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It is discovered that 600 ft<sup>3</sup>/min of fresh air flows into a room containing 20000 ft<sup>3</sup> of air. The mixture which is made partially uniform by circulating

### Solutions

Let  $y(t)$  be the amount of air in the room at time  $t$  in (ft<sup>3</sup>) in the room.

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

Fresh air outflow  $\rightarrow$  Remember the amount flowing out of the room is a function of the amount in the room.

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

$\therefore 0.03 \text{ min}^{-1}$  in the fresh air inflow

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dt} &= 600 - 0.03y \\ &= -0.03y + 600 \\ &= -0.03(y - 20000) \end{aligned}$$

The equation can therefore be solved

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

Integrating both sides

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

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

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

Recall that  $C = e^C$

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

$$0 - 20000 = C$$

$$C = -20000$$

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

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

The equation above is the model for the amount of fresh air in the room.

$$b) \quad 90\% = \frac{90}{100} = 0.9$$

$$y = 0.9 \text{ of } 20000$$

$$= 0.9 \times 20000$$

$$= 18000 \text{ ft}^3$$

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

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

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

$$= t = 77 \text{ minutes}$$

The air in the room will be 90% fresh at 77 minutes.

c) Command window

clear

clc

close all

Syms y, k, x

$$y = 20000 * (1 - \exp(-0.03 * x))$$

$$t = 0:5:360$$

Yn = subs(y)

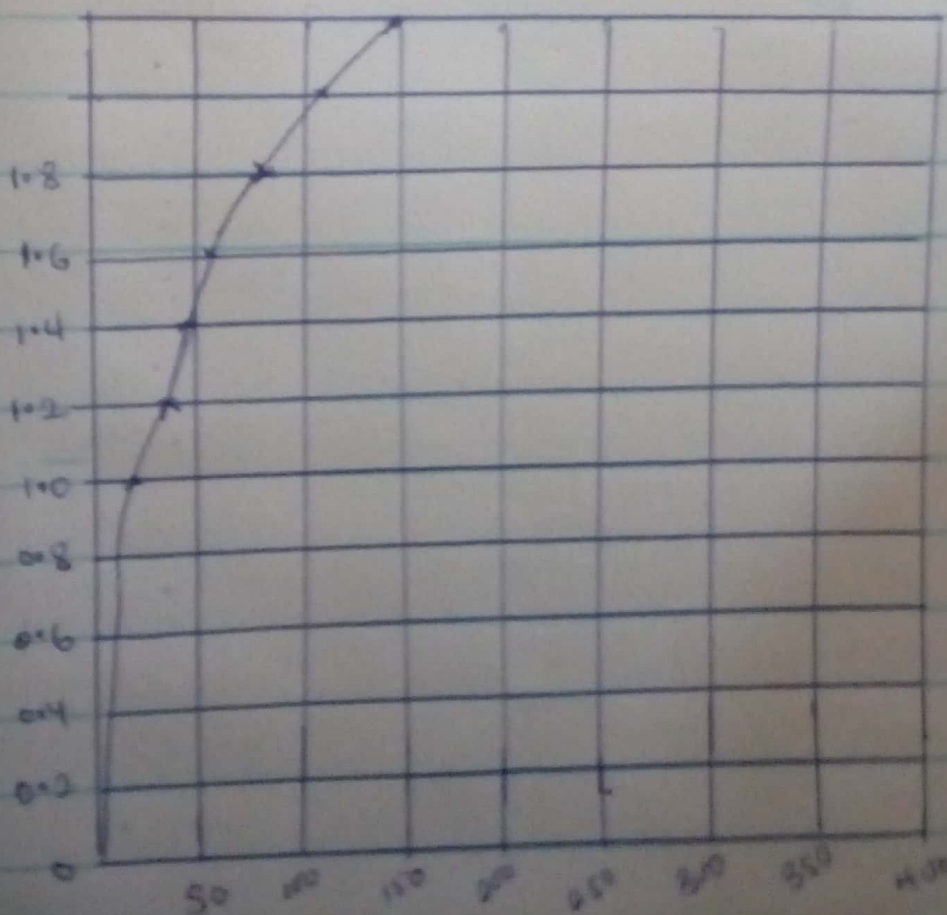
Plot (t, Yn)

x label ('Time (mins)')

y label ('flowrate of fresh air (ft<sup>3</sup>/min)')

grid on

grid minor



a) The steady value is  $2000 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  at 215 mins of exponential approach.

b) It shows that the limit of  $2000 \text{ ft}^3$  of  $\gamma$  increases with time. Also when the steady state value approaches  $2000 \text{ ft}^3$  at 215 mins and continues till 360 minutes (1 hour). The model discussed becomes more realistic in Pneumatic technology although maybe because mixing maybe problem may be imperfect.