

## Application Word Problems!

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?

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

$$\ln 2 = 5r$$

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

b) Find the balance after 1 year.

$$A = 10,000 e^{.1386(1)} \approx 11,486.65$$

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?

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

$$k = \frac{\ln(\frac{1}{2})}{250,000} \approx -.0000027725887$$

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

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?

$$4,500 = 3499 e^{.0135t}$$

$$\frac{4500}{3499} = e^{.0135t}$$

$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{4500}{3499}\right)}{.0135} \approx 18.64 \Rightarrow \boxed{2008}$$

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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

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

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

$$e^{-0.12t} = .3963$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(.3963)}{-0.12} \approx 7.71 \text{ weeks}$$

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.

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

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

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

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

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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.

$$50,000 e^{.0875(35)} \approx \$1069,047.14$$

b) How much longer would the person have to wait for the balance in the trust fund to double?

$$2136094.28 = 50000 e^{.0875t}$$

$$42.76 = e^{.0875t}$$

$$\frac{\ln(42.76)}{.0875} = t \approx 42.92 \Rightarrow 43$$

$$43 - 35 = 8 \text{ more years}$$

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

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

b) Determine the quantity present after 10 years.

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

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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.

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

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

9. Detectives respond to a call at Dunkin Donuts made by Dana at exactly 5:10 AM. When they arrive Dana is panicked and visually upset. He says he arrived at work around 5 AM to open the store with a fellow worker. Dana has a witness in his father who says he dropped him off at exactly 5 AM. Dana 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 it's 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 Dana a suspect?

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

$T = 68$   
 $u_0 = 85$   
 $t = 2$   
 $u(2) = 74$

$$74 = 68 + (85 - 68)e^{k(2)}$$

$$6 = 17e^{2k}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{6}{17}\right) = 2k = k = -0.52073$$

$$85 = 68 + (98.6 - 68)e^{-0.52t}$$

$$\frac{17}{30.6} = e^{-0.52t} \Rightarrow \boxed{t = 1.13 \text{ hrs}}$$

*Dana is not a suspect!*

10. Suppose a body is  $83^\circ\text{F}$  at 10 PM and that the air temperature around it is  $55^\circ\text{F}$ . The body is quickly moved to a different room where the air temperature is  $42^\circ\text{F}$ . After one hour the body is found to be  $76^\circ\text{F}$ . Estimate the time of death.

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

$$34 = 41e^k$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{34}{41}\right) = k \approx -1.872$$

$$83 = 42 + (98.6 - 42)e^{-1.872t}$$

$$41 = 56.6e^{-1.872t}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{41}{56.6}\right)}{-1.872}$$

$$t = 1.72 \text{ hrs}$$

$\therefore \boxed{8:17 \text{ PM}}$