

# 7.3 – Exp & Log Problem Solving

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Useful stuff to know:

## Newton's Law of Cooling:

$$T(t) = T_s + (T_0 - T_s)e^{-kt}$$

$T(t)$  is the **temperature** of the object after time  $t$ .  
 $T_s$  is the temperature of the **surrounding** environment.  
 $T_0$  is the **initial** temperature of the object (at time  $t = 0$ ).  
 $k$  is a constant that changes depending on the **material properties** of the object.  
 $t$  is the amount of **time** (in minutes) that has **passed** since the object began **cooling**.



**Gravity.**  
It's not just a good idea.  
It's the Law.

## Decibel Levels:

$$D(I) = 10 \log\left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right)$$

$D(I)$  is the **decibel level** (loudness) as a function of  $I$ .  
 $I$  is the **intensity of the sound** (watts per square meter).  
 $I_0 = 10^{-12}$  and represents the intensity of the quietest sound a human can hear.



## Earthquake Intensity (Richter Scale):

$$M = \frac{2}{3} \log \frac{E}{E_0}$$

$M$  is the **magnitude of the earthquake**  
 $E$  = **the energy released** by the earthquake (joules)  
 $E_0 = 10^{4.40}$  joules, the energy released by a small reference earthquake



## Rocket Science

$$v = c \ln \frac{W_t}{W_b}$$

$v$  is the **velocity of a rocket at fuel burnout** (when it runs out of fuel)  
 $W_t$  = **the takeoff weight** (fuel, structure and payload)  
 $W_b$  = **burnout weight** (only structure and payload)  $c$  = **exhaust velocity** of the rocket



## Half-Life Decay

$A$  is the **amount at time  $t$**   
 $A_0$  = **the amount at time = 0**  
 $h$  = half-life



$$A = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/h} \text{ or } A_0(2)^{-t/h}$$

## Carbon-14 Dating

$A$  is the **amount after  $t$  years**  
 $A_0$  = **the amount at time = 0**  
 $t$  = time

$$A = A_0 e^{-0.000124t}$$

*The amount of carbon-14 remains constant as long as a plant or animal is alive. Once dead, the organism ceases to take in carbon-14, and the remaining carbon-14 starts to decay. This can be used to date artifacts that are super old, like Bean's jokes.*

## COMPOUND INTEREST

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

$t$  = **time** (years)  $P$  = **principal** (initial investment)  
 $r$  = **annual interest rate**  
 $n$  = the number of times the interest is **compounded** (paid) per year.



## GROWTH AND DECAY MODELS

$$y = a(1 \pm r)^t$$

$t$  = **time**  $a$  = **initial value**  
 $r$  = **rate of change**  
 $+$  = **increase**  $-$  = **decrease**



## CONTINUOUSLY COMPOUNDED INTEREST

$t$  = **time** (years)  $P$  = **principal** (initial investment)  
 $r$  = **annual interest rate**  
 $A$  = **amount in the account**

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

Richter Scale of Earthquake Energy  
 Each level is **10 times stronger** than the previous level

	Description	Occurrence	In Population	Movement
1	Small	Daily	Every minute	Small
2	Small	Daily	Every hour	Small
3	Small	Daily	Every day	Small
4	Small	Daily	Every week	Moderate
5	Moderate	Monthly	Every 10 years	Strong
6	Moderate	Monthly	Every 30 years	Strong
7	Major	Monthly	Every 50 years	Strong
8	Great	Yearly	Every 100 years	Very
9	Great	Yearly	Every 300 years	Very
10	Super	Rarely	Every 1,000 years	Extrema

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10. Bean visits "The New York Metzgerei" for Sully's Saturday special: Grilled Brust-Wurst! We know the Brust-Wurst is cooked at 325°F and the room temperature is 72°F. From the moment it comes off the grill, we wait two minutes and then measure the temperature to be 205°F. How long after taking the Brust-Wurst off of the grill should Bean eat it? (120°F is a safe temperature to eat food.)

**FIND K**

$$T(t) = T_s + (T_0 - T_s)e^{-kt}$$

$T(t) = 205^\circ$      $205 = 72 + (325 - 72)e^{-2k}$      $T(t) = 120^\circ$   
 $T_s = 72^\circ$      $133 = 253e^{-2k}$      $T_s = 72^\circ$   
 $T_0 = 325^\circ$      $\frac{133}{253} = e^{-2k}$      $T_0 = 325^\circ$   
 $k =$      $\ln \frac{133}{253} = -2k$      $k = .3215$   
 $t = 2$      $k = \frac{-1 \ln \frac{133}{253}}{2}$      $t =$

$T(t) = T_s + (T_0 - T_s)e^{-kt}$   
 $120 = 72 + (325 - 72)e^{-.3215t}$   
 $48 = 253e^{-.3215t}$   
 $\frac{48}{253} = e^{-.3215t}$   
 $\ln \frac{48}{253} = -.3215t$

$t = \frac{\ln 48}{.3215} \left( \frac{1}{-.3215} \right)$   
 $t \approx 5.1698 \text{ minutes}$

11. The atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki in 1945 released about  $1.34 \times 10^{14}$  joules of energy. What would be the magnitude of an equivalent earthquake that released that much energy?

(From formula) →

$$M = \frac{2}{3} \log \frac{E}{E_0}$$

$E = 1.34 \cdot 10^{14}$      $M = \frac{2}{3} \log \frac{1.34 \cdot 10^{14}}{10^{4.40}}$   
 $E_0 = 10^{4.40}$      $M \approx 6.4847$

12. How many years will it take \$5,000 to amount to \$8,000 if it is invested at an annual rate of 9% compounded continuously?

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

$A = 8000$      $8000 = 5000e^{.09t}$   
 $P = 5000$      $\frac{8}{5} = e^{.09t}$   
 $r = .09$      $\ln \frac{8}{5} = .09t$   
 $\frac{1}{.09} \ln \frac{8}{5} = t$   
 $5.2222 \approx t$

13. In 2004, archaeologist Al Goodyear discovered a site in South Carolina that contains evidence of the earliest human settlement in North America. Carbon dating of burned plant material indicated 0.2% of the amount of carbon-14 in a sample. How old was the sample?

$$A = A_0 e^{-.000124t}$$

$A = .002$      $.002 = 1 \cdot e^{-.000124t}$   
 $A_0 = 1$      $\ln .002 = -.000124t$   
 $t =$      $\frac{\ln .002}{-.000124} = t$   
 $50,117.8073 \approx t$

Now summarize what you learned!

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