

- 1) A state game commission releases 40 elk into a game refuge. After 5 years, the elk population is 104. The commission believes that the environment can support no more than 4000 elk. The growth rate of the elk population  $p$  is:

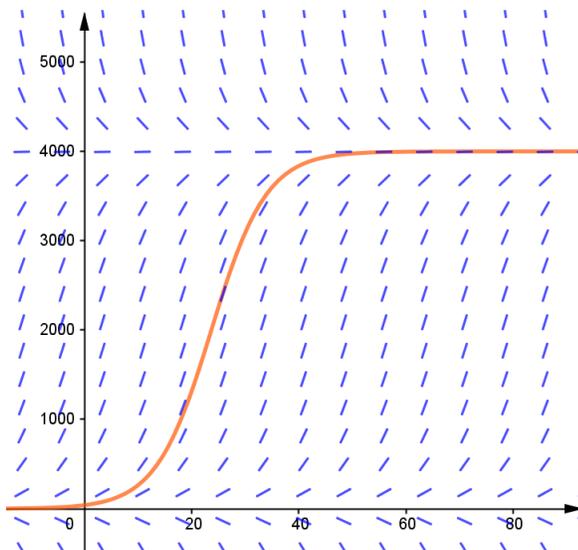
$$\frac{dp}{dt} = kp \left( 1 - \frac{p}{4000} \right), \quad 40 \leq p \leq 4000$$

where  $t$  is the number of years.

- a) Write a model for the elk population in terms of  $t$ .

$$p = \frac{4000}{1 + 99e^{-0.194t}}$$

- b) A direction field for this equation is shown below. Graph the solution that passes through the point  $(0, 40)$ .



- c) Use the model to estimate the elk population after 15 years.
- d) Find the limit of the model as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\approx 626$$

$$4000$$

2) The pacific halibut fishery has been modeled by the differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky \left( 1 - \frac{y}{K} \right)$$

where  $y(t)$  is the biomass (the total mass of the members of the population) in kilograms at time  $t$  (measured in years), the carrying capacity is estimated to be  $K = 8 \times 10^7$  kg, and  $k = 0.71$  per year.

a) If  $y(0) = 2 \times 10^7$  kg, find the biomass a year later.

$$\approx 3.23 \times 10^7 \text{ kg}$$

b) How long will it take for the biomass to reach  $4 \times 10^7$  kg?

$$\approx 1.55 \text{ years}$$