Understand how parameters specify general families of functions and equations

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Learning target: Understand how parameters specify general families of functions and equations.

Investigate $P' = 0.2P(1-P/1000)$, $P(0)=100$, with the exact benchmark $P(t)=1000/[1+9e^{(-0.2t)}]$. A numerical table, symbolic derivative and graph answer different questions. Keep step size, initial values and domain constraints visible. The listed checkpoints support verification of your implementation and are not a claim about an unseen software run.

Try the mathematics

Task 1. Use sliders or repeated evaluations for $F(t;r,K,P_0)=K/[1+(K/P_0-1)e^{(-rt)}]$ with $r=0.1,0.2,0.4$; $K=1000$; $P_0=100$. State parameter constraints and compare the time to reach 500.

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