

Welcome to
Math 102 Section 107

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MWF 8:00 - 8:50 AM, LSK 200

Math 102: Announcements

- ▶ Instructor: Krishanu Sankar
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- ▶ Today:
 - ▶ Course information
 - ▶ Cell size and power functions

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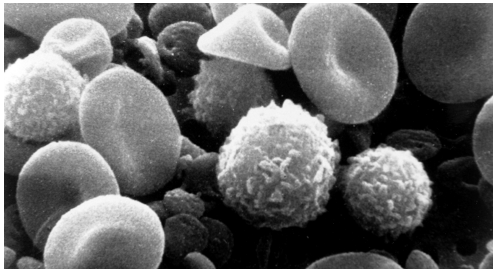
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- ▶ Lectures will be interactive with prompts and clicker questions. (register your iClicker on Connect)
- ▶ I'd like to thank Eric Cytrynbaum, Leah Edelstein-Keshet, and Cole Zmurchok, whose slides were the basis for these lectures.

Why are cells so small?



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_blood_cell/media/File:SEM_blood_cells.jpg

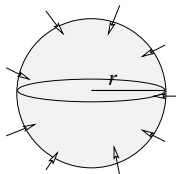
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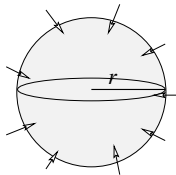
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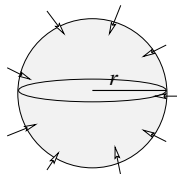
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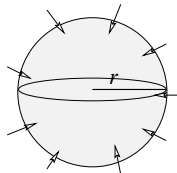
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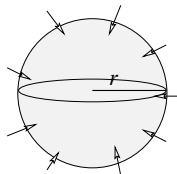


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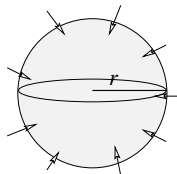
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where k_1 and k_2 are positive constants.

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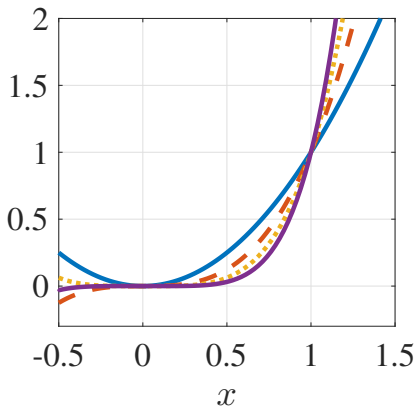
$$A(r) = (4\pi k_1)r^2 \quad \text{and} \quad C(r) = \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi k_2\right)r^3$$

are power functions with **independent variable** r .

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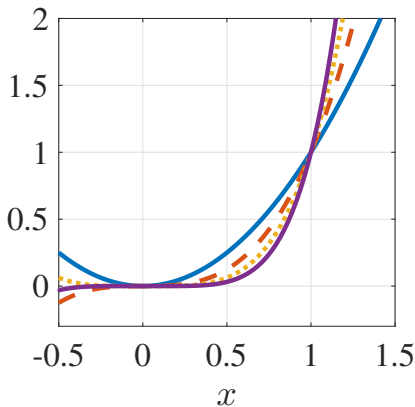
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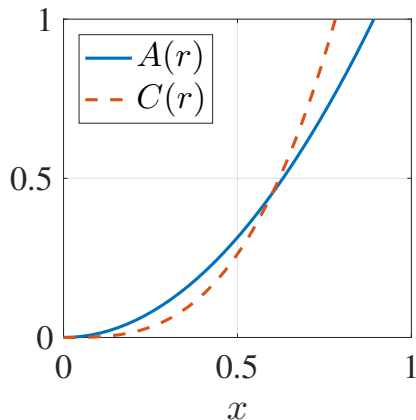


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$$r < 3 \frac{k_1}{k_2}$$

Does this make sense with the plot above?

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What about bigger cells, such as neurons, *Caulerpa prolifera*, or eggs?

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