

Growth & decay models

□ Pass out H/O.

For any quantitative problem:

- 1) Identify appropriate model.
- 2) Apply the model to the problem.
- 3) Solve the modeled problem.
- 4) Interpret solution.

Problem where the ^{time} rate of change of some quantity is proportional to the level of that quantity are well-modeled by

$$y(t) = a e^{kt}$$

where

t = time

$y(t)$ = quantity of interest at time t

$a = y(0)$

k = constant ($-k$ used for decay)

□ Soln to ODE

Important relation:

- If $y = e^x$, then $x = \ln y$.
I.e., \ln is inverse function for exp.

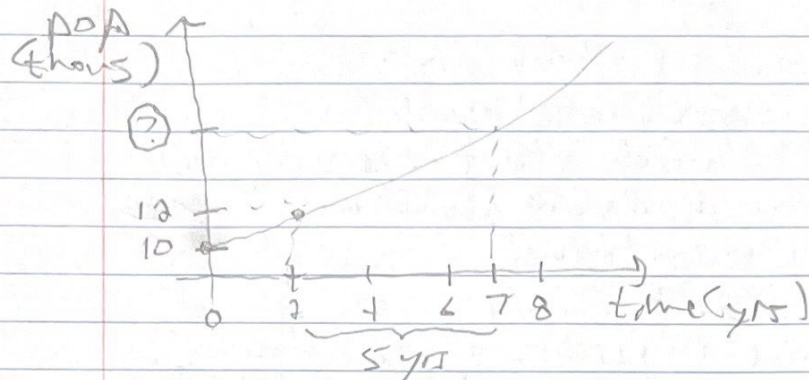
Recall rules for logarithms:

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(a \cdot b) &= \ln a + \ln b \\ \ln a^b &= b \ln a\end{aligned}$$

Rules for exponents:

$$\begin{aligned}e^{a+b} &= e^a e^b \\ e^{ab} &= (e^a)^b\end{aligned}$$

Problem 1



1) Model: $y(t) = a e^{kt}$

2) Apply:

t = time in yrs

from pop at 10k

$y(t) = \text{pop at } t$

$a = y(0) = 10000$

(?) k unknown

3) Solve: i) for k , ii) for $y(7)$.

i) $y(2) = y(0) e^{k \cdot 2}$

$12000 = 10000 e^{k \cdot 2} \Rightarrow 1.2 = e^{k \cdot 2}$

$\ln(1.2) = \ln(e^{k \cdot 2}) = k \cdot 2 \ln(e) = k \cdot 2$

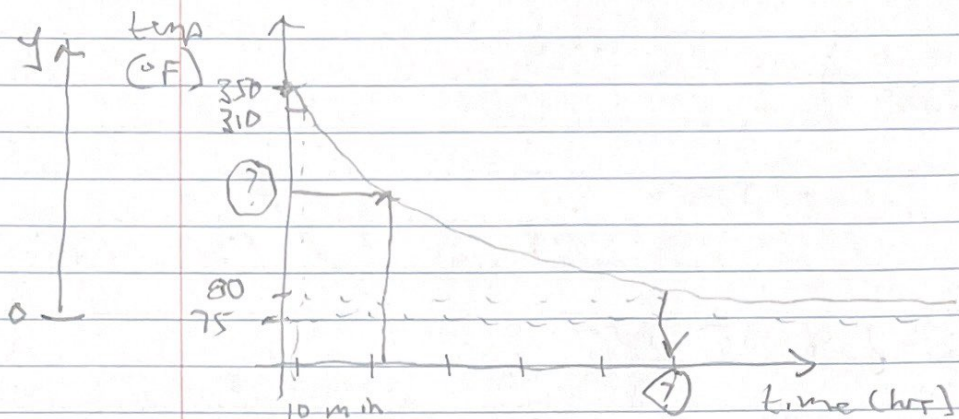
$\Rightarrow k = \ln(1.2) / 2 (\approx 0.09161)$

ii) $y(7) = y(0) e^{\frac{\ln(1.2) \cdot 7}{2}}$
compute
 $= \underline{18929}$

4) Interpret

5 years from now, the town population is forecast to be 18929 people.

Problem 2



1) Model $y(t) = a e^{-kt}$

2) Apply

t = time in hrs

$y(t)$ = °F above ambient

$a = y(0) = 350$

3) Solve: i) for k

ii) part (a) iii) part (b)

i) $y(1/6) = y(0) e^{-k \cdot 1/6}$

$k = 6 \ln \left(\frac{350 - 75}{210 - 75} \right) = 6 \ln \left(\frac{275}{135} \right) \approx 1.943$

≈ 1.943

ii) $y(7/6) = \underbrace{y(0)}_{\text{compute}} e^{-k \cdot 7/6}$

$= 91.5$

$\Rightarrow \text{temp} = 91.5 + 75 = 166^\circ \text{F}$

$$(ii) \quad y(t) = (250 - 75) e^{-kt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{350 - 75} \right) = e^{-kt}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = -\ln \left(\frac{5}{350 - 75} \right) / k$$

$$= 4.25 \text{ hrs}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{time from now} = \boxed{4 \text{ hrs } 5 \text{ min}}$$

4) Interpret

a. The temp in an hour will be $\sim 166^\circ\text{F}$.

b. To cool to 40°F will take $\sim 4 \text{ hr } 5 \text{ min}$.