



Exponential Function Solution Equation - Decay (Discrete) Scenario to Starting Value

1

A toxin starts at a certain concentration. Each monthly dialysis reduces it by 9%. After 6 months it has decreased to a concentration of 397mg/L.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting concentration given this scenario?

A	$C_0 = \frac{397}{(1 - 0.09)^6}$	B	$C_0 = 397 \cdot (1 - 0.09)^6$
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C	$C_0 = \frac{397}{(1 + 0.09)^6}$		
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2

A whale population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent year it declines by 5%. After 3 years it has decreased to a population of 514 whales.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting population given this scenario?

A	$P_0 = 514 \cdot (1 - 0.05)^3$
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B	$P_0 = \frac{514}{(1 - 0.05)^3}$
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3

A bird population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent year it declines by 9%. After 7 years it has decreased to a population of 310.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting population given this scenario?

A	$P_0 = 310 \cdot (1 - 0.09)^7$	B	$P_0 = \frac{310}{(1 + 0.09)^7}$
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C	$P_0 = \frac{310}{(1 - 0.09)^7}$		
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4

A toxin starts at a certain concentration. Each daily dialysis reduces it by 8%. After 4 days it has decreased to a concentration of 644mg/L.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting concentration given this scenario?

A	$C_0 = 644 \cdot (1 - 0.08)^4$	B	$C_0 = \frac{644}{(1 + 0.08)^4}$
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C	$C_0 = \frac{644}{(1 - 0.08)^4}$		
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5

A whale population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent year it declines by 7%. After 8 years it has decreased to a population of 223 whales.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting population given this scenario?

A	$P_0 = \frac{223}{(1 - 0.07)^8}$	B	$P_0 = \frac{223}{(1 + 0.07)^8}$
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6

A bird population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent year it declines by 4%. After 2 years it has decreased to a population of 460.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting population given this scenario?

A	$P_0 = \frac{460}{(1 + 0.04)^2}$	B	$P_0 = 460 \cdot (1 - 0.04)^2$
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C	$P_0 = \frac{460}{(1 - 0.04)^2}$		
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7

A whale population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent year it declines by 8%. After 2 years it has decreased to a population of 338 whales.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting population given this scenario?

A	$P_0 = 338 \cdot (1 - 0.08)^2$	B	$P_0 = \frac{338}{(1 + 0.08)^2}$
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C	$P_0 = \frac{338}{(1 - 0.08)^2}$		
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8

A charitable endowment starts with a certain amount of money. Each daily it disburses 3% of its remaining funds. After 2 days its funds have decreased to \$752.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting cash given this scenario?

A	$P_0 = \frac{752}{(1 - 0.03)^2}$	B	$P_0 = 752 \cdot (1 - 0.03)^2$
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C	$P_0 = \frac{752}{(1 + 0.03)^2}$		
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