



Exponential Function Solving - Decay (Continuous) - Scenario to Time

1

A bird population starts at 800. It declines continuously at 9% per quarter. After a certain number of quarters it has decreased to a population of 510.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	$t = -\frac{r}{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}$	B	$t = -\frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{r}$
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A whale population starts at 600. It declines continuously at 7% per year. After a certain number of years it has decreased to a population of 453 whales.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	$t = -\frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{r}$	B	$t = -\frac{\ln P \cdot P_0}{r}$
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3

A radioactive material starts at an isotope concentration of 700ppm. It decays continuously at 6% per week. After a certain number of weeks it has decayed to an isotope concentration of 550ppm.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	$t = -\frac{\ln \frac{R}{R_0}}{r}$	B	$t = -\frac{\ln R \cdot R_0}{r}$
C	$t = -\frac{r}{\ln \frac{R}{R_0}}$		

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A bacteria population starts at 700. It declines continuously at 6% per month. After a certain number of months it has decreased to a population of 518 bacteria.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	$t = -\frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{r}$	B	$t = -\frac{r}{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}$
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A radioactive material starts at an isotope concentration of 200ppm. It decays continuously at 8% per day. After a certain number of days it has decayed to an isotope concentration of 134ppm.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	$t = -\frac{r}{\ln \frac{R}{R_0}}$	B	$t = -\frac{\ln \frac{R}{R_0}}{r}$
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A radioactive material starts at an isotope concentration of 700ppm. It decays continuously at 5% per week. After a certain number of weeks it has decayed to an isotope concentration of 573ppm.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	$t = -\frac{\ln \frac{R}{R_0}}{r}$	B	$t = -\frac{r}{\ln \frac{R}{R_0}}$
C	$t = -\frac{\ln R \cdot R_0}{r}$		

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A bacteria population starts at 700. It declines continuously at 3% per year. After a certain number of years it has decreased to a population of 602 bacteria.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	$t = -\frac{r}{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}$	B	$t = -\frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{r}$
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A bird population starts at 700. It declines continuously at 8% per year. After a certain number of years it has decreased to a population of 340.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	$t = -\frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{r}$	B	$t = -\frac{\ln P \cdot P_0}{r}$
C	$t = -\frac{r}{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}$		