

Assignment

200 level

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Answer

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

$$\frac{dy}{dt} \rightarrow \text{fresh air in flow rate} - \text{fresh air out flow rate}$$

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

fresh air out flow \rightarrow note: The amount flowing out of the room

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

$\therefore 0.03 \cdot y(t)$ is the outflow
 $\rightarrow 0.03y \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$

now

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

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

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This equation can be separated and integrated

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

$(y - 20000)$

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 $C = e^C$ initial equation

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

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

Put $y=0$; $t=0$ in equ (1)

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

$$0 - 20000 = e^0 \cdot C$$

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

put equ (2) in equ (1)

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

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

equ (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

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

$$y = 0.9 \times 20000, \quad 1 - e^{-0.03t} \quad \text{90\% of air in the room}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$t = \frac{\ln(0.1)}{-0.03} = 77 \text{ mins}$$

c) with the aid of matlab, plot the dynamic response of the amount of fresh air in the room for $t=0$ to $t=6$ hrs using a step of 5 mins

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Note: $t = 6$ hrs

$$= 6 \times 60 = 360 \text{ mins}$$

command window

clear all

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syms y,t

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

t = 0:5:360

yn = subs(y)

plot(t, yn)

xlabel('time(min)')

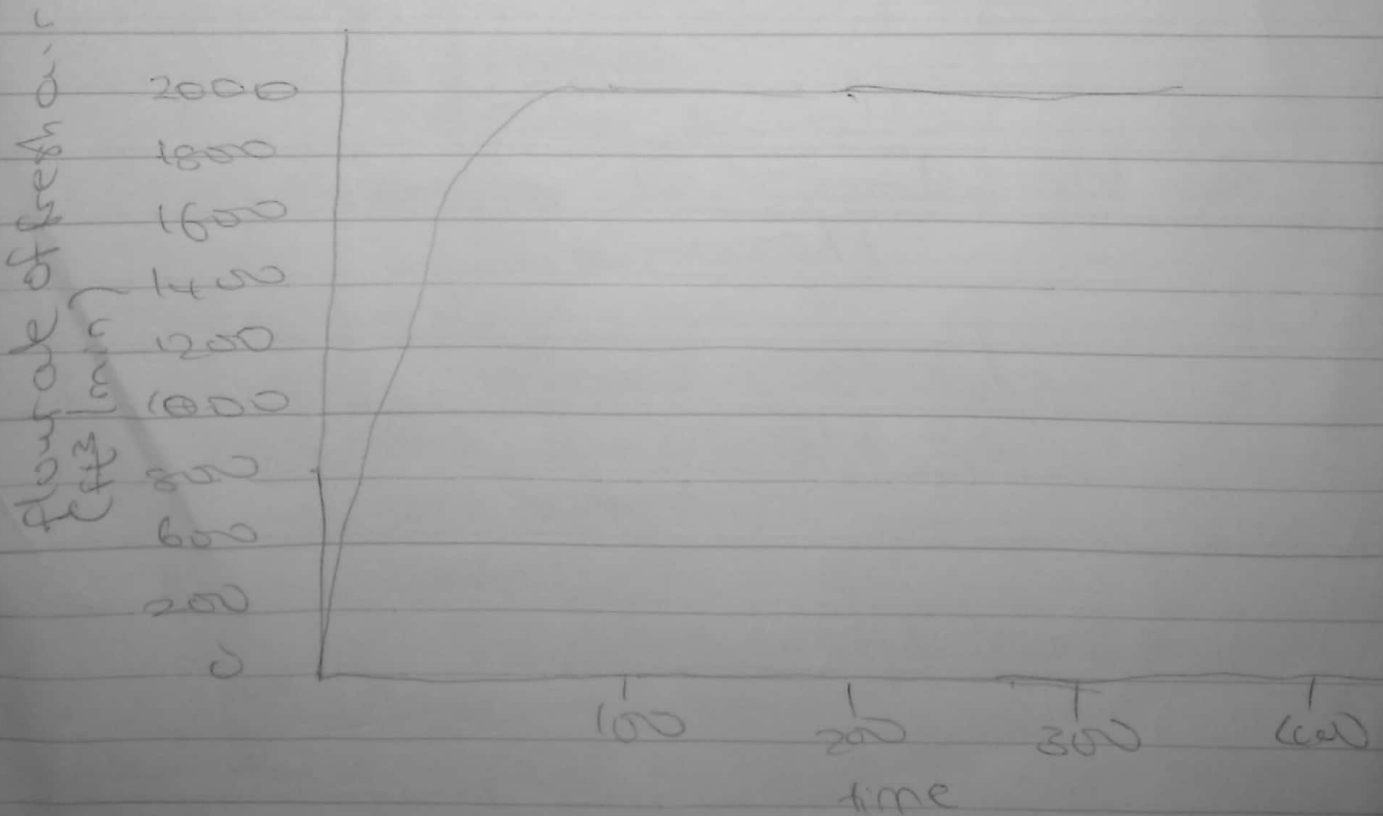
ylabel('flow rate of fresh air (ft³/min)')

grid on

axis equal

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output



d) Determine the steady state value of the amount of ferrous in the room

Sol
The steady state value is 20000 ft^3 at 25 mins (3hr and 35mins) of experimental approach

e) comment on answer

The function above shows the exponential approach to the limit of 20000 ft^3 as y increases with time. When the steady state approaches 20000 ft^3 at 25 mins and continues till 300 mins .