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Next divide both sides of the equation by $P(700 - P)$. This will separate the variables in the differential equation and make it possible to integrate.

$$\begin{aligned} dP &= .007P(700 - P)dt \\ \frac{dP}{P(700 - P)} &= .007dt \end{aligned}$$

Integrate each side of the equation, beginning with the left side. First use partial fraction decomposition to rewrite the fraction in a form that can be integrated.

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{P(700 - P)} dP &= \int .007dt \\ \int \left(\frac{A}{P} + \frac{B}{700 - P} \right) dP &= \int .007dt \end{aligned}$$

From above, it must be true that $A(700 - P) + B(P) = 1$. Use this fact in order to find A and B . To find A , let $P = 0$ and solve for A .

$$\begin{aligned} A(700 - (0)) + B(0) &= 1 \\ A &= \frac{1}{700} \end{aligned}$$

Now to find B , let $P = 700$ and solve for B .

$$\begin{aligned} A(700 - (700)) + B(700) &= 1 \\ B &= \frac{1}{700} \end{aligned}$$

1. answer cont.

With these values of A and B, rewrite the integral on the left side.

$$\int \left(\frac{\left(\frac{1}{700}\right)}{P} + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{700}\right)}{700-P} \right) dP = \int .007 dt$$

$$\frac{1}{700} \int \left(\frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{700-P} \right) dP = .007 \int dt \quad \text{Move the constants to the outside.}$$

Multiply both sides of the equation by 700.

$$\int \left(\frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{700-P} \right) dP = 4.9 \int dt$$

Now integrate on the left side.

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$$\ln |700-P| - \ln |P| = -4.9t - C$$
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Combine the constants into one arbitrary constant, C.

Next exponentiate both sides.

$$e^{\ln \left| \frac{700-P}{P} \right|} = e^{-4.9t - C}$$
$$\frac{700}{P} - 1 = e^{-4.9t} e^{-C} \quad e^{\ln a} = a$$
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Substitute this value for e^{-C} into the equation and solve for P.

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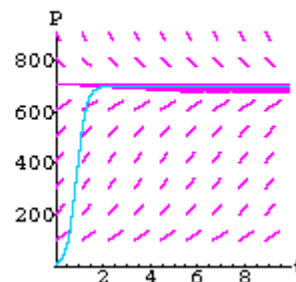
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