{a constant}) \frac{nT}{V}$$

$$PV = nRT \quad \frac{0.082058 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{8.3145 \text{ L} \cdot \text{kPa}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}}$$

# Standard Temperature and Pressure

- **Standard Temperature and Pressure (STP)** = the standard sets of conditions for experimental measurements established to allow comparisons to be made between different sets of data. (There are no universally accepted standards.)
  - International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) uses 273.15 K (0 °C, 32 °F) and 100 kPa (14.504 psi, 0.986 atm, 1 bar)
  - An unofficial, but commonly used standard is **standard ambient temperature and pressure (SATP)** of 298.15 K (25 °C, 77 °F) and 100 kPa (14.504 psi, 0.986 atm). This is the most useful set of values for us.
  - National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) uses 20 °C (293.15 K, 68 °F) and 101.325 kPa (14.696 psi, 1 atm)

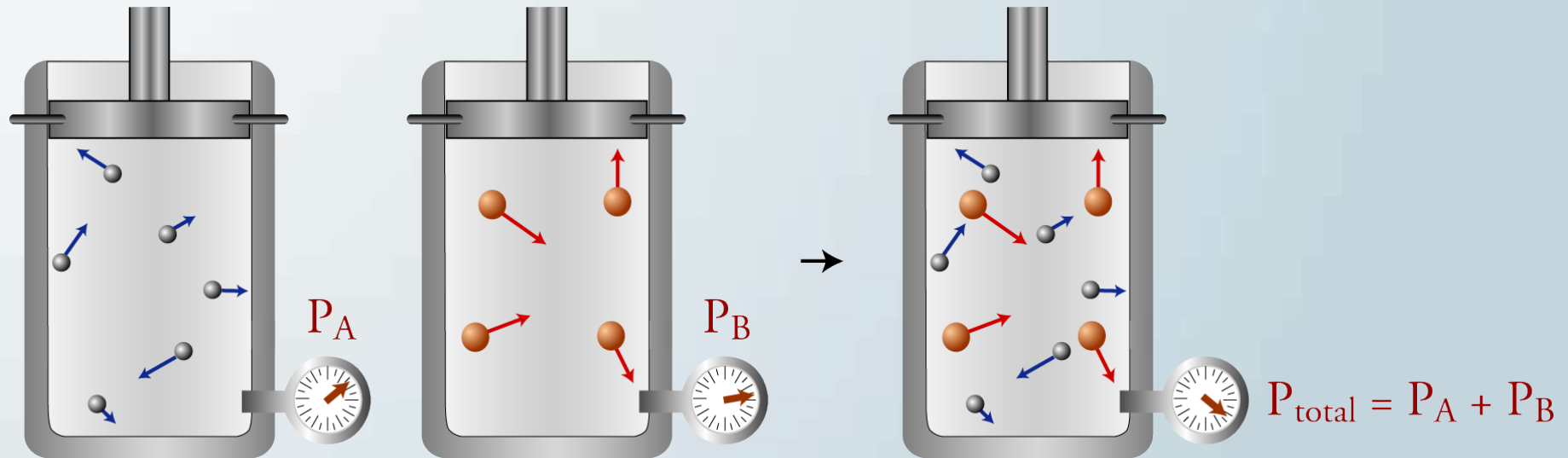
# Molar Volume at SATP

- You will find the following derived conversion factor useful for converting between volume and moles of gas.

$$PV = nRT$$

$$\frac{V}{n} = \frac{RT}{P} = \frac{\left( \frac{8.3145 \text{ L} \cdot \cancel{\text{kPa}}}{\cancel{\text{K}} \cdot \text{mol}} \right) (298.15 \cancel{\text{ K}})}{100 \cancel{\text{ kPa}}} = \left( \frac{24.790 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ mol}} \right)_{\text{SATP}}$$

# Dalton's Law of Partial Pressures



$$P_{\text{total}} = \sum P_{\text{partial}} \quad \text{or} \quad P_{\text{total}} = (\sum n_{\text{each gas}}) \frac{RT}{V}$$

# Partial Pressures and Constant T and P

$$V_A = n_A \frac{RT_A}{P_A} \qquad V_t = n_t \frac{RT_t}{P_t}$$

$$\frac{V_A}{V_t} = \frac{n_A \frac{RT_A}{P_A}}{n_t \frac{RT_t}{P_t}}$$

*for gases at the same T and P*

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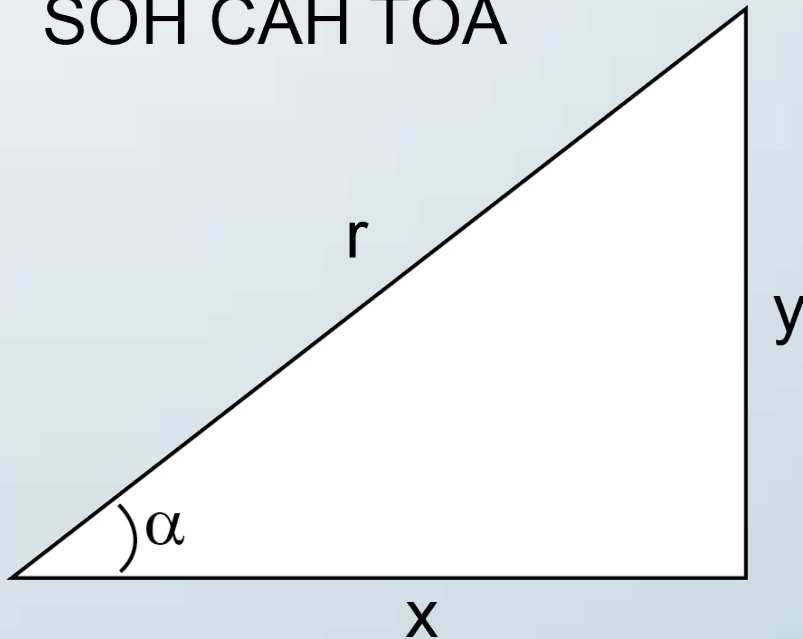
$$\frac{P_A}{P_t} = \frac{n_A \frac{RT}{V}}{n_t \frac{RT}{V}} = \frac{n_A}{n_t} = \text{mole fraction} = X_A$$

$$P_A = X_A P_t$$

# A Little Trig Stuff

- One of the following relationships and your calculator will help you to do one of the homework problems.

SOH CAH TOA



$$\sin \alpha = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}} = \frac{y}{x}$$

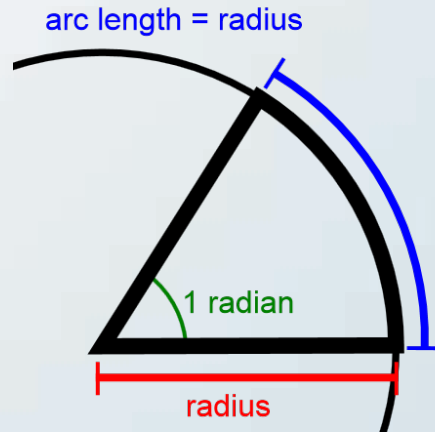
# Fractal Units and Lengths of Uneven Surfaces

- If the coastline of Britain is measured using the fractal unit of 200 km, then the value derived for the length of the coastline is 2400 km (approx.).
- If we use the fractal unit of 50 km, the value derived for the length of the coastline is 3400 km (1000 km more).



# Angles - Radians and Degrees

- A radian is the ratio between the length of an arc and its radius. It is normally described in terms of pi ( $\pi$ ) and as a unitless quantity.



- A complete circle has an arc length of  $2\pi r$  (its circumference), so a complete circle is  $2\pi$  radians.

$$\text{Radian} = \frac{\text{length of arc}}{\text{radius}} = \frac{2\pi r}{r} = 2\pi$$

- A complete circle is  $360^\circ$ ,  $360^\circ$  is  $2\pi$  radians, leading to the following conversion factor.

$$\frac{360^\circ}{2\pi} = \frac{180^\circ}{\pi}$$

# Linear Equation

- A common form of a linear equation in the two variables  $x$  and  $y$  is

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = (\text{slope})x + (\text{y-intercept})$$

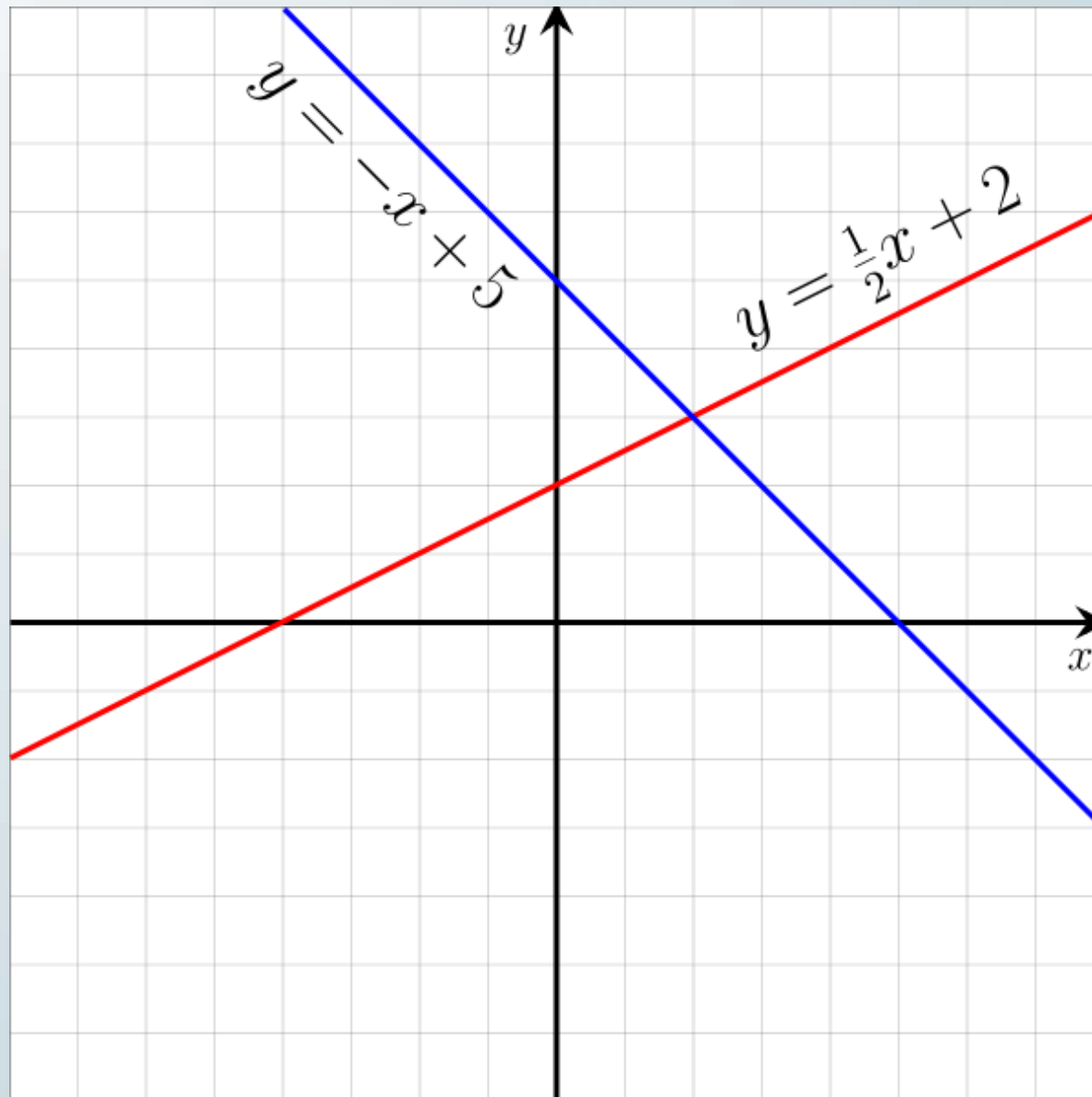
- The origin of the name "linear" comes from the fact that the set of solutions of such an equation forms a straight line in the plane.

$$m = \text{slope} = \Delta y / \Delta x,$$

$$b = \text{y-intercept}$$

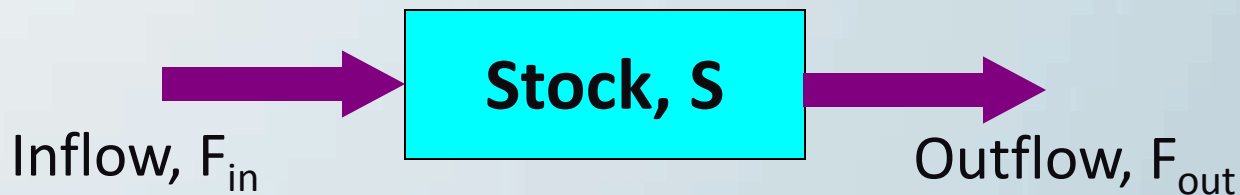
= the point at which the line crosses the  $y$ -axis.

# Linear Equation Examples



# Box Models

- We make a simple model of a system by representing the reservoirs with a “box” and the transport/transformation with arrows.
- We usually assume the box is well-mixed, and we usually are not concerned with internal details.



- *Stock* = the amount of stuff (matter, energy, electric charge, chemical species, organisms, pollutants, etc.) in the reservoir
- *Flows* = the amount of stuff flowing into and out of the reservoir as a function of time

# Why Use Box Models?

To understand or predict:

- Concentrations of pollutants in various environmental reservoirs as a function of time: e.g. water pollution, outdoor/ indoor air pollution
- Concentrations of toxic substance in organs after inhalation or ingestion; setting standards for toxic exposure or intake
- Population dynamics, predator-prey and food-chain models, fisheries, wildlife management
- Biogeochemical cycles and climate dynamics (nutrients, energy, air, trace gases, water)



# How Box Models Work

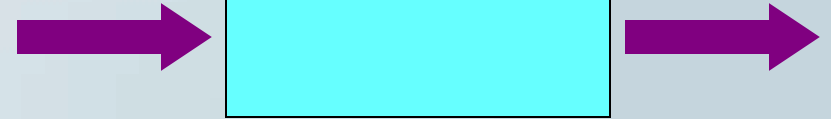
Basic rule of box models:

change in stock over time = inflow – outflow

$$\Delta S / \Delta t = F_{\text{in}} - F_{\text{out}}$$

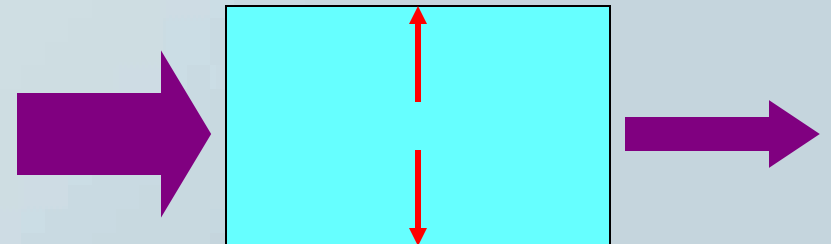
Situation 1: Equilibrium

$$F_{\text{in}} = F_{\text{out}} \quad \Delta S / \Delta t = 0$$

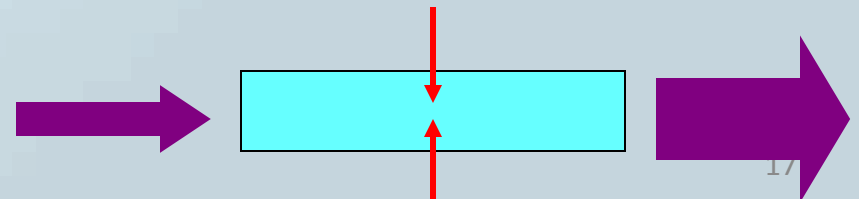


Situation 2: Non-equilibrium

$$F_{\text{in}} > F_{\text{out}} \quad \Delta S / \Delta t > 0$$



$$F_{\text{in}} < F_{\text{out}} \quad \Delta S / \Delta t < 0$$



# Steady-State Calculations

$$\text{Flow in} = F_{\text{in}} = \frac{\text{amount into system}}{\text{time}}$$

$$\text{Flow out} = F_{\text{out}} = \frac{\text{amount out of system}}{\text{time}}$$

$$\text{Stock} = M$$

$$\text{Residence time} = T$$

$$F_{\text{in}} = F_{\text{out}} = \frac{M}{T}$$

# Two Ways to Do Steady-State Calculations

*What is the residence time in days of  $H_2O$  in Earth's atmosphere?*

- Equation-based
- Unit Analysis

From COW appendix,

- the precipitation rate is  $5.18 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^3/\text{yr}$ .
- the amount of water in the atmosphere is  $1.3 \times 10^{13} \text{ m}^3$ .

# Steady-State Calculations

*That is the residence time of H<sub>2</sub>O in Earth's atmosphere?*

$$F_w = \frac{M_w}{T_w}$$

$$T_w = \frac{M_w}{F_w} = \frac{1.3 \times 10^{13} \text{ m}^3}{5.18 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^3/\text{yr}} = \mathbf{0.025 \text{ yr}} \left( \frac{365 \text{ day}}{1 \text{ yr}} \right) = \mathbf{9.1 \text{ days}}$$

or

$$? \text{ day} = 1.3 \times 10^{13} \cancel{\text{ m}^3} \left( \frac{1 \cancel{\text{ yr}}}{5.18 \times 10^{14} \cancel{\text{ m}^3}} \right) \left( \frac{365 \text{ day}}{1 \cancel{\text{ yr}}} \right) = \mathbf{9.1 \text{ days}}$$

# Box Models for Different Situations

- What is the basic math behind box models?
- What kinds of box model are frequently used in environmental science?
- How can the following situations be analyzed mathematically with box models?
  - population growth
  - radioactive decay
  - greenhouse gas emissions
  - depletion of oil stocks
  - pollution building up in a lake

# General Solution to Box Models

1. Draw box model, label stocks and flows
2. Set up differential equation for each box expressing the rate of change of the stock

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = F_{\text{in}} - F_{\text{out}}$$

3. Solve for  $S(t)$  by integrating the differential equation, or in lieu of integrating, use the pre-integrated solutions given in class for  $S(t)$ . The trick here is to recognize which type of box model calls for which type of solution.

# Equations for Different Situations

- Steady State

$$S(t) = S_0$$

- $F_{\text{in}} - F_{\text{out}} = \text{constant}$

$$S(t) = S_0 + \Delta F t$$

- Exponential Growth of Stocks

$$S(t) = S_0 e^{rt}$$

- Exponential decline (decay) of Stocks

$$S(t) = S_0 e^{-rt}$$

# Equations for Different Situations

- One flow constant and the other proportional to stock (e.g. constant inflow, and an outflow proportional to stock)

$$S(t) = \frac{(rS_0 - F_0)}{r}e^{-rt} + \frac{F_0}{r}$$

- Exponential increase in inflow

$$S(t) = S_0 + \frac{F_0}{r}(e^{rt} - 1)$$

- Exponential increase in outflow

$$S(t) = S_0 - \frac{F_0}{r}(e^{rt} - 1)$$



## Case A: Stock is in Steady State

$$F_{\text{in}} = F_{\text{out}} = F$$

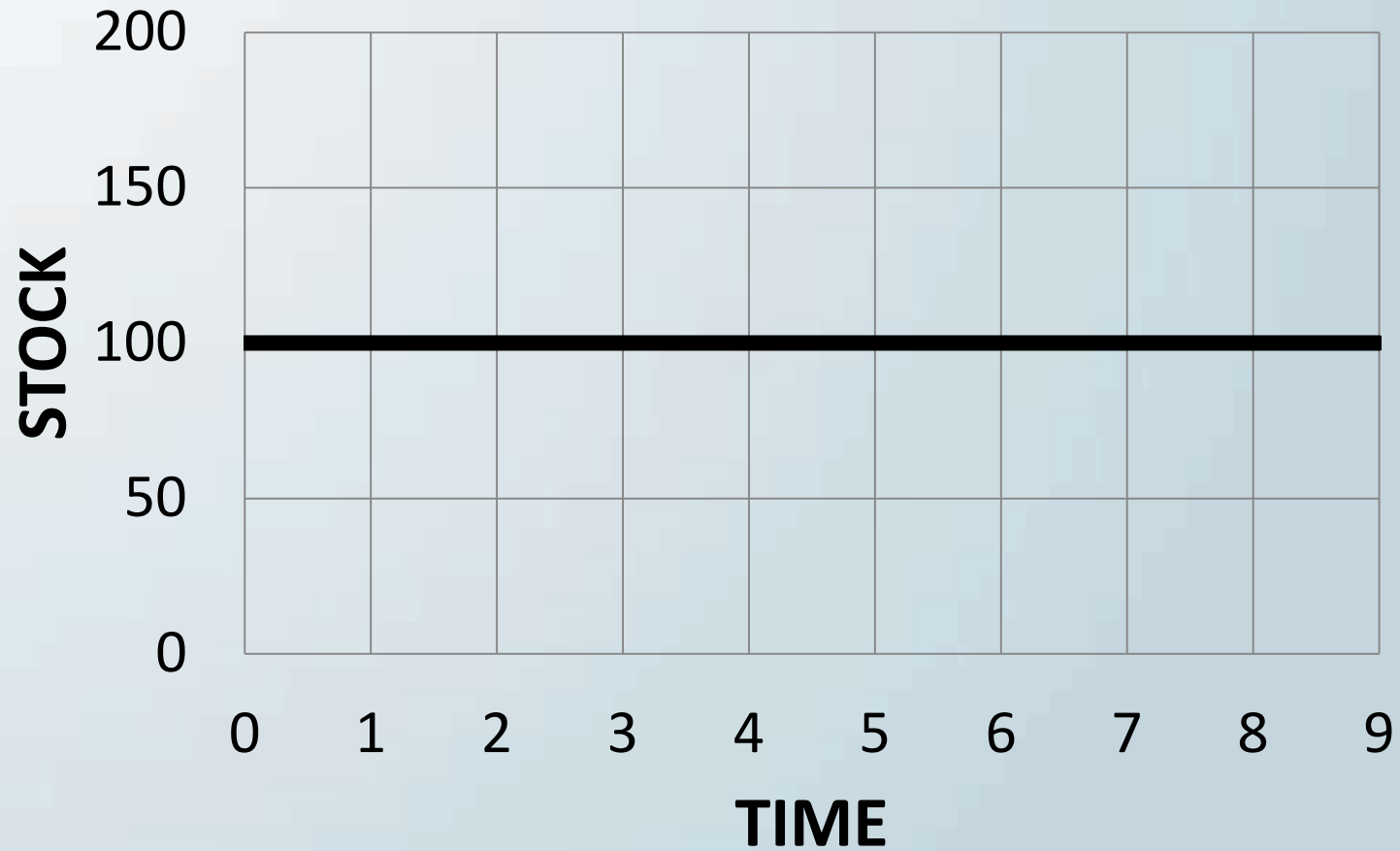
$$\frac{dS}{dt} = F_{\text{in}} - F_{\text{out}} = F - F = 0$$

$$S(t) = S_0 \text{ (i.e. no change from initial value)}$$

Residence time  $T$  is defined for steady state:

$$T = S/F$$

Stock is in Steady State:  $S(t) = S_0$



## Case B: $F_{in} - F_{out} = \text{constant}$

- If stock is not in steady state, then we must solve the differential equation:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = F_{in}(t) - F_{out}(t)$$

- Simplest case is when the difference between  $F_{in}$  and  $F_{out}$  is constant:

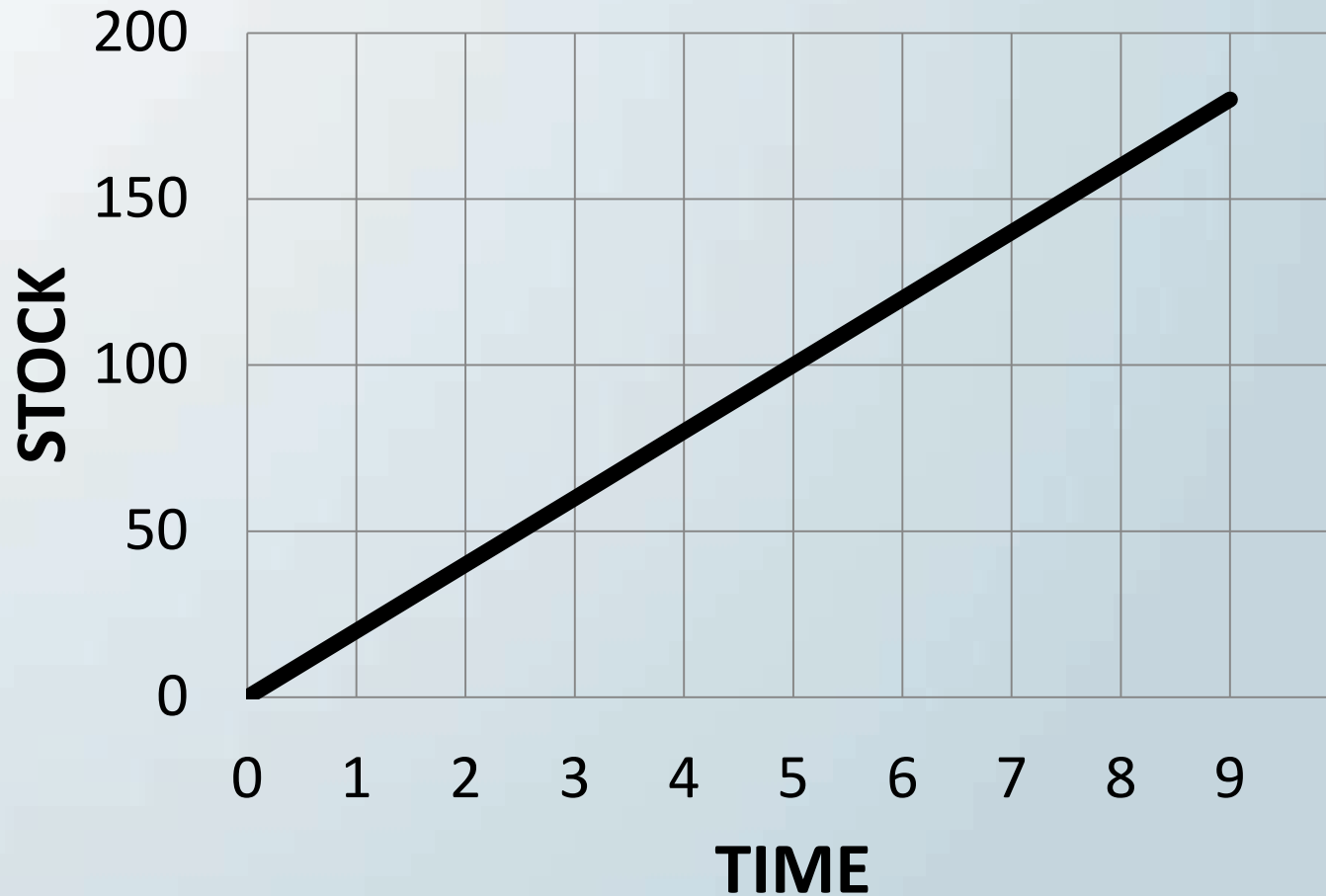
$$\frac{dS}{dt} = F_{in}(t) - F_{out}(t) = \Delta F$$

$$dS = \Delta F dt$$

$$\int_{S(0)}^{S(t)} dS = \Delta F \int_0^t dt$$

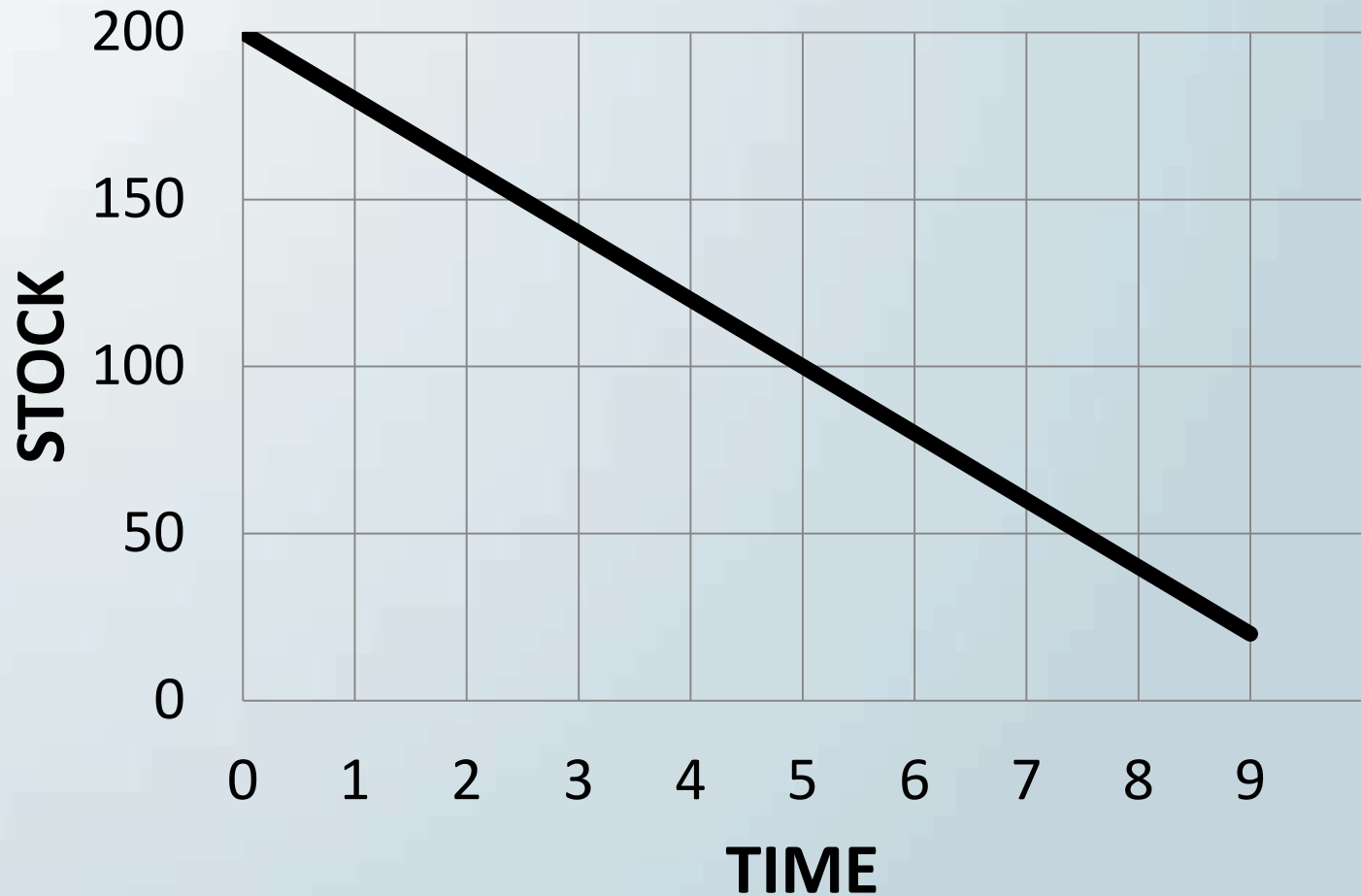
$$S(t) = S_0 + \Delta F t$$

$$F_{\text{in}} - F_{\text{out}} = \text{constant: } S(t) = S_0 + \Delta F t$$



Ex.  $S_0 = 0$ ,  $\Delta F = 20$

$$F_{\text{in}} - F_{\text{out}} = \text{constant: } S(t) = S_0 + \Delta F t$$



Ex.  $S_0 = 200$ ,  $\Delta F = -20$

## Exponential Growth – Fixed Percentage per Year

- Exponential growth when the increase in some quantity is proportional to the amount currently present
- If fixed percentage per year.

$$N_1 = N_0(1 + r) \quad N_2 = N_1(1 + r) \quad N_3 = N_0(1 + r) \quad \text{etc.}$$

or  **$N(t) = N_0(1 + r)^t$**

$N(t)$  = amount at time  $t$

$N_0$  = initial amount

$r$  = rate

$t$  = time

# Exponential Growth – Smooth, Continuous

- If we assume that the rate of change is smooth and continuous.

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN$$

- Leads to

$$N(t) = N_0 e^{rt}$$

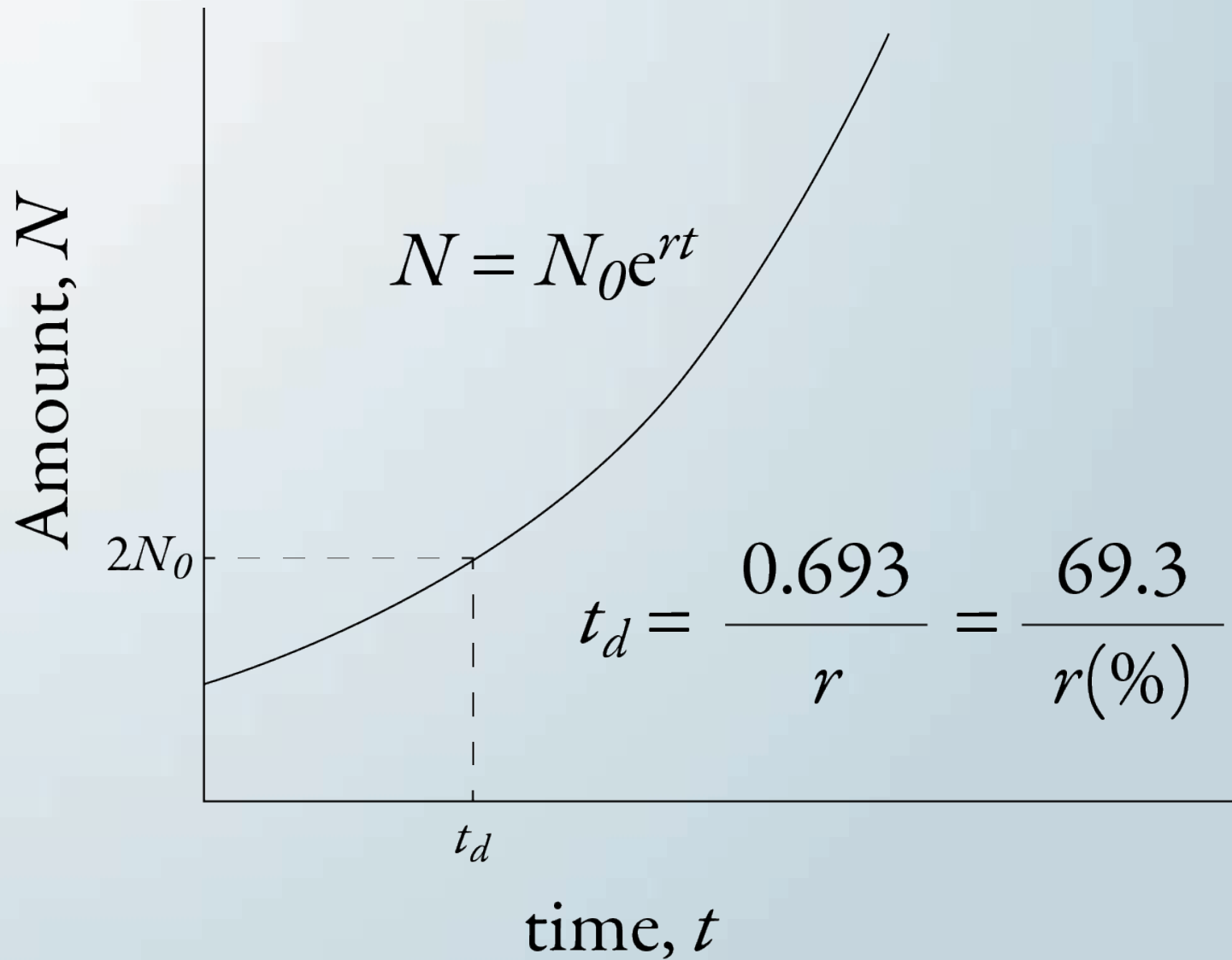
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# Exponential Growth





# Logarithms

- The logarithm of a number is the exponent by which a fixed number, the base, has to be raised to produce that number. The log base  $a$  of a number  $y$  is the power of  $a$  that yields  $y$ .

$$\log_a y = \log_a a^x = x$$

$$\text{e.g. } \log_{10} 1000 = \log_{10} 10^3 = 3$$

$\log_{10}$  is commonly described as just log.

$\log_e$  is commonly described as ln.

$$e = 2.7182818284590452353602874713526624977572\dots$$

$$\log_a a = 1 \quad \text{e.g. } \log 10 = \log 10^1 = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \ln e = \ln e^1 = 1$$

$$\log_a (b \bullet c) = \log_a b + \log_a c$$

$$\log_a (b \div c) = \log_a b - \log_a c$$

$$\log_a b^c = c \log_a b$$

$$\text{e.g. } \ln 2^{-3} = -3 \ln 2$$

# Exponential Growth

$$N(t) = N(0)e^{rt}$$

$N(t)$  = number at time  $t$

$N(0)$  = initial number

$r$  = rate of change

$$\ln[N(t)] = \ln[N(0)] + \ln(e^{rt})$$

$$\ln[N(t)] = \ln[N(0)] + rt$$

# Doubling Time

$N(t)$  = amount time  $t$        $N_0$  = amount at time 0       $t$  = time

$r$  = rate    Rate has units of 1/time,

e.g. a rate of change of 12% per year corresponds to 0.12/yr

$$N(t) = N_0 e^{rt}$$

for doubling  $N(t) = 2N_0$

$$\text{so } 2N_0 = N_0 e^{rt_d}$$

$$2 = e^{rt_d}$$

$$\ln 2 = \ln (e^{rt_d})$$

$$\ln 2 = rt_d \ln e$$

$$\ln 2 = rt_d$$

$$\frac{\ln 2}{r} = t_d = \frac{\mathbf{0.693}}{r}$$

For  $x$  doublings,  $N(t) = 2^x N_0$

## Case C. Exponential Growth of Stocks

- Type 1: Inflow is directly proportional to the stock:  $F_{\text{in}} = rS$  ( $F_{\text{out}} = 0$ )

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = rS$$

$$\frac{dS}{S} = r dt$$

$$\int_{S_0}^{S_t} \frac{dS}{S} = r \int_0^t dt$$

$$\ln(S_t) - \ln(S_0) = \ln\left(\frac{S_t}{S_0}\right) = rt$$

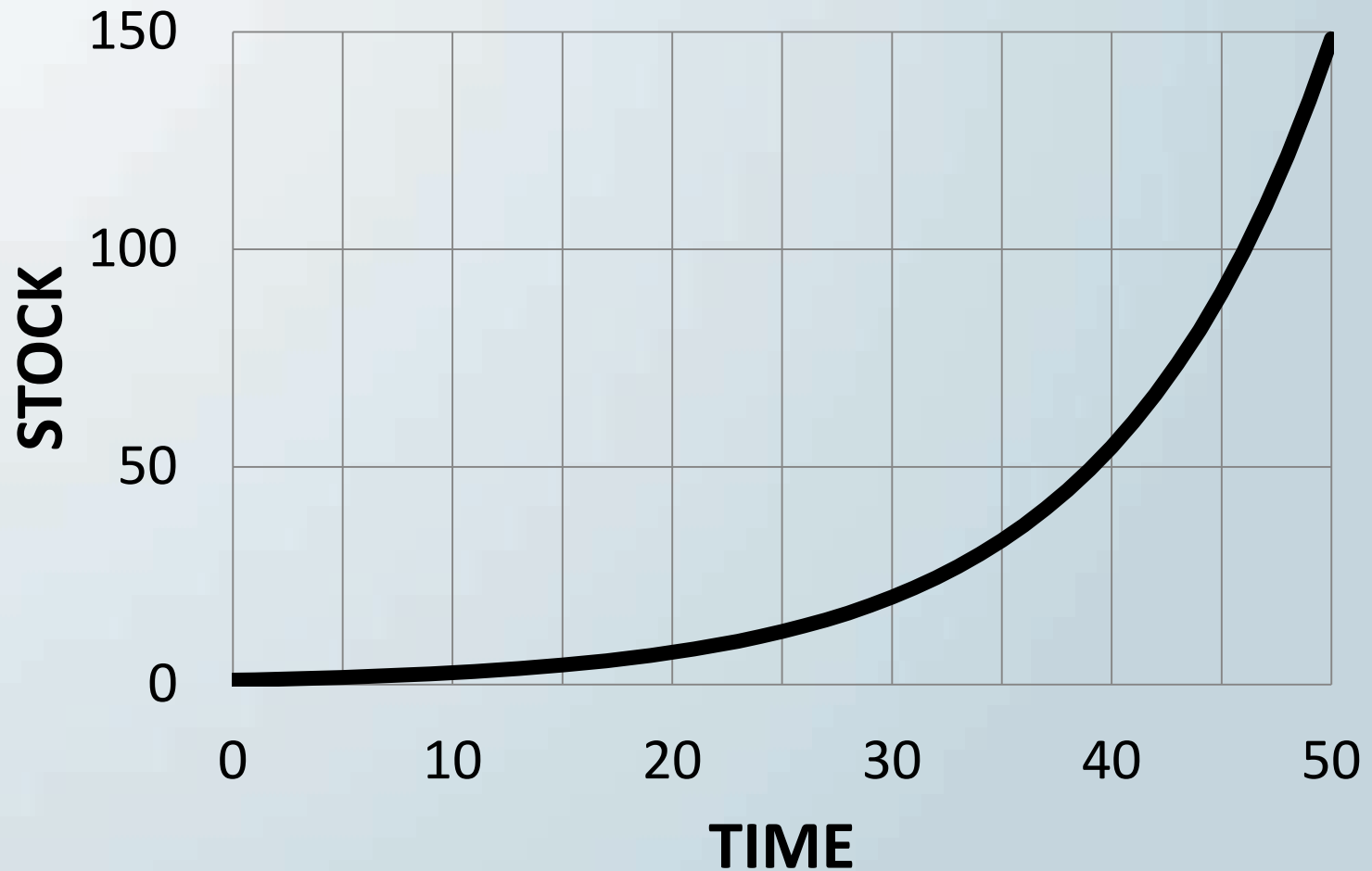
$$S(t) = S_0 e^{rt}$$

- Ex. If you put \$100 in an account with a 0.84% annual percentage rate, how much money will you have after 10 years?

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$$S(t) = S_0 e^{rt} = \$100 e^{(0.0084 \text{ 1/yr } 10 \text{ yr})} = \$108.76$$

# Exponential Growth of Stocks: $S(t) = S_0 e^{rt}$



Ex.  $S_0=1$ ,  $r=0.1/y$

# Exponential Decline and Half-Life

$N(t)$  = amount time  $t$      $N_0$  = amount at time 0     $t$  = time  
 $k$  = rate     $k$  has units of 1/time,

$$N(t) = N_0 e^{-kt}$$

When half gone  $N(t) = 1/2 N_0$

$$\text{so } 1/2 N_0 = N_0 e^{-kt_{1/2}}$$

$$2^{-1} = e^{-kt_{1/2}}$$

$$\ln 2^{-1} = \ln(e^{-kt_{1/2}})$$

$$-\ln 2 = -kt_{1/2} \ln e$$

$$\ln 2 = kt_{1/2}$$

$$\frac{\ln 2}{k} = t_{1/2} = \frac{\mathbf{0.693}}{k}$$

# Exponential Decline of Stocks

- Outflow is proportional to stock.

$$F = -rS$$

$$S = S_0 e^{-rt}$$

- Ex. Iodine-131 has a half-life of 8.0197 days. If we start with 37 GBq (or 1 curie) of I-131, how much is left after 14 days?
- The **becquerel** (symbol **Bq**) (pronounced: 'be-kə-rel) is the SI-derived unit of radioactivity. One Bq is defined as the activity of a quantity of radioactive material in which one nucleus decays per second. The Bq unit is therefore equivalent to an inverse second,  $s^{-1}$ .
- The curie is a common non-SI unit. It is now defined as 37 GBq.



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$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k} \quad k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{8.0197 \text{ day}} = 0.0864 \text{ day}^{-1}$$

$$S(t) = S_0 e^{-kt} = 37 \text{ GBq} e^{-0.0864 \text{ 1/day}(14 \text{ day})} = \mathbf{11 \text{ GBq}}$$