Math 242 Worksheet 16

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1. A population grows according to the logistic equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{2}{100}P - \frac{4}{10000}P^2.$$

- (a) What is the carrying capacity M? What is the constant k?
- (b) Find a formula for P(t) if P(0) = 40. You don't have to solve the DE, you can use the formula we developed in lecture.

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2. A bacteria culture begins with 200 cells and grows at a rate proportional to its size. After half an hour the population has 360 cells.

- (a) Find a formula for the number of bacteria after t minutes.
- (b) When will the population reach 5,000 bacteria?