

1) Write an exponential equation for each situation described. (For the problems below use the non-continuous form unless continuous growth or decay is explicitly stated.)

a) A population is 12,000 and is increasing at a rate of 0.15% annually.

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$$y = 12000 (1.0015)^x \quad [2]$$

b) A population 3,000 and is decreasing at a rate of 4% every two years.

$$y = 3000 (.96)^{x/2} \quad [2]$$

c) The population is 95,681 and is increasing continuously at a rate of 6%.

$$y = 95,681 e^{.06x} \quad [2]$$

d) The population 300,000 and is decreasing continuously at a rate of 0.5%.

$$y = 300,000 e^{-.005x}$$

e) A bank account is opened with an initial investment of \$5,000 and an interest rate of 1.3% compounded monthly.

$$y = 5000 \left(1 + \frac{.013}{12}\right)^{12x}$$

f) A bank account is started with a \$5,000 deposit and the interest rate is 1.1% compounded continuously.

$$y = 5000 e^{.011x}$$

g) The value of an investment started with \$800 dollars is tripling every 15 years.

$$y = 800 (3)^{x/15}$$

h) The initial population of bacteria 4 is doubling 3 times per hour.

$$y = 4_0 (2)^{3x} \quad \text{or} \quad 4(2)^{3x}$$

2) The exponential function below is defined by the following sets of data points.

Determine the values of a and y_0 .

x	y
3	736
6	588.8
9	471.04

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$$y = y_0 (a)^{x/3}$$

$$a = 0.8$$

$$y_0 = 920$$

3) College tuition costs are increasing at an exponential rate. In 1980 the average cost for a year of college was \$3,500. In 2016 (36 years later) it was \$32,000.

a) Write a non-continuous exponential function representing the cost of a year of college since 1980 as a function of time in years.

[3]

x	y
0	3500
36	32,000

$$\frac{32,000}{3500} = 9.14285714...$$

$$\frac{64}{7}$$

$$y = 3500 \left(\frac{64}{7}\right)^{x/36}$$

or $y = 3500(9.143)^{x/36}$

b) Use your equation to determine the average annual (1 year) percent increase in the cost of a college during this the 36 year period. (Round to two decimal places.)

[1]

$$y = 3500(1.0634)^x$$

6.34%

$-\frac{1}{2}$ if find 1.0634 but say 1.06%

4) During the ten year period from 2005 to 2015 the population in New Jersey increased by 4.5%. Assume that the population can be modeled as a non-continuous exponential function. At this growth rate, determine how long it will take New Jerseys population to double. (Round to two decimal places.)

[3]

$$y = y_0(1.045)^{x/10}$$

$$2 = (1.045)^{x/10}$$

$$\log_{1.045} 2 = \frac{x}{10}$$

$$10 \log_{1.045} 2 = x$$

157.47

157 years

Extra credit: Use log or ln to solve for x in the following equation. Round all answers to the nearest thousandth (3 decimal places). Show your work on a separate piece of paper!!!

Solve for x: $250e^{-0.01x} = 10(1.01)^{\frac{x}{2}}$

+1 $25e^{-0.01x} = 1.01^{\frac{x}{2}}$

$$\ln 25 + -0.01x = \frac{x}{2} \ln 1.01$$

$$x \left(\frac{1}{2} \ln 1.01 + 0.01\right) = \ln 25$$

$x = 214.948$