

Mathematics 172

Quiz 10

Name: Key

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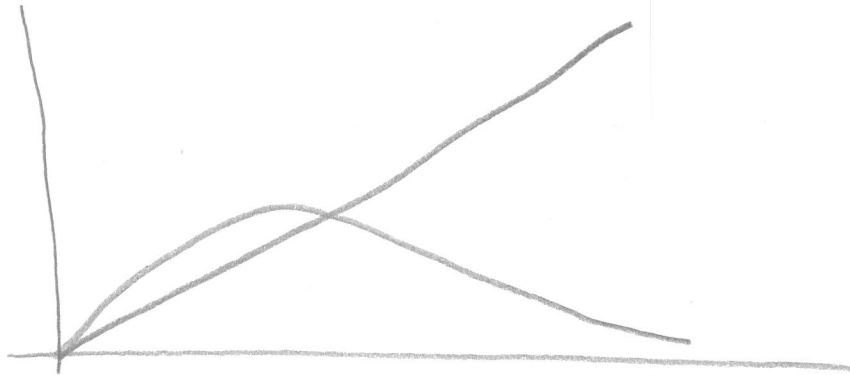
A model for discrete population that is sometimes used instead of the logistic model, is the **Ricker model** which is

$$N_{t+1} = N_t e^{r(1-N_t/K)}$$

where  $r$  is the intrinsic growth rate and  $K$  is the carrying capacity. Let us look at a special case

$$N_{t+1} = N_t e^{1.2(1-N_t/20)}$$

- (1) Use your calculator to graph both  $y = x$  and  $y = x e^{1.2(1-x/20)}$  on the same plot on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 50$ . Make a sketch of that graph here:

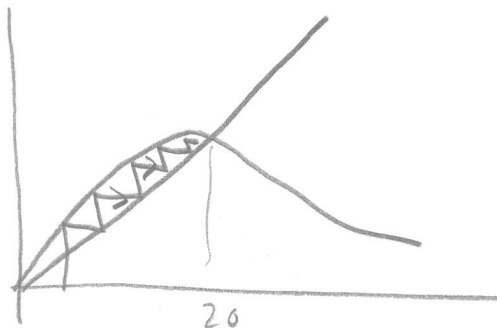


- (2) What are the equilibrium points?

Equilibrium points are: 0, 20

Found using the 2nd calc. intersect function of the calculator.

- (3) If  $N_0 = 5$  estimate  $N_{30}$ .



$N_{30} \approx$  20