

A thermometer is taken from a room where the temperature is  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$  to the outdoors, where the temperature is  $-6^{\circ}\text{C}$ . After one minute the thermometer reads  $11^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

(a) What will the reading on the thermometer be after 4 more minutes?

(b) When will the thermometer read  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ?

minutes after it was taken to the outdoors.

**Solution:**

Find  $T(t) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Newton's Law of Cooling

$$T' = -K(T - T_m)$$

$$T_m = -6$$

when  $t=0$ ,  
what is  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ? initial temperature  $T = 25$   
 $T(0) = 25$  ← initial condition.

when  $t = 1 \text{ min}$ , temperature  $T = 11$

$$T(1) = 11$$

$$T' = -K(T - (-6))$$

$$T' = -KT - 6K \rightarrow T' + KT = -6K$$

1<sup>st</sup> order linear.

STEP 1 single solution  $T_i$  to complementary:

$$T' + KT = 0$$

$$\frac{T'}{T} = -\frac{K}{1}$$

$$\int \frac{T'}{T} dt = \int -K dt$$

$$\ln|T| = -Kt + C$$

$$e^{\ln|T|} = e^{-Kt}$$

choose  $C = 0$ .

$$|T| = e^{-kt}$$

$$T = \pm e^{-kt} \quad \text{choose +.}$$

$$T_1 = e^{-kt}$$

STEP 2 guess  $T = u \cdot T_1$

$$T = u e^{-kt}$$

$$T' = -ku e^{-kt} + u' e^{-kt}$$

Sub  $T' + kT = -6k$

$$\cancel{-ku e^{-kt}} + u' e^{-kt} + \cancel{ku e^{-kt}} = -6k$$

$$u' e^{-kt} = -6k$$

$$\int u' dx = \int -6k e^{kt} dt$$

$$u = -6k \frac{e^{kt}}{k} + C$$

$$u = -6e^{kt} + C$$

$$T = (-6e^{kt} + C) e^{-kt}$$

$$T = -6 + C e^{-kt}$$

Initial values

$$T(0) = 25$$

$$T(1) = 11$$

$$25 = -6 + Ce^{-k \cdot 0}$$

$$25 = -6 + C$$

$$31 = C$$

$$11 = -6 + Ce^{-k \cdot 1}$$

$$11 = -6 + 31e^{-k}$$

solve for  $k$ :

$$+6 \quad +6$$

$$\frac{17}{31} = \frac{31e^{-k}}{31}$$

$$\frac{17}{31} = e^{-k}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{17}{31}\right) = -k$$

$$k = -\ln\left(\frac{17}{31}\right)$$

$$k = 0.60077$$

temperature of thermometer

over time  $t$ :

$$T = -6 + 31e^{-0.60077t}$$

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**Solution:**

a) find  $T$  when  $t = 5$  min (1 min + 4 more)

$$T = -6 + 31e^{-0.60077(5)} = -6 + 31e^{(-\ln(17/31))(5)}$$

$$T \approx -4.46253^\circ\text{C}$$

b) find  $t$  when  $T = -5^\circ\text{C}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} -5 & = & -6 + 31e^{-0.60077t} \\ +6 & & +6 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{31} = \frac{31e^{-0.60077t}}{31}$$

$$1.00077t$$

$$\frac{1}{31} = e^{-.60077t}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{31}\right) = -.60077t$$

$$\frac{\ln(1/31)}{-.60077} = t$$

$$t = \underline{5.71598 \text{ minutes}}$$

A species of rabbits has a growth rate of 0.625 / month. If a population of foxes inhabits the same forest and kills 25 rabbits per day, find the general solution describing the population of rabbits.

P(t) =  Assume that one month = 30 days.

**Hint:**

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$$p' = rp - k$$

$$r = 0.625$$

$p$  = population  
 $t$  = time in months

$k = \# \text{ rabbits killed each month} = 25(30)$   
 $k = 750$

$$p' = 0.625p - 750$$

$$p' - 0.625p = -750 \quad * \quad (\text{linear 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ order})$$

solve to find  $P(t) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}?$

We don't know any initial condition  
(# of rabbits at a given time),

so our answer for  $p(t)$  will  
have a ~~xxx~~ constant  $(C)$  in it

$$p(t) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$