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* It is discovered that $600 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$ of fresh air flows into a room containing $20,000 \text{ ft}^3$ of air. The mixture which is made practically uniform by circulating fans, is exhausted at the rate of $600 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$. If the room contains no fresh air initially (a) develop a model for the amount of fresh air in the room at any time, t .

Solution:

Let $y(t)$ be the amount of ~~air~~ ^{air} at any time (t) in ft^3 in the room
 $\frac{dy}{dt} \rightarrow$ fresh air inflow rate $-$ fresh air outflow rate.

Change in flow.

fresh air inflow $\rightarrow 600 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$.

fresh air outflow \rightarrow Note: The amount flowing out of the room is a function of the amount in the room.

$$\therefore \frac{600}{20000} = 0.03 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

i.e. 0.03 of $y(t)$ is the outflow $= 0.03y \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dt} = 600 - 0.03y$$

$$= -0.03y + 600$$

$$= -0.03(y - 20000)$$

This equation can be separated and integrated,

$$\frac{dy}{(y - 20000)} = -0.03 dt$$

find the integral of both sides.

$$\ln(y - 20000) = -0.03t + C$$

$$y - 20000 = e^{(-0.03t + C)}$$

$$y - 20000 = e^{-0.03t} \cdot e^C$$

Recall $C = e^c = \frac{\text{Initial}}{\text{Integral}}$ equation.

$$\therefore y - 20000 = e^{-0.03t} \cdot C \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

At $t=0$, $y(t) = 0$ since the room contains no fresh air initially.

put $y=0$; $t=0$ into eqn (1).

$$y = 20000 = e^{-0.03t} \cdot C$$

$$0 - 20000 = e^{-0.03(0)} \cdot C$$

$$-20000 = e^0 \cdot C \quad \therefore e^0 = 1$$

$$C = -20000 \quad \text{--- eqn (2)}$$

put eqn (2) into (1)

$$y = 20000 - 20000e^{-0.03t}$$

$$y = 20000(1 - e^{-0.03t}) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Equation (3) above is the model for the amount of fresh air in the room.

(b) Calculate the time at which 90% of the air in the room will become fresh.

$$90\% = \frac{90}{100} = 0.9$$

$$y = 0.9 \times 20000 \quad \text{i.e. 90\% of air in the room.}$$
$$= 18000 \text{ ft}^3$$

$$y = 20000(1 - e^{-0.03t})$$

$$18000 = 20000(1 - e^{-0.03t})$$

$$0.9 = 1 - e^{-0.03t}$$

$$e^{-0.03t} = 1 - 0.9$$

$$-0.03t = \ln(0.1)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(0.1)}{-0.03}$$

$$t = \underline{\underline{77 \text{ mins}}}$$

(c) With the aid of matlab, plot the dynamic response of the amount of fresh air in the room for $t=0$ to $t=6$ hours using a step of 5 min.

$$\text{NOTE: } t = 6 \text{ hrs.}$$

$$= 6 \times 60$$

$$= 360 \text{ mins.}$$

Solution:

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* Command window
* clear all
* clc
* close all
* syms y, t
* y = 20000 * (1 - exp(-0.03 * t))
* t = 0:5:360
* Yn = subs(y)
* plot(t, Yn)
* X label('Time (min)')
* Y label('flow rate of fresh air (ft^3/min)')
* Grid on
* Grid minor
* Axis tight
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Output (Matlab Display).

① Determine the steady-state value of the amount of fresh air in the room.

Solution:

The steady-state value is 20000 ft^3 at 215 mins (3hrs and 35mins) at exponential approach.

② Comment:

The function above shows an exponential equation to the limit of 20000 ft^3 as y increases with time. Also, when the steady-state value approaches 20000 ft^3 at 215 mins and continues till 360mins (6 hrs). The Model discussed becomes more real in gas (pneumatic technology), although tough because mixing may be imperfect.