



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

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A charitable endowment starts with \$200. Each weekly it disburses 3% of its remaining funds. After a certain number of weeks its funds have decreased to \$171.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	B
$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1+r)}$	$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1-r)}$

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A whale population starts at 200. Each subsequent year it declines by 7%. After a certain number of years it has decreased to a population of 129 whales.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	B
$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1+r)}$	$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1-r)}$
C	
$t = \frac{\ln P \cdot P_0}{\ln(1-r)}$	

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A whale population starts at 700. Each subsequent year it declines by 5%. After a certain number of years it has decreased to a population of 464 whales.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	B
$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1+r)}$	$t = \frac{\ln P \cdot P_0}{\ln(1-r)}$
C	
$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1-r)}$	

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A whale population starts at 300. Each subsequent year it declines by 9%. After a certain number of years it has decreased to a population of 187 whales.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	B
$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1-r)}$	$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1+r)}$

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A toxin starts at a concentration of 700mg/L. Each monthly dialysis reduces it by 2%. After a certain number of months it has decreased to a concentration of 658mg/L.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

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

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A whale population starts at 400. Each subsequent year it declines by 3%. After a certain number of years it has decreased to a population of 323 whales.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	B
$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1-r)}$	$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1+r)}$
C	
$t = \frac{\ln P \cdot P_0}{\ln(1-r)}$	

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A toxin starts at a concentration of 300mg/L. Each monthly dialysis reduces it by 5%. After a certain number of months it has decreased to a concentration of 244mg/L.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

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

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A bird population starts at 600. Each subsequent year it declines by 5%. After a certain number of years it has decreased to a population of 398.

How would you solve for the time given this scenario?

A	B
$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1-r)}$	$t = \frac{\ln \frac{P}{P_0}}{\ln(1+r)}$
C	
$t = \frac{\ln P \cdot P_0}{\ln(1-r)}$	