

Math 1050 ~ College Algebra

20 Applications of Exponentials and Logarithms

$$\begin{aligned} -3x + 4y &= 5 \\ 2x - y &= -10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^m k = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n z^k = \frac{1 - z^{n+1}}{1 - z}$$

Learning Objectives

- Use compound interest formulas to solve financial applications.
- Solve applications of uninhibited growth and decay.
- Solve additional applications represented by exponential and logarithmic models.

Simple, Compound and Continuously Compounded Interest

Ex 1: If you invest \$100 at a yearly interest rate of 5%, show how it will grow during the first five years.

$$r = 0.05$$

	<u>Simple Interest</u>	<u>Compound Interest</u>
$t=1$	$(100 + 0.05(100)) = \$105$	$100 + 0.05(100) = \$105$
$t=2$	$100(1 + 2(0.05)) = \$110$	$100(1 + 0.05)^2 = \$110.25$
$t=3$	$100(1 + 3(0.05)) = \$115$	$100(1 + 0.05)^3 = \$115.76$
$t=4$	$100(1 + 4(0.05)) = \$120$	$100(1 + 0.05)^4 = \$121.55$
$t=5$	$100(1 + 5(0.05)) = \$125$	$100(1 + 0.05)^5 = \$127.63$
$t=100$	$100(1 + 100(0.05)) = \$600$	$100(1 + 0.05)^{100} = \$13,150.13$

Compound Interest (once per year): $A = P(1+r)^t$

Ex 2: How much must you invest at age 40 so that you will have a million dollars by the time you retire at 70? Assume an interest rate of 7% compounded annually.

$$r = 0.07, P = ?, t = 30, A = \$1,000,000$$

$$1000000 = P(1 + 0.07)^{30}$$

$$\frac{1000000}{1.07^{30}} = P$$

$$P = \$131,367.12$$

one lump sum deposit

In general, the formula for compound interest is

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

A = balance after t years

P = principal

r = annual interest rate

t = number of years

n = number of times it is compounded per year

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

Ex 3: Show the difference between compounding one time per year and twelve times per year when investing \$1000 at 5% interest for 10 years.

$P = 1000, r = 0.05, t = 10$

① $n = 1$

$$A = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.05}{1} \right)^{1(10)}$$
$$\approx \$1,628.89$$

② $n = 12$

$$A = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.05}{12} \right)^{10(12)}$$
$$\approx \$1,647.01$$

Ex 4: What if the compounding on example 3 is continuous?

$r = 0.05, P = 1000, t = 10$

$$A = 1000 \left(e^{0.05(10)} \right)$$
$$\approx \$1,648.72$$

Formula for continuous compounding:

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

Exponential Growth and Decay

$$A(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$$

is the general formula for the exponential growth or decay of a substance.

$k > 0$ growth; $k < 0$ decay

A_0 read "A naught" (value of A when $t=0$)

Ex 5: The Half-life of radium (^{226}R) is 1620 years. What percent of the radium will still be present after 150 years?

step 1 compute k.

$$\frac{1}{2} A_0 = A_0 e^{1620k}$$
$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{1620k}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1620k$$

$$k = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{1620} \approx -0.000428$$

step 2

$$A = A_0 e^{-0.000428t}$$

$$A = ? \text{ when } t = 150 \text{ yrs}$$

$$A = A_0 e^{-0.000428(150)}$$

$$\approx 0.938 A_0$$

$$\Rightarrow 93.8\%$$

Ex 6: A certain strain of dangerous bacteria is known to grow from 1000 to 5000 in 5 hours. Assume it grows according to the formula above.

points (t, A)

1 $(0, 1000)$ 2 $(5, 5000)$

$$A = A_0 e^{kt}$$

a) Determine k , the growth constant and find a formula for the growth, $A(t)$.

(expect $k > 0$) $A_0 = 1000 \Rightarrow A = 1000 e^{kt}$

use pt 2 to find k.

$$5000 = 1000 e^{k(5)}$$
$$5 = e^{5k}$$

$$\ln 5 = 5k$$

$$k = \frac{\ln 5}{5} \approx 0.32189$$

b) When will the number present be 12,000?

$$t = ? \text{ when } A = 12000$$

$$A = 1000 e^{0.32189t}$$

$$12000 = 1000 e^{0.32189t}$$

$$12 = e^{0.32189t}$$

$$\ln 12 = 0.32189t$$

$$t = \frac{\ln 12}{0.32189} \approx \boxed{7.72 \text{ hours}}$$

Ex 7: A car that is priced at \$25,000 new, is worth \$15,000 after two years.

- a) Find the linear model of depreciation. $V = mt + b$ points (t, V)
 b) Find the exponential model of depreciation. $V = ae^{kt}$ ① $(0, 25000)$
 c) Sketch a graph of the two models. ② $(2, 15000)$
 d) Determine the value of the car at the end of five years for each of the models.

(a) $V = mt + 25000$
 $m = \frac{25000 - 15000}{0 - 2} = -5000$

$V = -5000t + 25000$

(b) $V = ae^{kt}$ a = 25000
(a = V_0)

$V = 25000e^{kt}$
 $15000 = 25000e^{k(2)}$

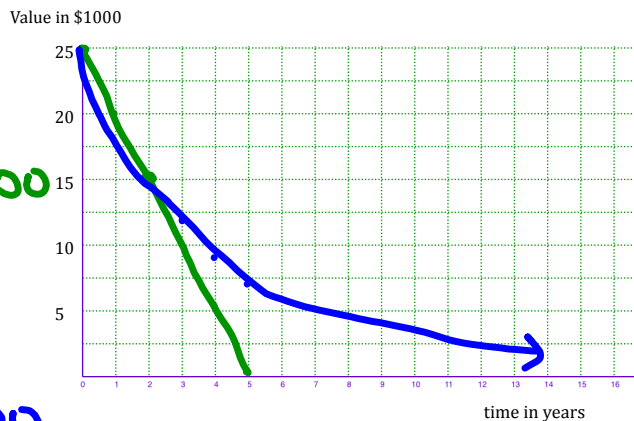
$0.6 = e^{2k}$

$\ln 0.6 = 2k$

$k = \frac{1}{2} \ln 0.6$

$k \approx -0.2554$

$V = 25000e^{-0.2554t}$



line: $V = -5000t + 25000$

exp. curve: $V = 25000e^{-0.2554t}$

(d) $V = -5000(5) + 25000$
 line: $V = 0$

exp: $V = 25000e^{-0.2554(5)}$

$V \approx \$6,971.37$