

Section 3.2: Modeling with exponential functions.

$$y = a b^x$$

doubling: $y = a (2)^{\frac{x}{\text{doubling time}}}$

Half life: $y = a \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{x}{\text{Half life}}}$

$$y = a (2^{-1})^{x/\text{half life}}$$

$$y = a (2)^{-x/\text{half life}}$$

Ex: The half life of a radioactive substance is 14 days.
there are 5.2 g present initially.

a) Express the amount remaining as a function of time.

$$f(x) = 5.2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/14}$$

b) when will there be less than 1 g remaining?

$$1 = 5.2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/14} \quad (\text{calc})$$

$$x = 34 \text{ days.}$$

after 34 days.

5 g
↓ 14 days
2.5 g
↓ 14 days
1.25 g
↓ 14 days
0.625 g
less than 1 g

34 days

Ex2: Bellwork Fordson population (12/11)

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Homework p 271: 29-32

29. In 2021

30. 2012

31. a) 12,315, 24,265

b) 1966

32. a) 6554, 9151

b) 1980

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19- $y = 24 (1.053)^x$

20- $y = 67,000 (1.0167)^x$

21- $y = 18 (2)^{t/21} \rightarrow 3 \text{ weeks}$

22- $y = 117 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/262}$

practice problems: p 271 # 15-18
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15- $y = 0.6(2)^{x/3}$

16- $y = 250 (2)^{x/15}$

17- $y = 592 (2)^{x/6}$

18- $y = 17 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/32}$

33-

34-

$= 592 (2)^{-x/6}$

31. **Exponential Growth** The population of Smallville in the year 1890 was 6250. Assume the population increased at a rate of 2.75% per year. $r = 0.0275$ $\frac{b}{a}$

1890 $\rightarrow$ 6250 I.V

- (a) Estimate the population in 1915 and 1940.
(b) Predict when the population reached 50,000.

32. **Exponential Growth** The population of River City in the year 1910 was 4200. Assume the population increased at a rate of 2.25% per year.

- (a) Estimate the population in 1930 and 1945.
(b) Predict when the population reached 20,000.

$\rightarrow$ 31. a)

$$y = a \cdot b^x$$

$$= 6250 \cdot (1 + 0.0275)^t$$

$\leftarrow$ 1915-1890
= 25

$$y = 6250 \cdot (1.0275)^{50}$$

$$b) \quad 50,000 = 6250 (1.0275)^t \quad (\text{calc})$$