# Decay law in radioactivity

Rate of disintegration is proportional to number of radioactive atoms at a instant

Mathematical representation of statement of decay law in radioactivity

$$\frac{dN}{dt}\alpha N$$

Derivation for expression of decay equation in radioactivity

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$$\frac{dN}{dt}\alpha N$$

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$$\frac{dN}{N} = -\lambda dt$$

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$$\int_{N_0}^{N} \frac{dN}{N} = -\lambda \int_0^t dt$$

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$$\log_e(N) - \log_e(N_0) = \lambda t$$

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$$\log_e(\frac{N}{N_0}) = -\lambda t$$

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$$\frac{N}{N_0} = e^{-\lambda t}$$

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$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

**Expression for decay equation in radioactivity** 

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$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

Nature of graph of decay equation

Exponential

## Representation of graph of decay equation

[ Illustration Missing ]

Exponential

## **Decay constant in radioactivity**

Rate of decay per unit radioactive atom at a instant

## **Expression for decay constant in radioactivity**

$$\lambda = -\frac{\frac{dN}{dt}}{N}$$

## Decay constant in terms of time at radioactivity

Reciprocal of time at 37 percentage of radioactive atoms

## Derivation for decay constant from decay equation in radioactivity

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$$\lambda = \frac{1}{t}$$

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$$N = N_0 e^{-1}$$

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$$N = 0.37N_0$$

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$$N = 37\%$$
of $N_0$