

Modeling Yeast Growth

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Notebook to support Exercise 3.4.8, 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:

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

A least-squares function can be formed as

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syms SS(K,r)  
SS(K,r) = sum((u(times,K,r)-pop).^2);
```

Now adjust r and K to minimize this.