

## Calculus for the Life Sciences II

### Lecture Notes – Differential Equations and Integration

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[1] Jared M. Diamond (1988), Why cats have nine lives, Nature 332, pp 586-7

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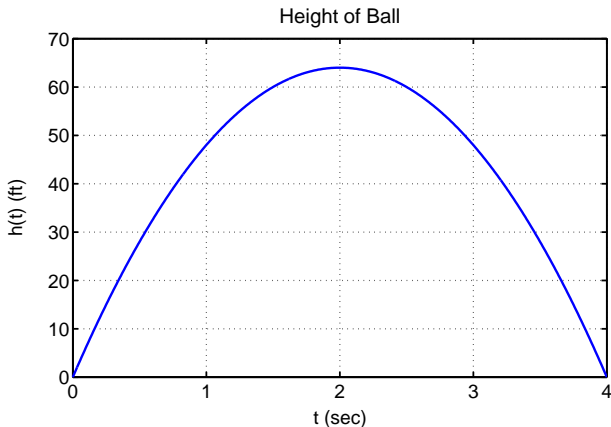
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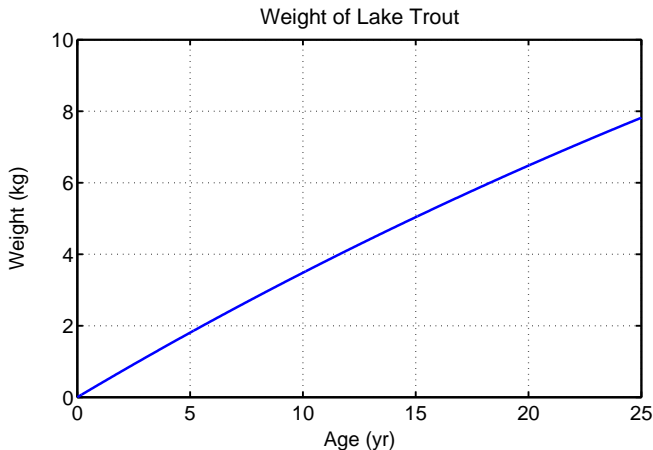
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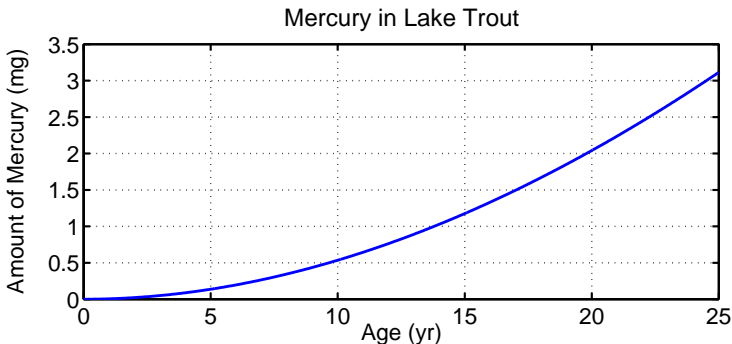
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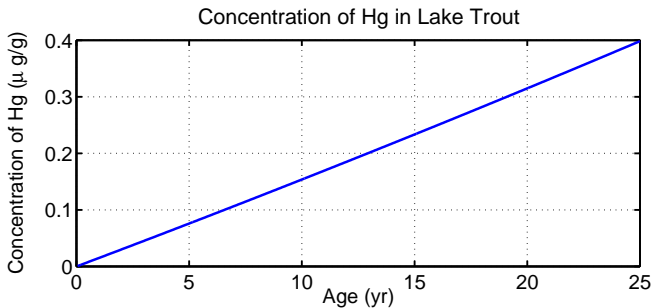


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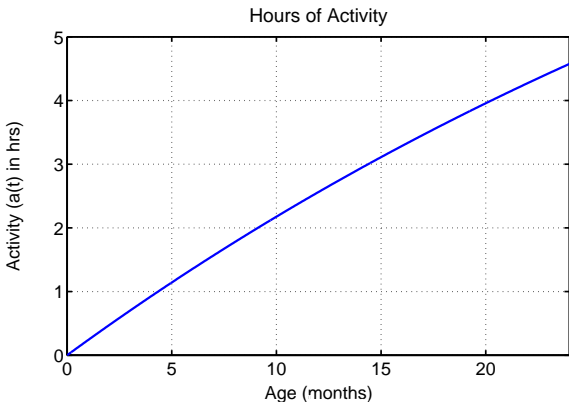
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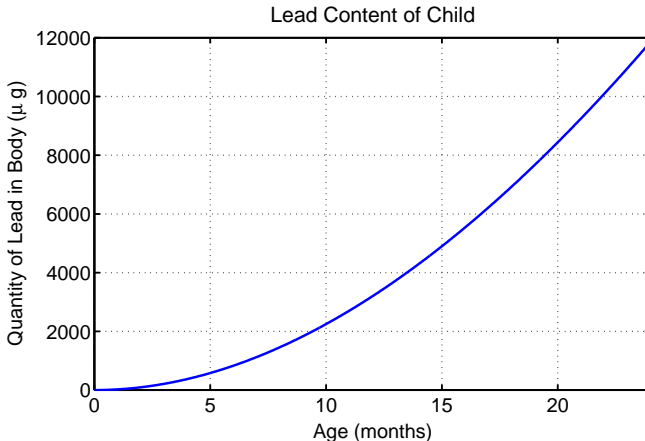
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