



A radioactive isotope has a half-life of 7 years.

- a) Use the formula $A = A_0 C^{\frac{t}{p}}$, with $C = \frac{1}{2}$, to determine how much of the isotope must initially be present to decay to 60 grams in 14 years.

$$A = 60$$

$$A_0 = A_0$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t = 14 \text{ yrs}$$

$$p = 7 \text{ yrs}$$

$$A = A_0 C^{\frac{t}{p}}$$

$$60 = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{14}{7}}$$

$$60 = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$60 = \frac{1}{4} A_0$$

$$240 = A_0$$

→ must be 240 grams.

- b) Write an equivalent formula with $C = 2$ which would solve the problem in a).

$$60 = A_0 2^{-2}$$

- c) In this particular example, explain how the solution to the problem in a) could be found without using any formula.

14 yrs = 2 (half life) → initial amount reduces by $\frac{1}{2}$ + the by another $\frac{1}{2}$ ($\frac{1}{4}$) → The final amount is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the original so original $4 \times$ the final amount $4 \times 60 = 240g$

Complete Assignment Questions #8 - #15

Assignment

1. A truck bought for \$35 000 depreciates at a rate of 12% per year.

- a) If the value of the truck is an exponential function of time, state the base of the exponential function.

$$1 - 0.12 = 0.88$$

- b) Write an equation to represent the value, V , of the truck after t years.

$$V = 35000 (0.88)^t = 20989.33 \quad \text{Value} = \$21000$$

- c) Determine, to the nearest hundred dollars, the value of the truck after 4 years.

$$V = 35000 (0.88)^4$$

- d) How many years, to the nearest tenth, would it take for the value of the truck to reduce to one quarter of its purchase price?

$$\frac{1}{4} 35000 = 8750$$

$$8750 = 35000 (0.88)^t$$

$$0.25 = 0.88^t$$

$$\log_{0.88} 0.25 = t$$

$$t = \frac{\log 0.25}{\log 0.88}$$

$$t = 10.844 \dots$$

in 84 yrs

2. In 2008 the world population was approximately 6.7 billion and was increasing at an annual rate of 1.3%.

- a) If the function representing the population, in billions, is of the form $y = ab^x$, state values for a and b .

$$a = 6.7 \quad b = 1.013$$

- b) Write an equation to represent the world population, W billions, as a function of the number of years, n , since 2008.

$$W = 6.7(1.013)^n$$

- c) Assuming the same growth rate, determine, to the nearest tenth of a billion, the expected world population in the year 2025.

$$n = 17 \quad W = 6.7(1.013)^{17} = 8.348 \quad \underline{\underline{8.3 \text{ billion}}}$$

- d) If the population continues to grow at this rate, determine the number of years, to the nearest year, for the population to double from its 2008 size.

$$\begin{aligned} 6.7 \times 2 &= 13.4 \\ 13.4 &= 6.7(1.013)^n \\ 2 &= 1.013^n \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \log_{1.013} 2 = n \\ n &= \frac{\log 2}{\log 1.013} = 53.664 \\ &\quad \underline{\underline{54 \text{ yrs}}} \end{aligned}$$

- e) Estimate the world population in 1950. State any assumptions you have made. How does your answer compare with the actual world population in 1950? Give a reason for any discrepancy.

$$\begin{aligned} 2008 - 1950 &= 58 \\ n &= -58 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} W &= 6.7(1.013)^{-58} \\ &= 3.2 \text{ billion assuming a growth rate} \end{aligned}$$

→ the actual population was 2.55 billion so average growth rate since 1950 must have been bigger than 1.3%.

3. The value of a type of robotic technology depreciates 25% per year.

- a) Write an exponential function to represent the value of this robotic technology after t years.

$$V = V_0(0.75)^t \quad (\text{maintains } 75\%)$$

- b) How many years, to the nearest year, would it take for the value of the robotic technology, which initially cost \$575 000, to depreciate to \$25 000?

$$\begin{aligned} 25000 &= 575000(0.75)^t \\ \frac{1}{23} &= 0.75^t \\ \log_{0.75} \left(\frac{1}{23}\right) &= t \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} &\rightarrow t = \frac{\log(\frac{1}{23})}{\log(0.75)} \\ &= 10.899... \\ &\quad \underline{\underline{= 11 \text{ years}}} \end{aligned}$$

4. A town in southern British Columbia is growing at a rate of 3.5% per annum. If the town continues to grow at this rate, it is projected that the population will reach 20 000 in 5 years.

a) Determine, to the nearest ten people, the current population of the town.

$$A = P(1+i)^n \quad P = \frac{20000}{(1.035)^5} = 16839.4$$

$$20000 = P(1.035)^5$$

→ current pop. is 16840 people

b) Assuming the same growth rate, determine how many years from now the population will reach 30 000. Answer to the nearest year.

$$30000 = 16840(1.035)^n \quad \rightarrow \log 1.035 \left(\frac{750}{421} \right) = n$$

$$\frac{30000}{16840} = 1.035^n$$

$$\frac{750}{421} = 1.035^n$$

$$n = 16.78 \dots$$

17 years

5. A quantity of water contains 500 g of pollutants. Each time the water passes through a filter, 18% of the pollutants are removed. How many filters are needed to reduce the mass of pollutants to less than 150 g?

$$A = P(1+i)^n$$

$$150 = 500(0.82)^n$$

$$0.3 = (0.82)^n$$

$$\log_{0.82} 0.3 = n$$

$$n = \frac{\log 0.3}{\log 0.82}$$

$$n = 6.066 \dots$$

7 filters are needed to reduce the mass to less than 150g.

6. An x-ray beam of intensity, I_0 , in passing through absorbing material x millimeters thick, merges with an intensity, I , given by $I = I_0 e^{-kx}$. When the material is 9 millimetres thick, 50% of the intensity is lost.

a) Calculate the value of the constant k to the three decimal places.

$$I = 50\% I_0$$

$$x = 9$$

$$0.5 I_0 = I_0 e^{-9k}$$

$$0.5 = e^{-9k}$$

$$\ln(0.5) = \ln(e^{-9k})$$

$$\rightarrow \ln 0.5 = -9k$$

$$k = \frac{\ln(0.5)}{-9}$$

$$k = \boxed{0.077}$$

b) What percentage intensity, to one decimal place, remains if the material is 20 millimetres thick?

$$I = I_0 e^{-0.077x}$$

$$\text{let } I_0 = 100$$

$$I = 100 e^{-0.077x}$$

$$\rightarrow I = 100 e^{-0.077(20)}$$

$$I = 21.438$$

$$\boxed{21.4\% \text{ remains}}$$

(← 100% of thickness)

7. A hot piece of metal loses heat according to the formula $T = T_0 e^{-0.2t}$, where T is the temperature difference between the metal and the surrounding air after t minutes and T_0 is the initial temperature difference.

- a) If the initial temperature of the metal was 330°C and of the air 30°C , find the temperature of the metal, to the nearest degree, after 5 minutes.

$$T_0 = 330^\circ - 30^\circ = 300^\circ$$

$$T = T_0 e^{-0.2t}$$

$$T = 300 e^{-0.2(5)}$$

$$T = 110.36^\circ$$

$$T = \text{temp difference} = 110^\circ$$

$$\text{air temp} = 30^\circ$$

$$\text{temperature of metal} = 110^\circ + 30^\circ = \underline{\underline{140^\circ}}$$

- b) A different piece of hot metal cools to a temperature of 200°C after 8 minutes. What was the original temperature of the metal, to the nearest degree, if the air temperature was 27°C ?

$$\text{Temp diff} = 200^\circ - 27^\circ = 173^\circ$$

$$t = 8$$

$$T = T_0 e^{-0.2t}$$

$$173 = T_0 e^{-0.2(8)}$$

$$T_0 = \frac{173}{e^{-1.6}}$$

$$T_0 = 857^\circ$$

$$\text{original temp diff} = 857^\circ$$

$$\text{orig. temp of metal}$$

$$= 857^\circ + 27^\circ$$

$$= \underline{\underline{884^\circ}}$$

8. How much of a radioactive substance must be present to decay to 30 grams in 12 years if the half-life of the substance is 5.2 years? Round the answer to the nearest gram.

$$A = 30\text{g}$$

$$A_0 = A_0$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t = 12\text{yrs.}$$

$$p = 5.2\text{yrs.}$$

$$A = A_0 C^{t/p}$$

$$30 = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{12/5.2}$$

$$A_0 = \frac{30}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{12/5.2}}$$

$$A_0 = 148.527$$

$$\underline{\underline{149\text{g}}} \text{ must be present}$$

9. A radioactive isotope has a half-life of approximately 45 minutes. How long would it take for 480 mg of the isotope to decay to 15 mg?

$$A = 15\text{g}$$

$$A_0 = 480\text{mg}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t = t$$

$$p = 45\text{min}$$

$$A = A_0 C^{t/p}$$

$$15 = 480 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/45}$$

$$\frac{15}{480} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/45}$$

$$\frac{1}{32} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/45}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/45}$$

$$5 = \frac{t}{45}$$

$$t = 225$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{time} = 225\text{mins}}}$$

10. A lab technician placed a bacterial cell into a vial at 5 a.m. The cells divide in such a way that the number of cells doubles every 4 minutes. The vial is full one hour later.

a) How long does it take for the cells to divide to produce 4096 cells?

$$A = 4096 \quad A = A_0 C^{t/p} \quad 12 = \frac{t}{4} \quad \text{time} = \underline{\underline{48 \text{ mins}}}$$

$$A_0 = 1 \quad 4096 = 1(2)^{t/4} \quad 48 = t$$

$$C = 2 \quad 2^{12} = 2^{t/4}$$

$$t = t$$

b) At what time is the vial half full?

since doubling time is 4 mins, it will be half full 4 mins before it is full -
4 mins before 6 am is 5:56 am

c) At what time is the vial $\frac{1}{16}$ full?

$$\frac{1}{16} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \rightarrow 4 \text{ doubling periods are required}$$

$$6 \text{ am} - 4(4 \text{ mins}) = 5:44 \text{ am.}$$

(16 mins)

11. The population of germs in a dirty bathtub doubles every 20 minutes. How long, to the nearest minute, would it take for the population to triple?

$$A = 3n \quad 3n = n(2)^{t/20} \rightarrow t = 20 \left(\frac{\log 3}{\log 2} \right) = 31.699$$

$$A_0 = n \quad 3 = 2^{t/20}$$

$$C = 2 \quad \log_2 3 = \frac{t}{20}$$

$$t = t \quad t = 20 \log_2 3 \rightarrow \underline{\underline{32 \text{ mins to triple}}}$$

$$p = 20 \text{ min}$$

12. A radioactive isotope has a half-life of approximately 25 weeks. How much of a sample of 50 grams of the isotope would remain after 630 days? (Round the answer to the nearest hundredth of a gram.)

$$A = A \quad A = A_0 C^{t/p}$$

$$A_0 = 50 \text{ g}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t = 630 \text{ days}$$

$$p = 25 \times 7 = 175 \text{ days}$$

$$A = 50 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{630/175}$$

$$\boxed{A = 4.12 \text{ g will remain}}$$

13. What is the half-life, to the nearest month, of a radioactive isotope if it takes 7 years for 560 grams to decay to 35 grams?

$$A = 35 \text{ g} \quad A = A_0 C^{t/p}$$

$$A_0 = 560 \text{ g}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t = 7$$

$$p = p$$

$$35 = 560 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{7/p}$$

$$\frac{35}{560} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{7/p}$$

$$\frac{1}{16} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{7/p}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^4 = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{7/p}$$

$$4 = \frac{7}{p}$$

$$p = \frac{7}{4} \text{ yrs}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{21 \text{ months}}}$$

- Numerical Response** 14. The tripling period, to the nearest tenth of an hour, of a bacterial culture which grows from 500 cells to 64 000 cells in 50 hours is _____.

(Record your answer in the numerical response box from left to right.)

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$$A = 64\,000$$

$$A_0 = 500$$

$$C = 3$$

$$t = 50\text{ h}$$

$$p = p$$

$$A = A_0 C^{t/p}$$

$$64\,000 = 500(3)^{50/p}$$

$$128 = 3^{50/p}$$

$$\log_3 128 = \frac{50}{p}$$

$$p = \frac{50}{\log_3 128}$$

$$= \frac{50}{(\log 128 / \log 3)}$$

$$= 11.321$$

15. Radioactive material decays to 40% of its original mass in 5 years. The half-life of the radioactive material, to the nearest hundredth of a year, is _____.

(Record your answer in the numerical response box from left to right.)

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$$\text{Let } A_0 = 100\%$$

$$A = 40$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t = 5\text{ yrs}$$

$$p = p$$

$$A = A_0 C^{t/p}$$

$$40 = 100\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{5/p}$$

$$0.4 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{5/p}$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 0.4 = \frac{5}{p}$$

$$p = \frac{5}{\left[\log 0.4 / \log (1/2)\right]}$$

$$= 3.78$$

Answer Key

1. a) 0.88 b) $V = 35\,000(0.88)^t$ c) \$21 000 d) 10.8
2. a) $a = 6.7$, $b = 1.013$ b) $W = 6.7(1.013)^n$ c) 8.3 billion d) 54 years
 e) 3.2 billion assuming a growth rate of 1.3% since 1950. The actual population was 2.55 billion, so the average growth rate since 1950 must have been greater than 1.3%.
3. a) $V_t = V_0(0.75)^t$ b) 11 4. a) 16 840 b) 17 years 5. 7 filters
6. a) 0.077 b) 21.4% 7. a) 140°C b) 884°C 8. 149 grams
9. 225 min 10. a) 48 min b) 5:56 a.m. c) 5:44 a.m.
11. 32 min 12. 4.12 g 13. 21 months

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