

- 25. First-order chemical reactions** In some chemical reactions, the rate at which the amount of a substance changes with time is proportional to the amount present. For the change of δ -glucono lactone into gluconic acid, for example,

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -0.6y$$

when t is measured in hours. If there are 100 grams of δ -glucono lactone present when $t = 0$, how many grams will be left after the first hour?

$y(t)$: amount of lactone available at time t

$$y(t) = y_0 e^{kt}$$

$$= y_0 e^{-0.6t}$$

$$y(t) = 100 e^{-0.6t}$$

$$y(1) = 100 e^{-0.6(1)} = 100 e^{-0.6} \approx 54.88 \text{ gm}$$

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Modeling using $\exp e^x$

Growth $k > 0$

Pop. \uparrow
Disease \uparrow

Decay $k < 0$

Radioactive \downarrow
Pop. \downarrow
Dis \downarrow

$$y(t) = y_0 e^{kt}$$

- 36. Polonium-210** The half-life of polonium is 139 days, but your sample will not be useful to you after 95% of the radioactive nuclei present on the day the sample arrives has disintegrated. For about how many days after the sample arrives will you be able to use the polonium?

Decay $\Rightarrow k < 0$

$$Q(t) = Q_0 e^{-kt}$$

$$= Q_0 e^{-0.005t}$$

Find time t^* such that

$$Q(t^*) = \frac{5}{100} Q_0$$

$$T = 139$$

\Downarrow

$$T = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$

$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{T}$$

$$= \frac{\ln 2}{139}$$

$$\approx 0.005$$

use 5% \rightarrow decay 95%

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$$Q_0 e^{-0.005 t^*} = \frac{5}{100} Q_0$$

$$e^{-0.005 t^*} = \frac{5}{100}$$

$$\ln e^{-0.005 t^*} = \ln 0.05$$

$$-0.005 t^* (\ln e) = \ln 0.05$$

$$t^* = \frac{\ln 0.05}{-0.005}$$

$$\approx \underline{\underline{600}} \text{ days}$$

