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$$\frac{dN}{dt} = 125 \left(\frac{150}{650}\right)$$
$$\frac{dN}{dt} = 125(0.231) \qquad \qquad \frac{dN}{dt} = 28.85 = 29$$

Example Problem



A population of deer mice on an island has a carrying capacity of 350 individuals. If the maximum rate of increase is 1.0 per individual per year and the population size is 275, determine the logistic population growth rate to the nearest mouse.

dN

dt



$$\frac{dN}{dt} = 1.0(275) \left(\frac{350 - 275}{350} \right)$$
$$\frac{dN}{dt} = 275 \left(\frac{75}{350} \right)$$
$$= 275(0.214) \quad \frac{dN}{dt} = 58.92 = 59$$