

Discussion 7.4

30) Growth of Bacteria

A colony of bacteria is grown under ideal conditions in a laboratory so that the population increases exponentially with time. At the end of 3 hours there are 10,000 bacteria.

At the end of 5 hours there are 40,000 bacteria.

How many bacteria were present initially?

• Assume $B(t)$ is the Bacteria size at time t

• $B(t) = B_0 e^{kt}$, $k > 0$ is the growth rate

• We need to find B_0 given that $B(3) = 10,000$
 $B(5) = 40,000$

• $B(3) = B_0 e^{3k}$ and $B(5) = B_0 e^{5k}$
 $10,000 = B_0 e^{3k} \dots \textcircled{1}$ $40,000 = B_0 e^{5k} \dots \textcircled{2}$

$$\frac{40,000}{10,000} = \frac{\cancel{B_0} e^{5k}}{\cancel{B_0} e^{3k}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4 = e^{2k}$$

$$\ln 4 = \ln e^{2k}$$

$$2 \ln 2 = 2k$$

$$k = \ln 2$$

Using for example $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow 10,000 = B_0 e^{3 \ln 2}$

$$10,000 = B_0 e^{\ln 8}$$

$$10,000 = B_0 e^{\ln 2^3}$$

$$10,000 = B_0 (8) \Rightarrow B_0 = \frac{10,000}{8} = 1250$$

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

Exp 3 $y(t)$: The number of infected people by a disease at time t (years)

Assume the number of people cured (تفاؤل للشفاء) is proportional to the number y .

Suppose in one year the number is reduced by 20%. If there are 10,000 case today, how many years will it take to reduce the number to 1000 case?

$$y_0 = 10,000 \Rightarrow y(t) = y_0 e^{kt} = 10,000 e^{kt}$$

$$\text{To find } k \Rightarrow y(1) = 80\% y_0$$

$$10,000 e^k = 0.8 (10,000)$$

$$e^k = 0.8$$

$$k = \ln(0.8)$$

We need to find time t^* such that $y(t^*) = 1000$

$$10 e^{kt^*} = 1 \Rightarrow e^{kt^*} = 0.1$$

$$10,000 e^{kt^*} = 1000$$

$$kt^* = \ln(0.1)$$

$$t^* = \frac{\ln(0.1)}{k} = \frac{\ln(0.1)}{\ln(0.8)} \approx 10.32 \text{ years}$$

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

Exp 4 Carbon-14 has half-life time of 5700 years. Find age of a sample in which 10% of the radioactive material has decayed.

$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{T} = \frac{\ln 2}{5700}$$

We need to find time t^* such that $y(t^*) = 90\% y_0$

$$y_0 e^{-kt^*} = 0.9 y_0$$

$$e^{-kt^*} = 0.9$$

$$-kt^* = \ln(0.9)$$

$$t^* = -\frac{\ln(0.9)}{k}$$

$$= -\frac{\ln(0.9)}{\frac{\ln 2}{5700}}$$

$$= -\frac{5700 \ln(0.9)}{\ln 2}$$

$$\approx 866 \text{ years}$$

Exp (Radioactivity)

The half-life of a radioactive material is $\ln 8$ years. If 10 gm of this material is released into atmosphere, how many years will it take for 80% of the material to decay.

$$\text{Decay Equation: } y(t) = y_0 e^{-kt} = 10 e^{-kt}$$

$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{T} = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 8} = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 2^3} = \frac{\ln 2}{3 \ln 2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

We need to find time t^* such that

$$y(t^*) = 20\% y_0$$

$$10 e^{-kt^*} = 0.2 (10)$$

$$e^{-kt^*} = 0.2$$

$$-kt^* = \ln(0.2)$$

$$t^* = \frac{-\ln(0.2)}{k}$$

$$= \frac{-\ln(0.2)}{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= -3 \ln(0.2)$$

$$= 3 \ln 5 \text{ years}$$

$$\ln(0.2) = \ln \frac{2}{10}$$

$$= \ln \frac{1}{5}$$

$$= \ln 1 - \ln 5$$

$$= -\ln 5$$