



Exponential Function Solving - Decay (Continuous) Scenario to Starting Value

1

A whale population starts at a certain size. It declines continuously at 4% per quarter. After 9 quarters it has decreased to a population of 418 whales.

Solve for the starting population given this scenario?

A $9 + P_0 = \frac{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}{P}$	B $4 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$
C $6 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$	D $P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}$

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A bird population starts at a certain size. It declines continuously at 8% per quarter. After 5 quarters it has decreased to a population of 201.

Solve for the starting population given this scenario?

A $3 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$	B $P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}$
C $8 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$	

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A bacteria population starts at a certain size. It declines continuously at 4% per day. After 6 days it has decreased to a population of 157 bacteria.

Solve for the starting population given this scenario?

A $3 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$	B $P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}$
C $1 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$	D $6 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$

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A whale population starts at a certain size. It declines continuously at 8% per quarter. After 7 quarters it has decreased to a population of 228 whales.

Solve for the starting population given this scenario?

A $8 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$	B $8 + P_0 = \frac{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}{P}$
C $P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}$	D $5 + P_0 = \frac{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}{P}$

5

A whale population starts at a certain size. It declines continuously at 8% per quarter. After 9 quarters it has decreased to a population of 194 whales.

Solve for the starting population given this scenario?

A $4 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$	B $8 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$
C $P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}$	D $6 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$

6

A toxin starts at a certain concentration. It declines continuously at 6% per day. After 3 days it has decreased to a concentration of 751mg/L.

Solve for the starting concentration given this scenario?

A $7 + C_0 = \frac{C}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$	B $8 + C_0 = \frac{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}{C}$
C $C_0 = \frac{C}{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}$	

7

A whale population starts at a certain size. It declines continuously at 4% per year. After 7 years it has decreased to a population of 604 whales.

Solve for the starting population given this scenario?

A $P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}$	B $7 + P_0 = \frac{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}{P}$
C $2 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$	D $3 + P_0 = \frac{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}{P}$

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A bird population starts at a certain size. It declines continuously at 9% per quarter. After 7 quarters it has decreased to a population of 213.

Solve for the starting population given this scenario?

A $7 + P_0 = \frac{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}{P}$	B $P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(-r \cdot t)}}$
C $2 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$	D $1 + P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(\frac{r}{t})}}$