

$$\frac{dF_A}{F_A - 20,000} = -0.03 dt$$

Integrating both sides, we have

$$\int \frac{dF_A}{F_A - 20,000} = \int -0.03 dt$$

$$\ln(F_A - 20,000) = -0.03t + C$$

Taking (exp) of both sides

$$F_A - 20,000 = (e^{-0.03t})$$

where $C = e^C$

$$F_A = 20,000 + (e^{-0.03t})$$

Initially there was no fresh air

Hence,

$$F_A(0) = 0$$

$$F_A = 20,000 + (e^{-0.03t})$$

where $t=0, F_A=0$

$$0 = 20,000 + C \times e^{-0.03 \times 0}$$

$$C = -20,000$$

Substitute for C

$$F_A = 20,000 - 20,000 e^{-0.03t}$$

(particular solution)

b) Time at which 90% of the air will become fresh

$$90\% \times \frac{20,000}{1} = 20,000 - 20,000 e^{-0.03t}$$

$$18,000 = 20,000 - 20,000 e^{-0.03t}$$

$$-2,000 = -20,000 e^{-0.03t}$$

$$0.1 = e^{-0.03t}$$

$$\ln 0.1 = -0.03t$$