



Exponential Function Solving - Decay (Continuous, Mis-matched Time Units) Scenario to Value at Time

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A toxin starts at a concentration of 700mg/L. It declines continuously at 5% per hour. After 9 days it has decreased to a certain concentration.

How would you solve for the final concentration given this scenario?

$$\overset{A}{C} = C_0 \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-r}{t \cdot 24}\right)} \quad \overset{B}{C} = C_0 \cdot e^{(-r \cdot t \cdot 24)}$$

$$\overset{C}{C} = C_0 - e^{(-r \cdot \frac{t}{24})}$$

A radioactive material starts at an isotope concentration of 800ppm. It decays continuously at 4% per day. After 7 weeks it has decayed to a certain isotope concentration.

How would you solve for the final concentration given this scenario?

$$\overset{A}{R} = R_0 \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-r}{t \cdot 7}\right)} \quad \overset{B}{R} = R_0 - e^{(-r \cdot \frac{t}{7})}$$

$$\overset{C}{R} = R_0 \cdot e^{(-r \cdot t \cdot 7)}$$

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A whale population starts at 200. It declines continuously at 6% per year. After 7 quarters it has decreased to a certain population.

How would you solve for the final population given this scenario?

$$\overset{A}{P} = P_0 \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-r}{t \cdot 4}\right)} \quad \overset{B}{P} = P_0 - e^{(-r \cdot t \cdot 4)}$$

$$\overset{C}{P} = P_0 \cdot e^{(-r \cdot \frac{t}{4})}$$

4

A bird population starts at 200. It declines continuously at 7% per year. After 9 quarters it has decreased to a certain population.

How would you solve for the final population given this scenario?

$$\overset{A}{P} = P_0 \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-r}{t \cdot 4}\right)} \quad \overset{B}{P} = P_0 - e^{(-r \cdot t \cdot 4)}$$

$$\overset{C}{P} = P_0 \cdot e^{(-r \cdot \frac{t}{4})}$$

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A bird population starts at 600. It declines continuously at 3% per quarter. After 9 years it has decreased to a certain population.

How would you solve for the final population given this scenario?

A	B
$P = P_0 \cdot e^{(-r \cdot t \cdot 4)}$	$P = P_0 \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-r}{t \cdot 4}\right)}$

6

A bacteria population starts at 600. It declines continuously at 2% per week. After 7 days it has decreased to a certain population.

How would you solve for the final population given this scenario?

$$\overset{A}{P} = P_0 - e^{(-r \cdot t \cdot 7)} \quad \overset{B}{P} = P_0 \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-r}{t \cdot 7}\right)}$$

$$\overset{C}{P} = P_0 \cdot e^{(-r \cdot \frac{t}{7})}$$

7

A whale population starts at 600. It declines continuously at 7% per quarter. After 3 years it has decreased to a certain population.

How would you solve for the final population given this scenario?

$$\overset{A}{P} = P_0 \cdot e^{(-r \cdot t \cdot 4)} \quad \overset{B}{P} = P_0 \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-r}{t \cdot 4}\right)}$$

$$\overset{C}{P} = P_0 - e^{(-r \cdot \frac{t}{4})}$$

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A bird population starts at 600. It declines continuously at 9% per quarter. After 2 years it has decreased to a certain population.

How would you solve for the final population given this scenario?

$$\overset{A}{P} = P_0 \cdot e^{(-r \cdot t \cdot 4)} \quad \overset{B}{P} = P_0 - e^{(-r \cdot \frac{t}{4})}$$

$$\overset{C}{P} = P_0 \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-r}{t \cdot 4}\right)}$$