



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

1

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

A bird population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent year it declines by 6%. After 7 years it has decreased to a population of 194.

A	$P_0 = \frac{P}{(1-r)^t}$	B	$P_0 = P \cdot (1-r)^t$
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C	$P_0 = \frac{P}{(1+r)^t}$		
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How would you solve for the starting cash given this scenario?

A charitable endowment starts with a certain amount of money. Each year it disburses 5% of its remaining funds. After 3 years its funds have decreased to \$771.

A	$P_0 = P \cdot (1-r)^t$	B	$P_0 = \frac{P}{(1-r)^t}$
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C	$P_0 = \frac{P}{(1+r)^t}$		
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How would you solve for the starting concentration given this scenario?

A toxin starts at a certain concentration. Each weekly dialysis reduces it by 3%. After 2 weeks it has decreased to a concentration of 658mg/L.

A	$C_0 = \frac{C}{(1-r)^t}$	B	$C_0 = \frac{C}{(1+r)^t}$
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C	$C_0 = C \cdot (1-r)^t$		
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How would you solve for the starting population given this scenario?

A bird population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent year it declines by 4%. After 9 years it has decreased to a population of 554.

A	$P_0 = P \cdot (1-r)^t$	B	$P_0 = \frac{P}{(1-r)^t}$
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C	$P_0 = \frac{P}{(1+r)^t}$		
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How would you solve for the starting concentration given this scenario?

A toxin starts at a certain concentration. Each hourly dialysis reduces it by 9%. After 7 hours it has decreased to a concentration of 258mg/L.

A	$C_0 = \frac{C}{(1+r)^t}$	B	$C_0 = \frac{C}{(1-r)^t}$
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C	$C_0 = C \cdot (1-r)^t$		
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How would you solve for the starting population given this scenario?

A whale population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent year it declines by 4%. After 3 years it has decreased to a population of 796 whales.

A	$P_0 = \frac{P}{(1-r)^t}$	B	$P_0 = \frac{P}{(1+r)^t}$
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How would you solve for the starting population given this scenario?

A whale population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent year it declines by 4%. After 6 years it has decreased to a population of 704 whales.

A	$P_0 = \frac{P}{(1-r)^t}$	B	$P_0 = P \cdot (1-r)^t$
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C	$P_0 = \frac{P}{(1+r)^t}$		
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How would you solve for the starting concentration given this scenario?

A toxin starts at a certain concentration. Each weekly dialysis reduces it by 4%. After 7 weeks it has decreased to a concentration of 676mg/L.

A	$C_0 = \frac{C}{(1+r)^t}$	B	$C_0 = C \cdot (1-r)^t$
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C	$C_0 = \frac{C}{(1-r)^t}$		
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