

Lesson 2.09 Exponential Functions with Time Adjustments

Students will be able to:

- **Content Objective:** Express exponential functions using different growth rates (monthly, weekly, daily) in terms different measures of time.
- **Language Objective:** Explain how laws of exponents aids in manipulating exponential equations and expressions.



Warm Up

A student studying political science created a model for the population of Denver, where the population decreased 22% over a year. She used the model $P = 815(0.78)^t$, where P is the population, in thousands, t years after the year 2000. Another student, Lisa, wants to use a model that would predict the population after m months. Lisa's model is best represented by what equation. Write it below.



Skill 1: Rates Over One Hour vs. Multiple Hours

- Scientist are studying new bacterium. They create a culture with 200 of the bacteria and anticipate that the number of bacteria will double every hour.
 - Scientist are studying new bacterium. They create a culture with 200 of the bacteria and anticipate that the number of bacteria will double every 20 hours.
- What is different between the descriptions in part I. and part II. above?
 - Write an equation for the number of bacteria, B , in terms of the number of hours, t since the experiment began for part I.
 - Write an equation for the number of bacteria, B , in terms of the number of hours, t since the experiment began for part II. Explain why this equation makes sense.



Exercise 1: Rates over One Minute vs. Multiple Minutes

When observed by researchers under a microscope, an iPad screen contained approximately 50,000 bacteria per square inch. Bacteria, under normal conditions, double in population every 20 minutes. Assuming an initial value of 50,000, write a function $B(t)$, that can be used to model the population of bacteria, B , on an iPad screen, where t represents the time in minutes after it is first observed under a microscope.



Skill 2: Half-Life

The half-life of a radioactive substance is 20 years.

- Write an equation that can be used to determine the amount, $r(t)$, of 400 grams of this substance that remains after t years.
- Determine, to the *nearest year*, how long it will take for half of this substance to remain. Use a calculator.



Exercise 2: Half-Life

Titrum, a radioactive isotope of hydrogen, has a half-life of 144 months.

- If a laboratory experiment begins with 100 grams of Titrum, write an equation that represents the number of grams A , of Titrum present after t months.
- Which equation below approximates the amount of Titrum present after t months?

(1) $A = 100 \left(\frac{144}{2}\right)^t$

(3) $A = 100(4.4842)^t$

(2) $A = 100 \left(\frac{1}{0.995}\right)^t$

(4) $A = 100(0.995198)^t$

Consider the same word problem from the warmup. Let's see how we can compare what we learned in the last lesson with what we learned in today's lesson.



Check Point

A student studying political science created a model for the population of Denver, where the population decreased 22% over a decade. She used the model $P = 815(0.78)^d$, where P is the population, in thousands, d decades after the year 2000. Another student, Lisa, wants to use a model that would predict the population after y years. Lisa's model is best represented by

(1) $P = 815(0.6800)^y$

(2) $P = 815(0.8800)^y$

(3) $P = 815(0.9755)^y$

(4) $P = 815(0.9700)^y$



2.09- Problem Set

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1. A student for their statistics project created a model for the population of Albuquerque, where the population decreased 25% over a decade. She used the model $P = 720(0.75)^d$, where P is the population, in thousands, d decades after the year 2010. Another student, Lisa, wants to use a model that would predict the population after y years. Lisa's model is best represented by
 - (1) $P = 720(0.971642)^y$
 - (2) $P = 720(0.75)^y$
 - (3) $P = 720(0.0563135)^y$
 - (4) $P = 720(0.65)^y$

2. A house purchased 6 years ago for \$200,000 was just sold for \$245,000. Assuming exponential growth, approximate the annual growth rate, to the nearest percent.

3. Researchers are studying a new bacterium and create a culture of 500 of the bacteria. They anticipate that the number of bacteria will double every 35 hours.
 - a. Write an equation for the number of bacteria, B , in terms of the number of hours, t , since the experiment began.

 - b. How many hours will it take for the number of bacteria to triple? Use a calculator and round to the *nearest year*.