



Exponential Function Solving - Growth (Continuous, Mis-matched Time Units) Scenario to Starting Value

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An app starts with a certain number of downloads. Its download count grows continually by 9% each day. After 3 weeks it has 916 downloads.

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

A	B
$A_0 = \frac{A}{e^{\left(\frac{r}{t}\right)}}$	$A_0 = \frac{A}{e^{(r \cdot t \cdot 7)}}$

A rabbit population starts at a certain size. It grows continuously at 8% growth per year. After 9 quarters it has increased to a population of 1,438 rabbits.

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

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

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An app starts with a certain number of downloads. Its download count grows continually by 9% each year. After 5 months it has 940 downloads.

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

A	B
$A_0 = \frac{A}{e^{(r \cdot \frac{t}{12})}}$	$A_0 = \frac{e^{(r \cdot \frac{t}{12})}}{A}$
C	
$A_0 = \frac{A}{e^{\left(\frac{r}{t \cdot 12}\right)}}$	

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A bacteria population starts at a certain size. It grows continuously at 7% growth per year. After 2 days it has increased to a population of 460.

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

A	B
$P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{\left(\frac{r}{t \cdot 365}\right)}}$	$P_0 = \frac{e^{(r \cdot \frac{t}{365})}}{P}$
C	
$P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(r \cdot \frac{t}{365})}}$	

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A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. It grows continuously at 3% interest per year. After 7 months it has \$1,110.

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

A	B
$P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{\left(\frac{r}{t \cdot 12}\right)}}$	$P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(r \cdot \frac{t}{12})}}$

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A social media post starts with a certain number of views. Its view count grows continually by 5% each week. After 4 days it has 366 views.

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

A	B
$V_0 = \frac{e^{(r \cdot \frac{t}{7})}}{V}$	$V_0 = \frac{V}{e^{(r \cdot \frac{t}{7})}}$

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An insect population starts at a certain size. It grows continuously at 8% growth per day. After 2 weeks it has increased to a population of 469.

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

A	B
$P_0 = \frac{e^{(r \cdot t \cdot 7)}}{P}$	$P_0 = \frac{P}{e^{(r \cdot t \cdot 7)}}$

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A credit card starts with a certain amount of debt. It grows continuously at 8% interest per year. After 6 months the debt has grown to \$1,454.

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

A	B
$D_0 = \frac{e^{(r \cdot \frac{t}{12})}}{D}$	$D_0 = \frac{D}{e^{\left(\frac{r}{t \cdot 12}\right)}}$
C	
$D_0 = \frac{D}{e^{(r \cdot \frac{t}{12})}}$	