



Exponential Function Solving - Growth (Discrete, Mis-matched Time Units)

Scenario to Starting Value

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

A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. Each subsequent quarter it earns 6% in interest. After 9 years it has \$1,351.

$$A \quad P_0 = P \cdot (1 + r)^{\frac{t}{4}} \quad B \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 - r)^{t \cdot 4}}$$

$$C \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 + r)^{t \cdot 4}}$$

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

A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. Each subsequent quarter it earns 8% in interest. After 27 months it has \$4,792.

$$A \quad P_0 = P \cdot (1 + r)^{t \cdot 3} \quad B \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 + r)^{\frac{t}{3}}}$$

$$C \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 - r)^{\frac{t}{3}}}$$

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

A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. Each subsequent quarter it earns 4% in interest. After 6 months it has \$885.

$$A \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 + r)^{\frac{t}{3}}}$$

$$B \quad P_0 = P \cdot (1 + r)^{t \cdot 3}$$

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

A credit card starts with a certain amount of debt. Each subsequent month it grows by 4% in interest. After 9 years the debt has grown to \$996.

$$A \quad D_0 = \frac{D}{(1 + r)^{t \cdot 12}} \quad B \quad D_0 = \frac{D}{(1 - r)^{t \cdot 12}}$$

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

A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. Each subsequent month it earns 8% in interest. After 2 years it has \$1,049.

$$A \quad P_0 = P \cdot (1 + r)^{\frac{t}{12}} \quad B \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 + r)^{t \cdot 12}}$$

$$C \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 - r)^{t \cdot 12}}$$

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

A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. Each subsequent month it earns 7% in interest. After 6 years it has \$1,200.

$$A \quad P_0 = P \cdot (1 + r)^{\frac{t}{12}} \quad B \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 - r)^{t \cdot 12}}$$

$$C \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 + r)^{t \cdot 12}}$$

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

A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. Each subsequent quarter it earns 3% in interest. After 24 months it has \$1,219.

$$A \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 - r)^{\frac{t}{3}}} \quad B \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 + r)^{\frac{t}{3}}}$$

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

A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. Each subsequent quarter it earns 6% in interest. After 4 years it has \$378.

$$A \quad P_0 = P \cdot (1 + r)^{\frac{t}{4}} \quad B \quad P_0 = \frac{P}{(1 + r)^{t \cdot 4}}$$