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**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  $\delta$ -glucono lactone into gluconic acid, for example,

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -0.6y \quad y_0 = y(0)$$

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

Modeling using  $\exp e^x$

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

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

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

Growth  $k > 0$   
Pop.  $\uparrow$   
Disease  $\uparrow$

Decay  $k < 0$   
Radioactive  $\downarrow$   
Pop.  $\downarrow$   
DIB  $\downarrow$

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

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

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

**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?

$$T = 139$$

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

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

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

$$\approx 0.005$$

Decay  $\Rightarrow k < 0$

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

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

Find time  $t^*$  such that

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

use 5%  $\rightarrow$  decay 95%

use 5% → decay 95%

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

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

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

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

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

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

