

Semester 1 Review – Part 3: Exponential Functions. You may use calculators on these problems

1. A population of bacteria is growing at the rate of 15% per hour. There are currently 500 spores of this bacteria in the sample.

Exponential growth $Y = a \cdot (1+r)^t$

a) Create an equation that gives the population for this bacteria at any time t (t is in hours).

$r = 15\% \rightarrow r = 0.15$
as a decimal

$P(t) = 500(1+0.15)^t = 500(1.15)^t$

b) How many bacteria will there be in 10 hours?

$P(10) = 500(1.15)^{10}$
 ≈ 2023 spores

c) How long will it take for the size of the population to double? Give your answer to the nearest hour.

$500(1.15)^t = 1000$
 $\rightarrow (1.15)^t = \frac{1000}{500} = 2$

use calculator (graph or table) or use \log .

$(1.15)^t = 2 \rightarrow \log[(1.15)^t] = \log(2)$

$t \cdot \log(1.15) = \log(2) \rightarrow t = \frac{\log(2)}{\log(1.15)}$

≈ 4.96 hr
 ≈ 5 hr

2. Initially a tank contains 10,000 litres of liquid. At the time $t = 0$ minutes a tap is opened, and liquid then flows out of the tank. The volume of liquid, V litres, which remains in the tank after t minutes is given by:

$V = 10000 \cdot (0.933)^t$ Exponential Decay

(a) What percent of the liquid is flowing out each minute?

0.933 is portion remaining $\Rightarrow 1 - 0.933 = 0.067 =$ portion flowing out

6.7% liquid flows out each minute

(b) Find the value of V after 5 minutes.

$V(5) = 10000(0.933)^5$
 ≈ 7070 litres

(c) Find how long, to the nearest tenth of a minute, it takes for half of the initial amount of liquid to flow out of the tank. want $V = 5000$ (to remain)

$10000(0.933)^t = 5000$
 $\rightarrow (0.933)^t = \frac{5000}{10000} = \frac{1}{2}$

$(0.933)^t = \frac{1}{2}$
 $\log(0.933)^t = \log(0.5)$

Use \log

$t \log(0.933) = \log(0.5)$

$t = \frac{\log(0.5)}{\log(0.933)} = 9.99$

(d) The tank is regarded as effectively empty when 95% of the liquid has flowed out.

Show that it takes almost three-quarters of an hour for this to happen.

want $V = 0.05 \times 10000 = 500$ litres

$10000(0.933)^t = 500 \rightarrow (0.933)^t = 0.05 \rightarrow t \log(0.933) = \log(0.05)$

$t = \frac{\log(0.05)}{\log(0.933)} = 43.2$ min

(b) Put formula into calc \rightarrow Go to table & see that $t = 43 \rightarrow V \approx 500$

$t = 43$ min $\approx \frac{3}{4}$ hour

3. Rewrite in simplest rational form. Your final answer should not have any exponents.

Remember $\sqrt[n]{x} = x^{1/n}$

a. $\sqrt[3]{125^2} = \sqrt[3]{5^3^2} = \sqrt[3]{5^6}$

$= (5^6)^{1/3} = 5^{6/3} = 5^2 = 25$

b. $32^{-4/5} = (2^5)^{-4/5} = 2^{-4} = \frac{1}{2^4}$

$= \frac{1}{16}$

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4. Write in the form a^x where a is a prime number and x is a rational number.

$$16 \cdot 2^{\frac{3}{5}} = 2^4 \cdot 2^{\frac{3}{5}} = 2^{4 + \frac{3}{5}} = 2^{\frac{20}{5} + \frac{3}{5}} = 2^{\frac{23}{5}} \text{ or } 2^{4\frac{3}{5}}$$

(Add exponents)

5. Ella just put \$500 into a bank account that promises to pay 3.0% annual interest, compounded monthly.

a) Create a formula that will give the amount of money, $M(t)$, that Ella will have for any month (t). Make sure you reflect the monthly compounding.

Monthly rate = $\frac{3\%}{12} = 0.25\%$

$\rightarrow r = 0.0025$

$$M(t) = 500(1 + 0.0025)^t = 500(1.0025)^t$$

b) How much money will Ella have saved up in three years if she leaves her money in this bank account?

$$M(36) = 500(1.0025)^{36} = \underline{\underline{\$547.03}}$$

3 yr = $3 \cdot 12 \text{ mo} = 36 \text{ month}$

c) When will she have enough to buy the new iPhone that costs \$1,100?

$$500(1.0025)^t = 1100$$

$$(1.0025)^t = \frac{1100}{500} = 2.2$$

$$(1.0025)^t = 2.2$$

use \log^s

$$t \log(1.0025) = \log(2.2)$$

$$t = \frac{\log(2.2)}{\log(1.0025)} = 315.8 \text{ months}$$

$$316/12 = 26 \text{ yrs!!}$$

6. Use the functions $f(x) = 3x - 5$ and $g(x) = 4 \cdot e^x$ to answer the questions below:

(yikes)

a) Describe the asymptotes of the function $g(x)$.

$g(x)$ is exponential \rightarrow has horizontal asymptote (& no vertical shift)
 $\rightarrow y = 0$ is Horiz. Asymptote

b) Determine the composite function $(f \circ g)(x)$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(4 \cdot e^x) = 3(4 \cdot e^x) - 5$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = 12e^x - 5$$

c) Calculate $(f \circ g)(-2)$

$$(f \circ g)(-2) = 12 \cdot e^{-2} - 5 \approx -3.38$$

d) Describe the asymptotes of the function $(f \circ g)(x)$.

$(f \circ g)(x) = 12e^x - 5$ is also exponential
AND it is a Transformation of $g(x)$ by a vert stretch factor = 3
 then vertical shift down 5.

\rightarrow Horizontal asymptote is stretched up by factor of 3 (but $3 \cdot 0 = 0 \rightarrow$ No change)
 then shifted down 5 \rightarrow New Horizontal Asymptote $\rightarrow y = -5$