

Further Modelling with Functions

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4.15x + 2.5 & 0 \leq x \leq 5.5 \\ 3.65x + 5.25 & 5.5 \leq x \end{cases}$$

$$(a) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 4.15x + 2.5 & 0 \leq x \leq 5.5 \\ 3.65x + c & 5.5 \leq x \end{cases}$$

To be continuous, the price of the fare must be consistent at 5.5 km

$$1^{st} \text{ function: } f(5.5) = 4.15(5.5) + 2.5 = 25.325$$

$$2^{nd} \text{ function: } f(5.5) = 25.325 = (4.15 - 0.5)x + c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 5.25$$

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$$\text{Function is continuous at } x=5.5, \\ f(5.5) = 25.325$$

(b) Use the first part of the piecewise function as the cost of the journey is \$15 < f(5.5)

$$f(x) = 4.15x + 2.5 = 15$$

$$= \frac{250}{83}$$

$$x \approx 3.01 \text{ km}$$

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(c) Cost of the intended journey

$$\text{Length of intended journey: } 9.4 - 2.1 = 7.3 \text{ km}$$

$$f(7.3) = 3.65(7.3) + 5.25$$

$$= 31.895$$

$$\boxed{\$31.90}$$

Question 2

The average temperature, T °C, of a city in winter every day can be modelled by the function

$$T(t) = a \sin(bt + k\pi) + d, \quad 0 \leq t < 24,$$

where t is the time, in hours after midnight, a and d are constants, and b is measured in radians.

(a) Find the value of b . Give your answer in terms of π .

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The average daily temperature range in the city is 6°C. The average maximum daily temperature is 2°C and the average minimum daily temperature is at 3:00 am.

(b) Find the values of a , k and d .

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(c) Sketch the graph of T and label any intersections with the axes, local maximums and local minimums.

[4]

(a) The temperature will have a 24 hour time period

$$2\pi \times \frac{1}{24}$$

$$\boxed{b = \frac{\pi}{12}}$$

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(b) The amplitude is half of the temperature range, so the sin curve is stretched in the y-direction by a scale factor of 3

$$a = 3$$

The sin curve has been translated by 9 hours in the positive x-direction

$$\frac{1}{12} \times 9 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$k = -\frac{3}{4}$$

The sin curve has been translated in the y-direction

$$2 - \left(\frac{6}{2}\right) = -1 \quad \leftarrow \text{principle axis at } y = -1$$

$$d = -1$$

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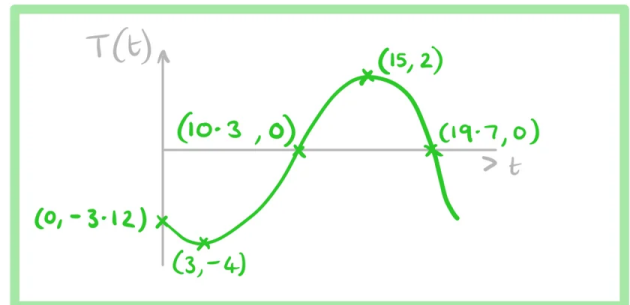
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Question 3

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$$D(t) = a \cos(bt + k) + d, \quad 0 \leq t < 12,$$

Where t is the time, in months after the beginning of the year, a and d are constants, and b is measured in degrees.

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(a) The distance travelled has a 12 month time period

$$360 \times \frac{1}{12}$$

$$b = 30$$

(b) The amplitude is half of the distance range, so the cos curve is stretched in the y-direction by a scale factor of 11

$$a = 11$$

The cos curve has been translated in the positive x-direction
Position of the minimum for a cos curve with a stretch of $\frac{1}{12}$

$$\frac{180}{30} = 6$$

Distance moved to get the minimum to $t = 6.5$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ in positive } x\text{-direction}$$

$$30 \times \frac{1}{2} = 15$$

$$k = -15$$

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Principle axis $y = 18$ $\rightarrow 29 - \left(\frac{22}{2}\right) = 18$

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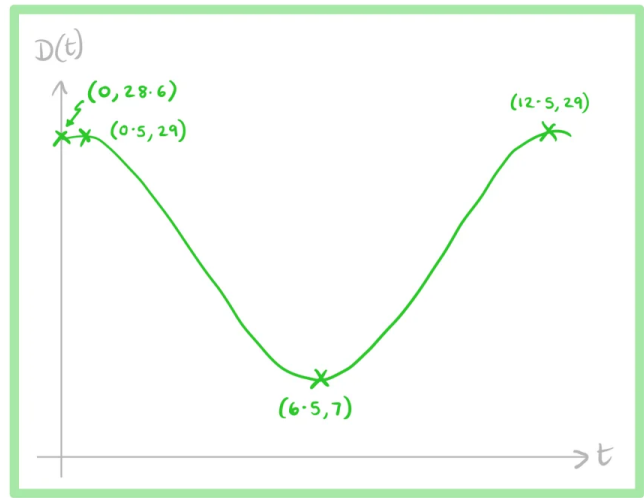
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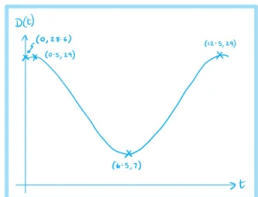
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(d) Maximum distance is covered at the start/end of the year

Southern Hemisphere



Question 4

The following piecewise function models the depth of a pool, in metres.

$$d(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(x+a)^2 + b, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ -2, & 2 < x \leq 10 \\ \frac{1}{4}x + c, & 10 < x \leq d \end{cases}$$

where x represents the horizontal distance in metres from the deep end and a, b and c are constants. The depth at both ends of the pool is 0 m.

(a) Find the values of a, b and c such that f is a continuous function.

(b) Find the value of d .

(c) Write down the maximum depth of the pool and the length of the pool.

(a) Form and solve pairs of equations for $t = 0, 2, 10$

$$t=0: \frac{1}{2}((0)+a)^2 + b = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}a^2 + b = 0 \Rightarrow b = -\frac{1}{2}a^2$$

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$$c = -4.5$$

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$$t=2: \frac{1}{2}((2)+a)^2 + b = -2$$

$$2 + 2a + \frac{1}{2}a^2 + b = -2 \quad \text{substitute } b = -\frac{1}{2}a$$

$$2a + \frac{1}{2}a^2 - \frac{1}{2}a^2 = -4$$

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$$a = -2$$

$$b = -\frac{1}{2}a^2 \quad \text{substitute } a = -2$$

$$b = -2$$

$$t=10: -2 = \frac{1}{4}(10) + c$$

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$$(b) \ t=d: \frac{1}{4}(d) + (-4.5) = 0$$

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$$d_{\max} = 2 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{length of pool} = 18 \text{ m}$$

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(b) Find the total weekly cost for each membership if in a given week a member wants to watch 20 games.

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(a)

Casual:

$$C = \begin{cases} 6.5 & 0 \leq m \leq 7 \\ 6.5 + 0.75(m-7) & 7 < m \end{cases}$$

Baller:

$$C = \begin{cases} 8.5 & 0 \leq m \leq 14 \\ 8.5 + 0.5(m-14) & 14 < m \end{cases}$$

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(b) Casual: $6.5 + 0.75(20 - 7) = \$16.25$

Baller: $8.5 + 0.5(20 - 14) = \$11.50$

Premium: $\$11.50$

Question 6

The depth, D m, of an underwater sound wave can be modelled by the function

$$D(t) = 18 - 3.4 \sin(0.523t)$$

where t is the elapsed time, in seconds, since the first sound wave was detected by the sensor.

(a) Find the minimum and maximum depths of the sound waves as they pass the sensor.

[3]

(b) Find the first time after 12 seconds at which the depth of the wave reaches 18.2 m.

[3]

(a) Sketch the graph on your GDC and analyse it to find the y coordinates of the local maxima and minima

Alternatively, from the equation, the amplitude of the wave is 3.4m and the principle axis is 18m

$$18 - 3.4 = 14.6$$

$$18 + 3.4 = 21.4$$

Minimum depth = 14.6 m

Maximum depth = 21.4 m

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$$t = 18.133146\dots$$

$$t = 18.1 \text{ s}$$

Question 7

The income tax rates for a country are shown in the table below.

Income, \$ x	Income tax rate, $y\%$
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$x > 130\,000$	29

(a) Calculate the amount of tax payable on the first \$65 000 of income.

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(b) Calculate the income of someone who has \$11 520 of income tax payable.

[3]

John is paid an annual salary, before tax, of \$75 000. He works 10 months of the year and then he decides to take the rest of the year off.

(c) Calculate the amount of tax payable for John.

[3]

(a)
$$0 + 0.18(64\,000 - 22\,000) + 0.22(65\,000 - 64\,000)$$

Annotations: "income between 22000 and 64000" above the first term, "First 22000" with an arrow pointing to the 0, "income over 64000" below the second term.

$$\text{Tax payable} = \$7780$$

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$$0.22x = 18\,040$$

$$x = \$82\,000$$

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(c) Income:

$$\frac{10}{12} \times 75\,000 = 62\,500$$

$$0 + 0.18(62\,500 - 22\,000) = \boxed{\$7\,290}$$

Question 8

A Ferris wheel rotates at a constant speed and the height of a particular seat above the ground is modelled by the function

$$H(t) = a \sin(bt - c) + d, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 48$$

where H is the height of the seat above the ground, in metres, and t is the elapsed time, in seconds, since the start of the ride.

The ride starts from the lowest point on the Ferris wheel and takes a total of 48 seconds.

(a) Find the value of b .

[2]

The seat reaches a minimum height of 12 m and a maximum height of 42 m.

(b) Find the values of a , c and d .

[3]

Passengers on the Ferris wheel have the best view when their seat is above 25 m.

(c) Calculate the number of seconds for which the passengers have the best view.

[3]

(a) 48 seconds for 1 revolution

$$b = \frac{2\pi}{48}$$

$$b = \frac{\pi}{24}$$

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$$a = 15$$

$$c = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$d = 27$$

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(b) Amplitude of sin curve

$$\frac{42 - 12}{2} = 15$$

$$a = 15$$

[2]

The position of the minimum in a sin curve is at $-\pi/2$, this needs to shift to $(0,0)$ for the starting point of the Ferris wheel

[3]

$$c = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

[3]

Central line of sin curve

$$\frac{12 + 42}{2} = 27$$

$$d = 27$$

(c) Graph the function on the GDC along with the line $y = 25$ and find the coordinates of the points of intersection

$$(10.978365..., 25) \quad (37.021634..., 25)$$

$$37.021634... - 10.978365... = 26.04326...$$

[2]

$$26.0 \text{ seconds}$$

[3]

[3]

Question 9

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[2]

(b) Given that P is the total monthly profit the company makes from selling the boats for a sale price of \$ x , show that $P(x) = -\frac{1}{5}x^2 + 440x - 210\,000$.

[3]

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(a) It is a linear relationship because there is a constant change in no. boats sold for a \$50 change in sale price.

$$\text{Gradient} = -\frac{10}{50} = -\frac{1}{5}$$

Substitute known values into $y = mx + c$

$$N(1200) = 60 = -\frac{1}{5}(1200) + c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 300$$

$$N(x) = -\frac{1}{5}x + 300$$

(b) Quadratic relationship

$$P = (x - 700) \times N(x)$$

$$P = (x - 700) \left(-\frac{1}{5}x + 300 \right)$$

$$P = -\frac{1}{5}x^2 + 140x + 300x - 210\,000$$

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A company producing small boats sells 60 boats per month for a sale price of \$1200, with each boat costing \$700 to produce. Reliable market research suggests that for each increase (or decrease) of the sale price by \$50 the company will sell 10 units less (or more).

(a) Given that N is the number of boats the company can sell per month with a sale price of \$ x , show that $N(x) = -\frac{1}{5}x + 300$.

[2]

(b) Given that P is the total monthly profit the company makes from selling the boats for a sale price of \$ x , show that $P(x) = -\frac{1}{5}x^2 + 440x - 210\,000$.

[3]

(c) Find the number of boats the company must produce to maximise monthly profit, given that the maximum monthly production is

(i) 75 boats

(ii) 115 boats.

[3]

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(c) Graph the profit model on your GDC and find the maximum profit

Max profit of \$3200 when $x = \$1100$

$$N(1100) = -\frac{1}{5}(1100) + 300$$

$$= 80 \leftarrow \text{Number of boats sold to generate max profit}$$

(i) 75 boats

(ii) 80 boats

(d) Graph the function $P(x)$ on your GDC and identify where it crosses the x -axis

$x < 700$ The sale price is less than the cost to manufacture

$x > 1500$ When the price is set to \$1500 (or higher) no boats will be sold

Question 10

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Assuming the 100 mg of caffeine from a mug of coffee is absorbed immediately after drinking it, the amount of caffeine, C mg, left in the bloodstream t hours after consumption can be modelled by the equation

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where A and k are positive constants.

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[1]

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[2]

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(a) At $t = 0$, $C = 100$

$$100 = Ae^{-k \times 0}$$

$$100 = A \times 1$$

$$A = 100$$

(b) At $t = 2.5$ hours, $C = 50$ mg

$$50 = 100e^{-k \times 2.5}$$

Using the equation solver on your GDC or by hand

$$k = 0.277258\dots$$

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$$C = 100e^{-0.277258... \times 6}$$

$$C = 18.946556...$$

$$C \approx 18.9 \text{ mg}$$

(d) $A = 50$

$$C = 50e^{-0.277258... \times 6}$$

$$C = 9.473278...$$

$$C = 9.47 \text{ mg}$$

It is assumed that half the amount of coffee in the mug means that there is half the amount of caffeine

Question 11

A rhino is raised in a zoo and his height, h metres, is modelled by the logistic function

$$h(t) = \frac{L}{1 + 1.9e^{-0.27t}}, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where t is the number of years since his birth. The rhino's height reaches a limit of 1.82 m as he ages.

(a) State the value of L .

[2]

(b) Find the rhino's height on his 12th birthday.

[2]

The rhino's n th birthday is the first birthday in which he is double the value of $h(0)$.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad h(12) &= \frac{1.82}{1 + 1.9e^{-0.27(12)}} \\
 &= 1.693950\dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$1.69 \text{ m}$$

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$$h(0) = \frac{1.82}{1 + 1.9e^{-0.27 \times 0}}$$

$$= \frac{91}{145} \Rightarrow 2h(0) = \frac{182}{145}$$

[2]

Find t for $h(t) = \frac{182}{145}$

[2]

$$\frac{182}{145} = \frac{1.82}{1 + 1.9e^{-0.27n}}$$

Solve by hand or GDC

[3]

$$\Rightarrow e^{-0.27n} = \left(\frac{145 \times 1.82}{182} \right) - 1$$

$$= \frac{1.9}{1.9}$$

$$n = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{1.9}\right)}{-0.27}$$

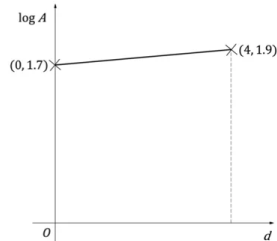
$$n = 5.334672\dots$$

$n = 6$

Question 12

The surface of a large pond is partially covered by algae. A limnologist (a scientist who studies freshwater systems) monitors the area, A m², of the pond covered by algae, d days, after first discovering its presence.

The limnologist plots a graph of $\log A$ against d , and after 4 days the graph is a straight line passing through the points $(0, 1.7)$ and $(4, 1.9)$.



The limnologist believes the area of the pond covered by algae can be modelled by the equation $A = A_0 b^d$.

(a) Find the value of A_0 , giving your answer to two significant figures, and explain its meaning in the context of the algae covering the lake.

[2]

(b) (i) Find the gradient of the straight line.

(ii) Hence find the value of b correct to 2 significant figures.

[2]

(c) Using the rounded values for A_0 and b in the model predict the area of the pond covered by algae after 20 days.

[2]

(a) At $d = 0$, $\log A = 1.7$

$$\log A = 1.7 \Rightarrow A = 10^{1.7}$$

$$10^{1.7} = A_0 b^0$$

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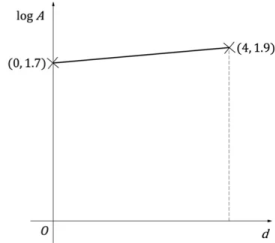
$$A_0 = 50.118723\dots$$

$$A_0 \approx 50 \text{ m}^2$$

A_0 is the area of the lake covered by algae at the start of the study

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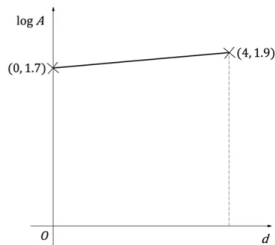
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$$A_0 = 50$$

[2]

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$$b = 1.1$$

[2]

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(b)

Equations of a straight line	$y = mx + c$; $ax + by + d = 0$; $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
Gradient formula	$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

(i)

$$\text{Gradient, } m = \frac{1.9 - 1.7}{4 - 0}$$

$$m = 0.05$$

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(ii)

$$\log A = 0.05d + 1.7$$

$$A = 10^{0.05d + 1.7}$$

$$\Rightarrow 10^{0.05d} = b^d$$

$$(10^{0.05})^d = b^d$$

$$b = 1.122018\dots$$

$$b \approx 1.1$$

$$A_0 = 10^{1.7}$$

- (c) Substitute values for A_0 , b and d into model

$$A = 50(1.1)^{20}$$

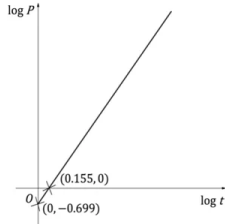
$$A = 336.3749975\dots$$

$$A \approx 340 \text{ m}^2$$

Note that the final answer for A is given to 2sf as both A_0 and b were rounded to 2sf.

Question 13

In a production process the amount of a pollutant, P ppm (parts per million), in the surrounding air t seconds after the process began, is monitored. A chemist produces the graph below of the first 10 seconds of the process.



The graph passes through the points $(0, -0.7)$ and $(1.4, 0)$. The chemist suggests that a model of the form $P = at^b$, where a and b are constants, can be used to predict the amount of pollutant in the air.

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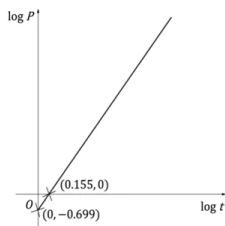
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(a) Find the gradient of the graph.

$m = 4.509677\dots$

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Gradient formula	$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

Gradient, $m = \frac{0 - -0.699}{0.155 - 0}$

$m = 4.509677\dots$

$m \approx 4.51$

(b)

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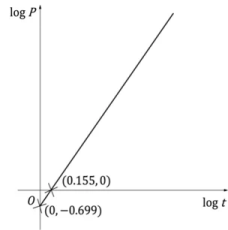
$\log P - -0.699 = 4.509677\dots (\log t - 0)$

$\log P + 0.699 = 4.509677\dots \log t$

$\log P = 4.509677\dots \log t - 0.699$

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$$\log P = 4.51 \log t - 0.699$$

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(c) Write the suggested model in log form

$$\begin{aligned} P &= at^b \\ \log P &= \log at^b \\ \log P &= \log a + b \log t \end{aligned}$$

Compare to the equation from part (b)

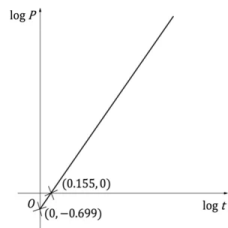
$$\begin{aligned} \log a &= -0.699 \\ a &= 10^{-0.699} \\ a &= 0.199986... \end{aligned}$$

$$a \approx 0.200$$

$$b \log t = 4.51 \log t$$

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(d) Substitute values for a , b and $t = 20$

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 0.199986... \times (20)^{4.509677...} \\ P &= 147307.564... \end{aligned}$$

$$P \approx 147000 \text{ ppm (2 sf)}$$