

**[mex101] A drop of fluid disappearing**

A spherical drop of fluid with mass density  $\rho$ , initially of radius  $r_0$ , shrinks at a rate that is proportional to its size. Find the radius of the drop as a function of time.

- (a) Assume that the mass decreases at a rate proportional to the surface area of the drop as a result of evaporation.
- (b) Assume that the mass decreases at a rate proportional to the volume of the drop as a result of some kind of chemical instability.

**Solution:**