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Let y be the amount of air at time t in (ft^3) in the room.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \text{Air Inflow rate} - \text{Fresh air outflow rate}$$

Fresh Air Inflow $\rightarrow 100 ft^3/min$

Fresh Air Outflow $\rightarrow \frac{600}{2000} = 0.03/min$

The amount flowing out of the room is a function of the amount in the room $= 0.03y ft^3/min$

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

$$= -0.03y + 600$$

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

Equation can be resolved as

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

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

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

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

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

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

At $t=0$, $y(t)=0$. Since no fresh air was contained in the room initially.

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

$$0 - 20000 = C$$

$$C = -20000$$

Subst. $C = -20000$

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

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

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

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

The equation above is the model for the amount of fresh air in the room at any time t .

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

$$y = 0.9 \times 20000$$

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

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

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

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

$$-0.03t = \ln 0.1$$

$$t = \frac{-2.3026}{-0.03} = 77 \text{ mins}$$

With the aid of Matlab

C. Command window

Clear

clc

close all

syms t

$$Y = 20000 * (1 - \exp(-0.03 * t))$$

$$t = 0 : 5 : 300$$

$Y_n = \text{subs}(Y)$

Plot (t, Y_n)

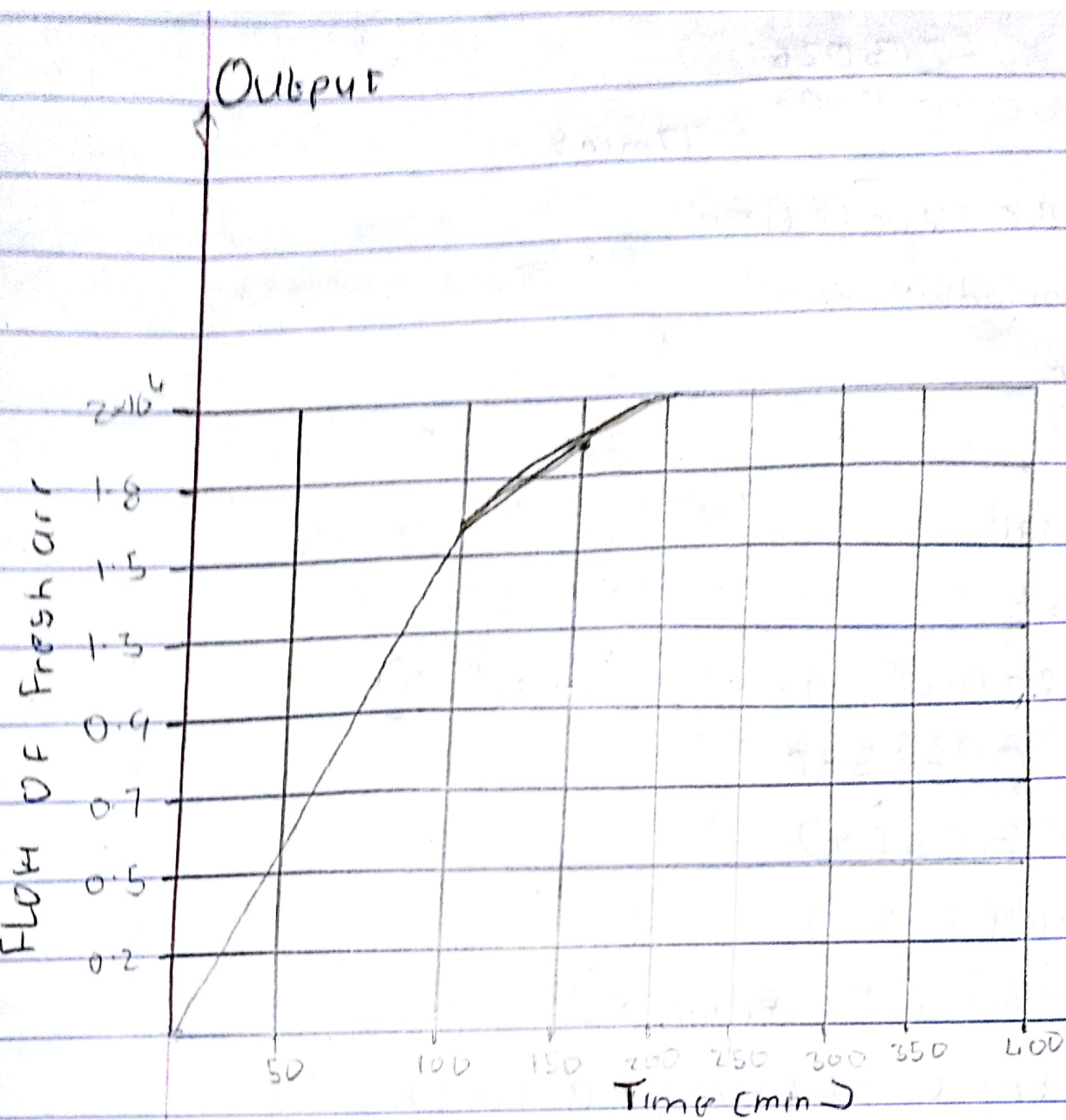
xlabel ('Time (mins)')

ylabel ('Flow rate of fresh air')

grid on

grid minor

axis tight



d. The steady state value is 20000 ft^3 at 215 mm of the experimental approach.

e. The function shows an exponential growth approach to the limit of 20000 ft^3 as y increases with time and the steady value was 20000 ft^3 at 215 mm . It worked for 6 hours.