

Mortgage payment

Suppose you take out a **30 year mortgage** for **\$200,000** from a bank to buy a house. Suppose the bank charges you interest of $r = 4\%$ per year compounded daily. Suppose you pay the mortgage **\$P per year** in weekly payments (so $P/52$ per week).

Let $M(t)$ be what you owe at time t years.

So $M(0) = \$200$ thousand (the mortgage is for \$200,000)

And $M(30) = \$0$ thousand (it's a 30 year mortgage)

The DE is

$$M'(t) = r \cdot M(t) - P$$

The initial value is $M(0) = \$200$ thousand.

- 1: input and solve the differential equation with $r = 0.04$ (interest payment)
- 2: solve the $M(30) = 0$ for P to determine the annual payment.
- 3: graph the solution $M(t)$ with this value for P
- 4: calculate the amount of interest paid = $30 \cdot P - \$200,000$
- 5: starting with $M = 200,000$ simulate the actual interest charges and actual weekly payments for 30 years

Solution

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> restart;
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de := diff( M(t),t) = r*M(t) - P;
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$$de := \frac{d}{dt} M(t) = rM(t) - P$$

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> r := 0.04;
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$$r := 0.04$$

1: Solve the differential equation for $M(t)$ not for P yet

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> sol := dsolve( {de, M(0)=200000}, M(t) );
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$$sol := M(t) = 25P + e^{\frac{1}{25}t} (200000 - 25P)$$

2: Now $M(30) = 0$

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> eval( sol, t=30 );
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$$M(30) = 25P + e^{\frac{6}{5}} (200000 - 25P)$$

So we need to equate the right-hand-side of this equation to 0

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> eqn := rhs( eval(sol, t=30) ) = 0;
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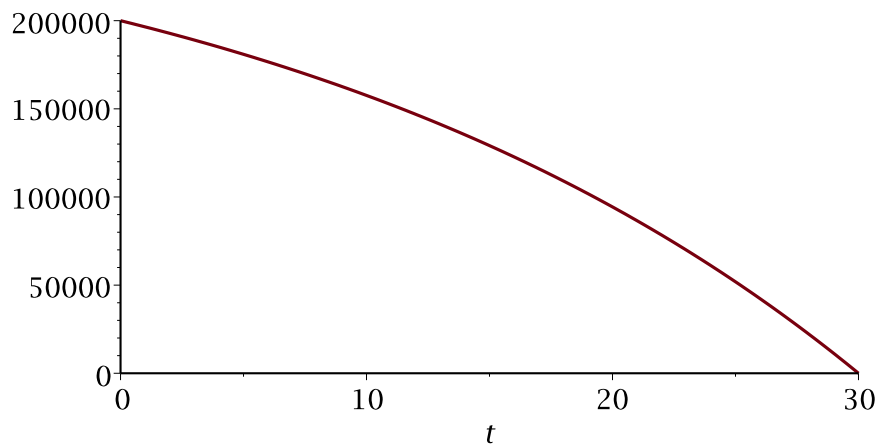
$$eqn := 25P + e^{\frac{6}{5}} (200000 - 25P) = 0$$

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> P := solve(eqn,P);
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> P := evalf( P );
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$$P := 11448.10209$$

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> plot( rhs(sol), t=0..30 );
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4: Total interest paid over 30 years (it's a lot, even at 4%)
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> Interest := 30*P-200000;
                                     $143,443.06
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5: Simulation
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> P := 11448.10;
                                     $11,448.10
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When I went to do the simulation, I thought that there were 52 weeks in a year. But it's actually 52 weeks plus one day.

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> 365/7.0;
                                     52.14285714
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> M := 200000;
   for d from 1 to 30*365 do
     M := M + (r/365)*M;
     if d mod 7 = 0 then M := M - P/365*7 fi;
   od;
M;
                                     M:= 200000
                                     299.9136943
```

That simulates a weekly payment after interest is charged on the 7th day. Here is what happens if we make the payment after three days, so in the middle of the week.

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> M := 200000;
   for d from 1 to 30*365 do
     M := M + (r/365)*M;
     #if d mod 7 = 0 then M := M - P/365*7 fi;
     if d mod 7 = 3 then M := M - P/365*7 fi;
   od;
M;
                                     M:= 200000
                                     8.939097709
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