

# EXPONENTIAL GROWTH/DECAY

BIOLOGY:  $P(t)$  = POPULATION OF SHARKS

AT TIME  $t$

NO PREDATORS:  $\frac{dP}{dt} \approx P$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP \quad k = \text{RELATIVE GROWTH RATE}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P \quad \text{GUESS } P(t) = e^t$$

$$(2e^t)' = 2(e^t)' = 2e^t$$

MORE GENERALLY,  $P(t) = Ce^{kt}$  FOR ANY  
CONSTANT  $C$

$$(e^{kt})' = e^{kt} \cdot (kt)' = k e^{kt}$$

$$P(t) = Ce^{kt} \quad \text{SOLVE } \frac{dP}{dt} = kP$$

EX: INITIALLY THERE 100 SHARKS, AND  
 THE ~~GROW~~ RELATIVE GROWTH RATE IS  
 $k = 0.5$ . HOW MANY SHARKS ARE THERE  
 AFTER 5 YEARS?

$$P(t) = C e^{kt} \quad k = 0.5$$

$$P(0) = 100 = C \cdot e^{k \cdot 0}, \quad C = 100$$

$$P(t) = 100 \cdot e^{0.5t}$$

$$P(5) = 100 \cdot e^{2.5}$$

EX: AFTER 1 YEAR, THERE ARE 5 SHARKS  
 AFTER 3 YEARS, THERE ARE 10 SHARKS  
 AFTER 9 YEARS, HOW MANY SHARKS?

$$P(t) = C e^{kt} \quad P(1) = 5, \quad P(3) = 10$$

$$5 = P(1) = C e^k$$

$$10 = P(3) = C e^{3k}$$

$$\frac{10}{5} = \frac{C e^{3k}}{C e^k} \quad \text{DIVIDE}$$

$$2 = e^{2k}$$

$$e^k = \sqrt{2}$$

$$k = \ln \sqrt{2}$$

$$5 = C e^k = C \cdot \sqrt{2}, \quad C = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$P(x) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (e^k)^x = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (\sqrt{2})^x$$

$$P(9) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (\sqrt{2})^9 = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{9}{2}} = 5 \cdot 2^{\frac{9}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} \\ = 5 \cdot 2^4 = 80$$

HALF-LIFE OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

$m(t)$  = MASS OF MATERIAL

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = km, \quad k < 0$$

HALF-LIFE = TIME THAT IT TAKES FOR  
 $m$  TO REDUCE TO HALF

EX: HALF-LIFE IS 1000 YRS

$$m(1000) = \frac{1}{2} m(0)$$

$$m(t) = m(0) \cdot e^{kt}$$

$$m(1000) = m(0) \cdot e^{1000k}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m(0) = m(0) \cdot e^{1000k}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{1000k}$$

$$\ln \frac{1}{2} = 1000k$$

$$k = \frac{\ln \frac{1}{2}}{1000} = -\frac{\ln 2}{1000}$$

EX (NEWTON'S LAW OF COOLING)

$T(t)$  = TEMPERATURE AT TIME  $t$  OF THE OBJECT

$T_e$  = TEMPERATURE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

GUESS:  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T(t) = T_e$

$$\frac{dT}{dt}(t) = k \underbrace{(T(t) - T_e)}_{y(t)}, \quad k < 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (T(t) - T_e) = \frac{dT}{dt} - 0 = \frac{dT}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky \quad y(t) = C e^{kt}$$

$$T(t) = T_e + C e^{kt}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T(t) = T_e$$

Ex:  $T(0) = 100$ ,  $T_e = 50$

$$T(2) = 70$$

Q:  $T(6) = ?$

$$T(x) = T_e + C e^{kt}$$

$$100 = T(0) = 50 + C e^{k \cdot 0} = 50 + C, \quad C = 50$$

$$70 = T(2) = 50 + C e^{2k}$$

$$70 = 50 + 50 e^{2k}$$

$$20 = 50 e^{2k}$$

$$e^{2k} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$e^k = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$$

$$k = \ln \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} < 0$$

$$T(t) = 50 + 50 \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}\right)^t$$

$$T(6) = 50 + 50 \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}\right)^6 = 50 + 50 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 = \dots$$

# ECONOMICS

## COMPUTING INTEREST

$y(t)$  = AMOUNT OF MONEY IN BANK ACCOUNT AT TIME  $t$  (YEARS)

$$y(0) = 5000$$

$$r = \text{INTEREST RATE} = 4\%$$

$$y(3) = ?$$

## YEARLY INTEREST RATE

$$y(1) = 5000 + 5000 \cdot r = 5000(1+r)$$

$$y(2) = 5000(1+r) + 5000(1+r) \cdot r$$
$$= 5000(1+r)^2$$

$$y(3) = 5000(1+r)^3$$

$$y(t) = 5000(1+r)^t$$

## DAILY INTEREST RATES

$$y(1) = 5000 \left(1 + \frac{r}{365}\right)^{365}$$

$$y(t) = 5000 \left(1 + \frac{r}{365}\right)^{365t}$$

# CONTINUOUS INTEREST RATE

$$y(t) = 5000 \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = ?$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^n = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1+h)^{\frac{r}{h}}$$

$$h = \frac{r}{n}, \quad n = \frac{r}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ (1+h)^{\frac{1}{h}} \right]^r = e^r$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 5000 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

$$= 5000 \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^n \right]^t = 5000 (e^r)^t$$

$$= 5000 e^{rt}$$

EX: AFTER 3 YRS.,  $y(3) \approx 5000 \cdot e^{3 \cdot 04}$