11.7 Logistic Growth: northern spotted owl
If they have plenty of food and space, then their population would grow proportional to the number of owls around to reproduce, i.e., exponentially. But the owls are territorial and reproduce less often if they don't have sufficient space.

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP\Big(1 - \frac{P}{M}\Big), P(0) = P_0$$

*M* is the maximum sustainable population

- P is small—close to exponential growth
- P closer to M,  $\frac{dP}{dt}$  slows.



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$$1 = A \cdot P + B \cdot (1 - \frac{P}{5000}) \qquad \text{so } 1 = B + AP - \frac{B}{5000}P$$
$$B = 1 \qquad P(A - \frac{B}{5000}) = 0, \text{ so } A = \frac{B}{5000} = \frac{1}{5000}$$

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Next,  $P = e^{1.02t+c} - e^{1.02t+c} \frac{P}{5000}$ , so  $P(1 + \frac{e^{1.02t+c}}{5000}) = e^{1.02t+c}$ Then  $P(t) = \frac{e^{1.02t+c}}{1+e^{1.02t+c}/5000}$  Logistic Growth Solution: Solving for P

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Mathematicians would not leave the fraction in the denominator, so we will multiply by 5000/5000 and factor out the exponentials from the numerator and denominator:

$$P(t) = \frac{5000e^{1.02t+c}}{5000 + e^{1.02t+c}} = \frac{5000}{5000e^{-(1.02t+c)} + 1}$$

Lastly, we split the exponential function using the fact that  $e^{-(1.02t+c)} = ce^{-1.02t}$  & put the 5000 and *c* constant together:

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$$P(t) = \frac{5000}{1 + 5000 ce^{-1.02t}} = \frac{5000}{1 + ce^{-1.02t}}$$

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- What is the solution to the DE?
- How many birds are infected after 2 days, 5 days?
- When are 50% of the birds infected? 90%?