

d) Determine the steady-state value of the amount of fresh air in the room

The steady state value is 20000 ft^3 at 215 mins of exponential approach.

e) Comment on result in (d)

The function shows an exponential approach to the limit of 20000 ft^3 as t increases with time. When the steady state value approaches 20000 ft^3 at 215 mins and continues till 360 mins. The model becomes more realistic in pneumatic technology, although maybe difficult because mixing may be imperfect.

3) Calculate the time at which 90% of the air in the room will be fresh

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\therefore t = \frac{-2.303}{-0.03}$$

$$= 76.77 \text{ mins}$$

$$\therefore t = 76.77 \text{ mins} \approx 77 \text{ mins.}$$

(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 mins

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

Solution

Command window

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

$$t = 0:5:360$$

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

plot(t, y_n)

xlabel('time(min)')

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

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a) Let $y(t)$ be the amount of air at time (t) in the room

Change in fresh air = Fresh air inflow rate - Fresh air outflow rate

$$\therefore \dot{y} = \text{Fresh air inflow rate} - \text{Fresh air outflow rate}$$

$$\text{Fresh air in-flow} = 600 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$$

Fresh air outflow is a function of the amount in the room

$$\therefore \frac{600}{20000} = 0.03 y(t) = 0.03y \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$$

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

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

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

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

Integrating both sides

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

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

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

$$y - 20000 = Ce^{-0.03t} \quad [\text{General solution}]$$

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

$$\therefore 0 - 20000 = Ce^{-0.03(0)}$$

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

$$\therefore -20000 = C$$

$$\therefore C = -20000$$

$$\therefore y = 20000 - 20000e^{-0.03t} \quad [\text{Particular solution}]$$

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

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