

3.8 Exponential growth and decay

Ex1: $f(t) = Ce^{kt}$

$$f' = Cke^{kt} = kf(t)$$

(global relation)

OR

Ex2: $y(t) = Ce^{kt}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$$

(local relation)

Theorem:

All the solution of the differential equations such that $f'(t) = kf(t)$ are in the form $f(t) = Ce^{kt}$

Proof: assuming $f(t) > 0$

Ex3: $f'(t) = 5f(t); f(2) = 3$

$$f'(t) = kf(t)$$

$$f(t) = Ce^{5t}; 3 = Ce^{10}; f(t) = \frac{3}{e^{10}}e^{5t}$$

$$f'(t) \div f(t) = k$$

using the

$$e^{\ln f} = kt + b = Ce^{kt}$$

theorem stated above

General Solutions

$y = Ce^{kt}$ and $C \neq 0, k > 0$ = growth and $C \neq 0, k < 0$ = exponential decay.

Ex3: $y(t) = \# \text{ cells at time } t$

$$y(0) = 2000$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 0.01y; \text{ local relation}$$

$$y(t) = Ce^{0.01t}; y(t) = 2000e^{0.01t}$$

$$2 = e^{0.01t}; 100 \ln(2) = t$$

when there are 4000 cells.

Ex4: $y(t) = \# \text{ Pu}^{241} \text{ atoms}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -0.048y; \text{ local relation}$$

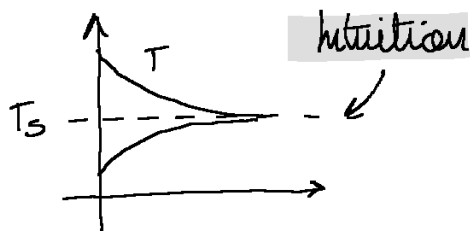
$$y(t) = Ce^{-0.048t}; \frac{1}{2} = e^{-0.048t}$$

$$\frac{\ln(1/2)}{-0.048} = t; \text{ is when Pu}^{241} \text{ is at its half life.}$$

Newton's law of Cooling

$T(t)$ = temperature at t

T_s = temp at surroundings



The rate of cooling is proportional to the temperature difference b/w the object and its surroundings.

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_s)$$

After integration you get: $T(t) = Ce^{-kt} + T_s$ ← global Rule

Ex 5 Temperature:

$$T_0 = 80^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{room } T = 16^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T(10) = 20^\circ\text{C}$$

then T after 15 mins

$$T(t) = Ce^{-kt} + 16^\circ\text{C}$$

$$80 = C + 16 \Rightarrow C = 64$$

$$T(t) = 64e^{-kt} + 16^\circ\text{C}$$

$$20^\circ\text{C} = 64e^{-k(10)} + 16^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\ln(1/16) = -k(10)$$

$-k = \ln(16)$ then calc

$$T(1/4) = 64e^{-k(1/4)} + 16 = 48$$

use calculator

please (mental math)

Continuously Compounded interest:

Current balance: \$100

interest rate: 20%

$$\text{annually: } \$120 = \$100(1 + 0.20) = \$120$$

$$\text{bi-annual: } \$ = \$100(1 + 0.2/2)^2$$

$$\text{quarterly: } \$ = \$100(1 + 0.2/4)^4$$

$$\text{continuous: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 100(1 + 0.2/n)^n = 100e^{0.2}$$

A_0 = principle or initial

r = interest rate

n = compounded times

$$A_0(1 + \frac{r}{n})^t; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = A_0e^{rt}$$

↑
compounded
continuously