

**Pre-Calculus CP 1 – Section 3.5 Day 2 HW**  
**Application Word Problems!**

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1. A deposit of \$10,000 is made in a savings account for which the interest is compounded continuously. The balance will double in 5 years.

a) What is the annual interest rate for this account?

$$A = Pe^{rt} \quad A=2 \quad P=1 \quad t=5$$

$$2 = e^{r(5)}$$

$$\ln 2 = 5r$$

$$r = \frac{\ln 2}{5} \approx .138629 \Rightarrow 13.86\%$$

b) Find the balance after 1 year.

$$A = 10,000 e^{.138629(1)} \approx \$11,486.98$$

2. The half-life of radioactive uranium II is 250,000 years. What percent of a present amount of radioactive uranium II will remain after 5000 years?

$$A(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{250,000 k}$$

$$k = \frac{\ln \frac{1}{2}}{250,000} = -0.0000027725867$$

$$A = e^{k(5000)} \approx .98623 \Rightarrow 98.62\%$$

3. The population of South Carolina (in thousands) from 1990 through 2003 can be modeled by  $P(t) = 3499e^{0.0135t}$ , where  $t$  is the time in years, with  $t = 0$  corresponding to 1990. According to this model, when will the population reach 4.5 million?

$$4500 = 3499 e^{0.0135t}$$

$$\frac{4500}{3499} = e^{0.0135t}$$

$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{4500}{3499}\right)}{0.0135} \approx 18.64 \Rightarrow 2008$$

$$1990 + 18$$

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4. In a typing class, the average number  $N$  of words per minute typed after  $t$  weeks of lessons was found to be

$$N = \frac{157}{1 + 5.4e^{-0.12t}}$$

- a) What is the carrying capacity for this problem?

157 words

- b) Find the time necessary to type 50 words per minute

$$50 = \frac{157}{1 + 5.4e^{-0.12t}}$$

$$5.4e^{-0.12t} = \frac{157}{50} - \frac{50}{50} = \frac{107}{50}$$

$$e^{-0.12t} = \frac{107}{50} \cdot \frac{1}{5.4} = .3693$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(.3693)}{-0.12} \approx 7.71 \text{ weeks}$$

5. The relationship between the number of decibels  $B$  and the intensity of a sound  $I$  in watts per square centimeter is  $B = 10 \log \left( \frac{I}{10^{-16}} \right)$ . Determine the intensity of a sound in watts per square centimeter if the decibel level is 125.

$$125 = 10 \log \left( \frac{I}{10^{-16}} \right)$$

$$12.5 = \log \left( \frac{I}{10^{-16}} \right)$$

$$10^{12.5} = \frac{I}{10^{-16}}$$

$$I = \frac{10^{12.5}}{10^{-16}} = 10^{-3.5} \frac{\text{w}}{\text{cm}^2}$$

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6. On a day a person is born, a deposit of \$50,000 is made in a trust fund that pays 8.75% interest, compounded continuously.

a) Find the balance on the person's 35<sup>th</sup> birthday.

$$A = Pe^{rt} \quad .0875$$
$$50,000 = e^{.0875(35)} \approx \$1,069,047.14$$

b) How much longer would the person have to wait for the balance in the trust fund to double over the amount they have when they're 35?

$$2,138,094.28 = 50,000 e^{.0875 t}$$
$$42.76 = e^{.0875 t}$$
$$t = \frac{\ln(42.76)}{.0875} \approx 42.92 \Rightarrow 43$$
$$43 - 35 = 8 \text{ more years}$$

7. Let  $Q$  represent a mass of plutonium 241 in grams, whose half-life is 14.4 years. The quantity of plutonium 241 present after  $t$  years is given by  $Q = 100\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/14.4}$

a) Determine the initial quantity

$$Q = 100\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = 100 \text{ gms}$$

b) Determine the quantity present after 10 years.

$$100\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10/14.4} \approx 61.795 \text{ gms}$$

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8. The antler spread  $a$  (in inches) and shoulder height  $h$  (in inches) of an adult male American elk are related by the model  $h = 116 \log(a + 40) - 176$ . Approximate the shoulder height of a male American elk with an antler spread of 55 inches.

$$h = 116 \log(55 + 40) - 176$$

$$= 116 \log(95) - 176 \approx 53.42 \text{ in}$$

9. Mrs. Collins is making cookies and her kids love to eat them right away! She bakes them in a 350 degree (F) oven and when they are done she cools them in a 70 degree (F) room. Brady comes over and tries to take a bite one minute after she took them out of the oven but she shoos his hand away! They are much too hot to eat at a roasty 270 degrees (F)! He asks, "When can I come back and eat them?" If Mrs. Collins considers 150 degrees to be acceptable, what time should she tell him to return?

$$u(t) = T + (u_0 - T)e^{kt}$$

$$270 = 70 + (350 - 70)e^{k(1)}$$

$$\frac{200}{280} = \frac{5}{7} = e^k$$

$$k = \ln \frac{5}{7}$$

$$150 = 70 + (280)e^{(\ln \frac{5}{7})t}$$

$$\frac{80}{280} = \frac{2}{7} = e^{(\ln \frac{5}{7})t}$$

$$\ln \frac{2}{7} = (\ln \frac{5}{7})t$$

$$t = \frac{\ln \frac{2}{7}}{\ln \frac{5}{7}} \approx 3.7 = 24 \text{ mins}$$

10. Suppose a body is  $83^\circ\text{F}$  at 10 PM and that the air temperature around it is  $42^\circ\text{F}$ . After one hour the body is found to be  $76^\circ\text{F}$ . Assuming the Estimate the time of death.

$$76 = 42 + (83 - 42)e^{k(1)}$$

$$34 = 41e^k$$

$$k = \ln\left(\frac{34}{41}\right)$$

Body temp  $\downarrow$

$$83 = 42 + (98.6 - 42)e^{\ln(\frac{34}{41})t}$$

$$41 = 56.6e^{\ln(\frac{34}{41})t}$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(\frac{41}{56.6})}{\ln(\frac{34}{41})} = 1.72 \text{ hrs}$$

$\therefore 8:17 \text{ pm}$

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9. Detectives respond to a call at Dunkin Donuts made by Peter at exactly 5:10 AM. When they arrive Peter is panicked and visually upset. He says she arrived at work around 5 AM to open the store with a fellow worker. Peter has a witness in her father who says he dropped him off at exactly 5 AM. Peter tells the police that when he entered the store his fellow co-worker was already dead. The coroner arrives to take some temperatures and finds that the body is  $85^{\circ}\text{F}$  and the room its in is kept at a constant  $68^{\circ}\text{F}$ . These temperatures are taken at exactly 5:55 AM. Two hours later the coroner takes the second temperature reading. He finds the body to be  $74^{\circ}\text{F}$  and the room to still be  $68^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Should the police consider Peter a suspect?

$u(t)$   $T$   
 $u(t) = T + (u_0 - T)e^{-kt}$   
 $74 = 68 + (85 - 68)e^{-k(2)}$   
 $b = 17e^{2k}$   
 $k = \frac{\ln(\frac{b}{17})}{2}$

$85 = 68 + (98.6 - 68)e^{(\frac{\ln(\frac{b}{17})}{2})t}$   
 $\frac{17}{30.6} = e^{(\frac{\ln(\frac{b}{17})}{2})t}$   
 $t = \frac{\ln(\frac{17}{30.6})}{(\frac{\ln(\frac{b}{17})}{2})} = 1.13 \text{ hrs}$

Peter is not a suspect!