

# Modeling Yeast Growth

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Notebook to support Exercise 2.2.8, modeling yeast population growth.

The data, in time/population pairs.

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times = [0:17];  
pop = [9.6, 18.3, 29, 47.2, 71.1, 119.1, 174.6, 257.3, 350.7, 441, 513.3, 559.7, 594.8, 629.4,
```

A plot:

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plt1 = plot(times,pop, '-r');
```

Given that  $u(0) = 9.6$ , the solution to the logistic equation with intrinsic growth rate "r" and carrying capacity "K" is

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u = @(t,r,K) K./(1+exp(-r*t)*(K/9.6-1))
```

Take a guess  $r = 1$  and  $K = 600$ , plot, compare to the data

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plt1;  
hold on;  
plt2 = plot(times, u(times,1,600), '-b');  
hold off
```

Perhaps we can do better...