

Calculus  
Chap. 6 section 5  
Exponential growth & decay

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Since  $3e^{x-y}$  can be rewritten as  $3e^x e^{-y}$ , the equation is separable because it can be written in the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y)g(x)$ , where  $f(y) = e^{-y}$  and  $g(x) = 3e^x$ .

Separate the variables.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 3e^x e^{-y} \\ \frac{1}{e^{-y}} dy &= 3e^x dx \\ e^y dy &= 3e^x dx\end{aligned}$$

Antidifferentiate both sides of the equation.

$$\begin{aligned}\int e^y dy &= \int 3e^x dx \\ e^y &= 3e^x + C\end{aligned}$$

Note that only one constant is needed.

Then, apply the initial condition to find C. Note that the initial condition is  $y = 5$  when  $x = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}e^5 &= 3e^0 + C \\ e^5 &= 3 + C \\ e^5 - 3 &= C\end{aligned}$$

Substitute for C, and solve for y.

$$\begin{aligned}e^y &= 3e^x + e^5 - 3 \\ \ln(e^y) &= \ln(3e^x + e^5 - 3) \\ y &= \ln(3e^x + e^5 - 3)\end{aligned}$$

This solution is valid for the continuous section of the function that goes through the point (0,5), that is, on the domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

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To find the doubling time, set  $A(t)$  to be twice  $A_0$  in the formula for compounding interest continuously,  $A(t) = A_0 e^{rt}$ , and solve for  $t$ . Express the interest rate as a decimal.

$$A(t) = A_0 e^{rt}$$
$$5000 = 2500 e^{(0.062)t}$$

Divide both sides of the equation by 2500 and then take the natural log of both sides.

$$2 = e^{(0.062)t}$$
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Now divide both sides of the equation by 0.062 to solve for  $t$ .

Doubling time  $\approx 11.2$  years

Next use the formula for compounding interest continuously,  $A(t) = A_0 e^{rt}$ , to find the amount after 30 years.

$$A(30) = 2500 e^{0.062(30)}$$
$$\approx \$16,059.34$$

The completed table is shown below.

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

To find the initial deposit, use the fact that the rate, expressed as a decimal, is 0.0375 and  $A(30)$  is \$308.02. Substitute the values in the formula and solve for  $A_0$ , rounded to the nearest dollar.

$$\begin{aligned} A(t) &= A_0 e^{rt} \\ 308.02 &= A_0 e^{(0.0375)(30)} \\ 308.02 &= A_0 e^{1.125} \\ 100 &= A_0 \end{aligned}$$

To find the doubling time, use the fact that, when the value has doubled,  $A(t)$  is twice  $A_0$ .

Substitute  $2A_0$  for  $A(t)$  and 0.0375 for  $r$  in the formula and solve for  $t$ , rounded to the nearest tenth of a year.

$$\begin{aligned} A(t) &= A_0 e^{rt} \\ 2A_0 &= A_0 e^{0.0375t} \\ 2 &= e^{0.0375t} \\ 18.5 &= t \end{aligned}$$

The initial amount is \$100 and it takes about 18.5 years for the investment to double in value. The completed table is shown below.

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a) The exponential growth function will be in the form  $P(t) = Pe^{kt}$ .

You are to leave  $P$  in the function, since initially no investment amount is given.

In this case,  $k = 0.03$ .

The growth function is thus  $P(t) = Pe^{0.03t}$ .

b) If \$2000 is invested,  $P = \$2000$ .

The growth function is now  $P(t) = 2000e^{0.03t}$ .

To find the balance after 2 years, evaluate  $P(t)$  for  $t = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(2) &= 2000e^{0.03 \cdot 2} \\ &= 2000e^{0.06} \\ &\approx 2000(1.06183655) \\ &\approx 2123.67 \end{aligned}$$

The balance after 2 years is \$ 2123.67.

c) To find the number of years after which an investment of \$2000 will double itself, set  $P(t) = 4000$  and solve for  $t$ .

$$4000 = 2000e^{0.03t}$$

$$\frac{4000}{2000} = e^{0.03t}$$

$$2 = e^{0.03t}$$

How should you solve for  $t$ ?

Take the logarithm of both sides.

Take the natural logarithm on both sides, since the base of the exponential function is  $e$ .

$$\ln 2 = \ln (e^{0.03t})$$

$$\text{Since } \log_a a^k = k, \ln 2 = 0.03t \text{ and } t = \frac{\ln 2}{0.03}.$$

$$t \approx \frac{0.6931}{0.03}$$

$$t \approx 23.1$$

An investment of \$2000 will double itself in about 23.1 years.



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In the differential equation that models the radioactive decay of the isotope, the value that corresponds to  $k$  is 0.0091.

The half-life of the substance is  $\frac{\ln 2}{k}$ .

Calculate the half-life, rounded to the nearest year.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\ln 2}{k} &= \frac{\ln 2}{0.0091} \\ &= 76\end{aligned}$$

The half-life of the isotope is about 76 years.

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To solve  $0.4y_0 = y_0 e^{-0.1t}$ , divide both sides by  $y_0$  and then take the natural logarithm of both sides.

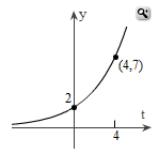
$$\frac{0.4y_0}{y_0} = \frac{y_0}{y_0} e^{-0.1t}$$

$$0.4 = e^{-0.1t}$$

$$\ln 0.4 = -0.1t$$

Solving  $\ln 0.4 = -0.1t$  for  $t$  gives the time as 9.16 days.

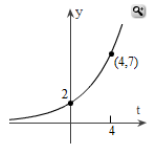
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The first point is  $(0, 2)$ . Use this point to solve for  $y_0$ . Substitute 0 for  $t$  and 2 for  $y$  in the function  $y = y_0 e^{kt}$  and solve for  $y_0$ .

$$y = y_0 e^{kt}$$

$$(2) = y_0 e^{k(0)}$$

$$2 = y_0 \qquad a^0 = 1$$

The function can now be written in the form  $y = 2 e^{kt}$ . Use the second point,  $(4, 7)$ , to solve for  $k$ .

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$$(7) = 2 e^{k(4)}$$

$$7/2 = e^{4k} \qquad \text{Divide both sides of the equation by 2.}$$

Next take the natural log of both sides and solve for  $k$ .

$$\ln(7/2) = \ln(e^{4k})$$

$$\ln(7/2) = 4k \qquad \ln(e^a) = a$$

$$0.313 \approx k$$

Thus, the exponential function that passes through the two points is  $y = 2 e^{0.313t}$ .

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The temperature of the freezer is  $0^\circ\text{F}$ , so  $T_0 = 0$ .

$$T_1 = 150$$

Substitute these values into the function and simplify.

$$T(t) = 0 + (150 - 0)e^{-kt}$$

$$T(t) = 150e^{-kt}$$

Since the temperature cools to  $67^\circ\text{F}$  in 10 minutes, you know  $T(10) = 67$ . Use this to determine the constant,  $k$ .

$$T(10) = 150e^{-k(10)}$$

$$67 = 150e^{-10k}$$

Divide by 150.

$$\frac{67}{150} = e^{-10k}$$

Take the natural log of both sides.

$$\ln \frac{67}{150} = \ln e^{-10k}$$

Simplify the right side of the equation.

$$\ln \frac{67}{150} = -10k$$

To solve for  $k$ , divide both sides by  $-10$  and evaluate the expression.

$$k = \frac{\ln \frac{67}{150}}{-10} \approx 0.08059$$

Substituting the value for  $k$ , the function becomes  $T(t) = 150e^{-0.08059t}$ .

Now find the temperature of the coffee after 15 minutes. Let  $t = 15$  in the function.

$$T(15) = 150e^{-0.08059(15)}$$

$$T(15) = 45$$

Therefore, after 15 minutes the coffee will have a temperature of  $45^\circ\text{F}$ .