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It is discovered that $600 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$ of fresh air flows into a room containing 20000 ft^3 of air. The mixture, which is made practically uniform by circulating fans, is exhausted at a rate of 600 cubic feet per minute. If the room contain no fresh air initially.

- develop a model for the amount of fresh air in the room at any time t
- Calculate the time at which 90% of the air in the room will become fresh.
- with the aid of MATLAB, plot the dynamic response of the amount of fresh air in the room for $t=0$ to $t=6 \text{ hr}$ using a step time of 5 min.
- Determine the steady state value of the amount of fresh air in the room and
- comment on the result obtained in (d)

a. Let y be the amount of air at time t in (ft^3) in the room
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \text{Air flow rate} - \text{fresh air outflow rate}$$

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

Fresh air outflow $\rightarrow 600$

$$20000 = 0.03 \text{ min}$$

The amount flowing out of the room is a function of the amount in the room

$$= 0.03y \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$$

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

Equation can be resolved as

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

$$\frac{dy}{y-20000} = -0.03dt \quad \ln(y-20000) = -0.03t + C$$

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

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

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

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

$$0-20000 = C$$

$$C = -20000$$

Substituting $C = -20000$

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

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

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

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

This is the model for the amount of fresh air in the room

- Q. Calculate the time at which 90% of the air in the room will become fresh.

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

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

$$0.9 \times 20000 = 18000 \text{ ft}^3$$

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

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

$$e^{-0.03t} = 1 - 0.9 = 0.1$$

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

$$t = \frac{-2.3026}{-0.03}$$

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

c. Plotting the dynamic response of amount of fresh air with the aid of MATLAB

CODE

command window

clear

clc

close all

syms t

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

$$t = 0:5:360$$

$$y_n = \text{subs}(y)$$

plot(t, y_n)

xlabel('Time(min)')

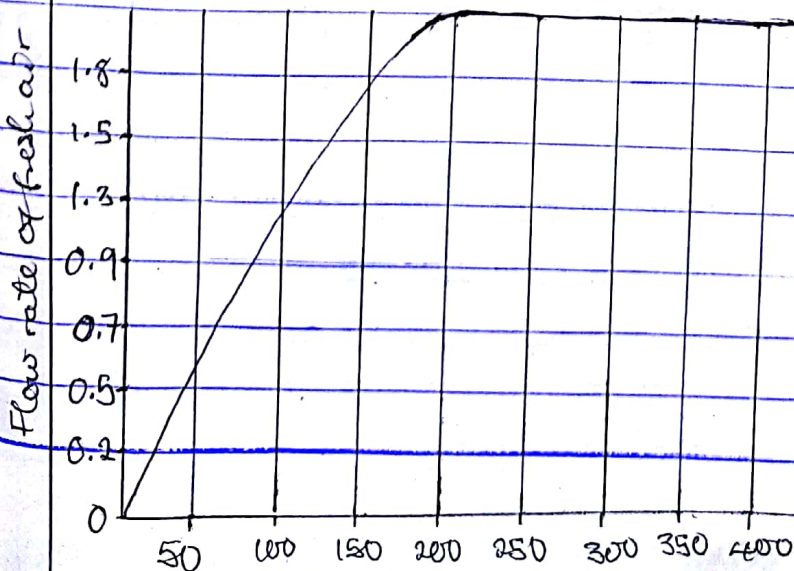
ylabel('flowrate of fresh air')

grid on

grid minor

axis tight

Output



d. The steady state-value is 20000 ft^3 or 215 min of the exponential approach.

e. The steady state-value proves the parabola which shows the exponential growth of limit of 20000 ft^3 as y increase with time.