

SG.5 Exponential Growth and decay  
Growth rate,  $f'$ , is proportional to size,  $f$ .

$$y' = ky \text{ for some constant } k.$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = k$$

$$\int \frac{y'}{y} dx = \int k dx \quad a^{b+c} = a^b a^c = a^c a^b$$

$$\ln|y| = kx + C$$

$$|y| = e^{kx+C} \quad \text{Assume } y \geq 0$$

$$y = e^{kx} e^C = e^C e^{kx} = \tilde{C} e^{kx}$$

$$y = \tilde{C} e^{kx} \rightarrow$$

$$y' = k \tilde{C} e^{kx} \rightarrow \text{Proportionality constant}$$

is the 'k' in the  $e^{kx}$

It's also the RELATIVE GROWTH RATE.

$$y = 100e^{.05t}$$

↓  
k

$$y' = .05 (100e^{.05t})$$

1. A population of protozoa develops with a constant relative growth rate of 0.7944 per member per day. On day zero the population consists of two members. Find the population size after six days.

exponential!

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$$

$$P(t) = 2 e^{.7944t}$$

$P = \text{pop}$  as func. of  
 $t = \text{time, in days}$

$k$

$$P_0 = 2$$

$t =$

$$\text{Want } P(6) = 2e^{(.7944)(6)} \approx 234.9909918 \approx 235 = P(6)$$

3. A bacteria culture initially contains 100 cells and grows at a rate proportional to its size. After an hour the population has increased to 420. →  $P_0 = 100$  → exponential  
 $P = \text{Pop as func. of } t = \text{time, in hours.}$   
 $P_0 = 100$
- (a) Find an expression for the number of bacteria after  $t$  hours.  
 (b) Find the number of bacteria after 3 hours.  
 (c) Find the rate of growth after 3 hours.  
 (d) When will the population reach 10,000?

$$(a) \quad P(t) = P_0 e^{kt} = 100 e^{kt}$$

$$\text{use } P(1) = 100 e^{k \cdot 1} = 420$$

$$100 e^k = 420$$

$$e^k = 4.2$$

$$k = \ln(4.2)$$

$$e^{2b} = (e^2)^b$$

$$P(t) = 100 e^{(\ln(4.2))t}$$

$$= 100 (e^{\ln(4.2)})^t$$

$$= 100 (4.2)^t$$

$$(b) \quad P(3) = 100 e^{(\ln(4.2))(3)}$$

$$\approx 7408.799994$$

$$\approx 7409 \approx P(3)$$

$$(c) \quad \text{Rate of growth after 3 hours.} \quad 10632.25422$$

$$\text{clearly: } P'(3) = k P(3)$$

$$\approx (\ln(4.2)) (7408.799994)$$

$$P'(t) = (\ln(4.2)) (100) e^{\ln(4.2)t}$$

$$P'(3) = \ln(4.2) (100) (4.2)^3 \approx 10632.25 \approx P'(3)$$

8. Strontium-90 has a half-life of 28 days.

- (a) A sample has a mass of 50 mg initially. Find a formula for the mass remaining after  $t$  days.  
 (b) Find the mass remaining after 40 days.  
 (c) How long does it take the sample to decay to a mass of 2 mg?  
 (d) Sketch the graph of the mass function.

(a)  $P_0 e^{kt} = P(t)$ , where  $P$  = Amt of radioactive Sr-90 (in mg)  $\neq$   
 $t$  = time, (in days)  
 OK  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  $P_0$  at  $t=28$   
 $P_0 e^{k \cdot 28} = \frac{1}{2} P_0$   
 $e^{28k} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$28k = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\ln(2)$$

$$k = -\frac{\ln(2)}{28}$$

$\frac{1}{2}$ -life version 2

$$50 e^{k \cdot 28} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 50 = 25$$

$$e^{28k} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(t) = 50 e^{-\frac{\ln(2)}{28} t}$$

(b)  $P(40) = 50 e^{-\frac{\ln(2)}{28}(40)} \approx 18.57492861 \text{ mg} \approx P(40)$

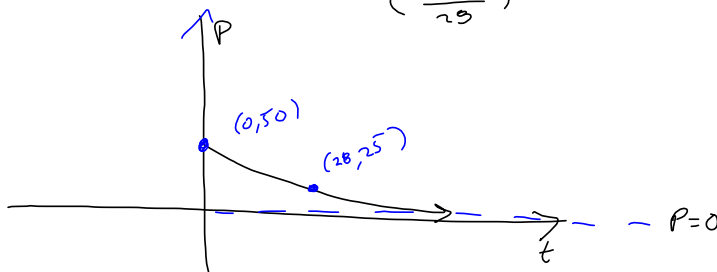
(c)  $P(t) \stackrel{\text{SET}}{=} 2$

$$50 e^{kt} = 2$$

$$e^{kt} = \frac{2}{50} = \frac{1}{25}$$

$$kt = \ln\left(\frac{1}{25}\right) = -\ln(25)$$

$$t = \frac{-\ln(25)}{k} = \frac{-\ln(25)}{\left(-\frac{\ln(2)}{28}\right)} = \frac{28 \ln(25)}{\ln(2)} \approx 130.0279733 \approx t$$



11. Scientists can determine the age of ancient objects by the method of *radiocarbon dating*. The bombardment of the upper atmosphere by cosmic rays converts nitrogen to a radioactive isotope of carbon,  $^{14}\text{C}$ , with a half-life of about 5730 years. Vegetation absorbs carbon dioxide through the atmosphere and animal life assimilates  $^{14}\text{C}$  through food chains. When a plant or animal dies, it stops replacing its carbon and the amount of  $^{14}\text{C}$  begins to decrease through radioactive decay. Therefore the level of radioactivity must also decay exponentially.

A parchment fragment was discovered that had about 74% as much  $^{14}\text{C}$  radioactivity as does plant material on the earth today. Estimate the age of the parchment.

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ - life } = 5730 \text{ yrs}$$

$$P(5730) = P_0 e^{5730K} = \frac{1}{2} P_0$$

$$e^{5730K} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$5730K = \ln(1/2) = -\ln(2)$$

$$K = \frac{-\ln(2)}{5730}$$

$$P_0 e^{Kt} = .74 P_0$$

$$e^{Kt} = .74$$

$$Kt = \ln(.74)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(.74)}{K} = \frac{5730 \ln(.74)}{-\ln(2)}$$

$$\approx 2489.128183 \approx \boxed{2489 \text{ yrs} \approx \text{AGE}}$$

18. (a) If \$1000 is borrowed at 8% interest, find the amounts due at the end of 3 years if the interest is compounded (i) annually, (ii) quarterly, (iii) monthly, (iv) weekly, (v) daily, (vi) hourly, and (vii) continuously.

$P = 1000$  dollars  
 $r = .08$   
 $t = 3$  yrs

- (b) Suppose \$1000 is borrowed and the interest is compounded continuously. If  $A(t)$  is the amount due after  $t$  years, where  $0 \leq t \leq 3$ , graph  $A(t)$  for each of the interest rates 6%, 8%, and 10% on a common screen.

$$A = P \left( 1 + \frac{r}{m} \right)^{mt}$$

- (i)  $m = 1$  1259.712000
- (ii)  $m = 4$
- (iii)  $m = 12$

- (iv)  $m = 52$
- (v)  $m = 365$
- (vi)  $m = 365 \cdot 24$
- (vii)  $m = \infty$  (cont<sup>s</sup>)

$$A := m \rightarrow 1000 \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{.08}{m} \right)^{3 \cdot m}$$

$$m \rightarrow 1000 \left( 1 + \frac{0.08}{m} \right)^{3}$$

A(1)	Y1(1)	1259.712
	Y1(12)	1270.237052
A(4)	Y1(4)	1268.241795
A(12)		
		1268.241795
A(52)	Y1(52)	1271.01472
	Y1(365)	1271.01472
A(365)	Y1(365)	1271.21572
	Y1(365*24)	1271.247757
A(365*24)	1000e <sup>(.08*3)</sup>	1271.24915

$$1000 \cdot \exp(.08 \cdot 3)$$

\$ 1259.712000 Annually

\$ 1268.241795 Quarterly

\$ 1270.237067 Monthly

\$ 1271.014812 Weekly

\$ 1271.215606 Daily

\$ 1271.233723 Hourly

\$ 1271.249150 Continuous