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Continuous Growth and natural logarithms

Objective - use e and the natural logarithm to model continuous growth.

WHAT IF IT'S COMPOUNDED CONTINUOUSLY?!

that means it's compounded constantly, every second or everyday!

Lets see what happens if we invest \$1, with an interest rate of 100% over the course of one year....

How often compounded	Computation $(A = P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^{nt})$
Yearly ($n=1$)	$A = 1(1 + \frac{1}{1})^1 = 1(2) = 2$
Biannually ($n=2$)	$A = 1(1 + \frac{1}{2})^2 = 1(1.5)^2 = 2.25$
Quarterly ($n=4$)	$A = 1(1 + \frac{1}{4})^4 = 1(1.25)^4 = 2.441$
Monthly ($n=12$)	$A = 1(1 + \frac{1}{12})^{12} = 1(1.08333)^{12} = 2.613$
Daily ($n=365$)	$A = 1(1 + \frac{1}{365})^{365} = 1(1.0027)^{365} = 2.715$
Hourly ($n=8760$)	$A = 1(1 + \frac{1}{8760})^{8760} = 1(1.000114)^{8760} = 2.718$
every minute ($n=525600$)	$A = 1(1 + \frac{1}{525600})^{525600} = 2.7183...$

*As you can see the more often we compound interest, the closer this number gets to...

2.71828247254

(we call this e (similar to the idea of π))

- Its so important it even has its own logarithm!!!

$$\log_e x = \ln x$$

* \ln stands for natural logarithm

ex) $\log_e 5 = \ln(5)$ ← lets have $x=5$

$$\frac{\log(5)}{\log(e)} = \ln(5)$$

← find \ln right below the \log button and find e by pressing 2^{nd} , \ln ($e = e^1$)

$$1.609 = 1.609 \quad \checkmark$$

* We use continuous growth or decay to represent.....

- 1) interest
- 2) population
- 3) rate of dissolving
- 4) cooling and heating
- 5) radioactive decay

continuous growth/decay formula:

$$A = P e^{rt}$$

amount in account → A
start value/amount deposited → P
 r ← growth/decay rate (decimal)
 t ← time (years)

Example) I put $\$1500$ into a savings account that gets 4% interest that compounds continuously

$$r = 4\% = 0.04$$

$A = Pe^{rt}$
formula!

- Write a function:

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

$$= 1500e^{0.04t}$$

- How much will be in the account after 10 years? ($t=10$)

$$A = 1500e^{0.04(10)}$$

$$= 1500e^{0.40}$$

$$= \$2237.74$$

Can find e by pressing 2nd, LN on graphing calculator!

- How long will it take for the account to double? ($A=3000$)

$$A = 1500e^{0.04t}$$

$$\frac{3000}{1500} = \frac{1500e^{0.04t}}{1500}$$

$$2 = e^{0.04t}$$

$$e^{0.04t} = 2$$

← rewrite to turn into logarithm!

$$\log_e 2 = 0.04t \quad \leftarrow \log_e X = \ln X$$

$$\ln(2) = 0.04t$$

$$\frac{0.693}{0.04} = \frac{0.04t}{0.04}$$

$17.33 = t \leftarrow$ It will take 17.33 years for your money to double!

Example) On July, 1999 the world population reached

$P=6$ 6 billion people and was growing exponentially.

The rate of growth was 1.21%

$$r = 1.21\% = 0.0121$$

Population =
continuously
compounded
 $A = Pe^{rt}$

- Write a function:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= Pe^{rt} \\ &= 6e^{0.0121t} \end{aligned}$$

- Based on this model, what was the world population on July 18, 2008?

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 6e^{0.0121(9)} \\ &= 6e^{0.1089} \end{aligned}$$

(how much time has passed from 1999 to 2008?)

$$t = 2008 - 1999 = 9$$

$= 6.69 \leftarrow$ around 6.69 billion people!

- When will the world population reach 7 billion?

$$(A=7)$$

$$\frac{7}{6} = \frac{6e^{0.0121t}}{6}$$

$$\frac{7}{6} = e^{0.0121t}$$

$$e^{0.0121t} = \frac{7}{6} \leftarrow$$

rewrite to turn into logarithm

$$\log_e \frac{7}{6} = 0.0121t \leftarrow \log_e X = \ln X$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{7}{6}\right) = 0.0121t$$

$$\frac{0.15415}{0.0121} = \frac{0.0121t}{0.0121}$$

$$12.74 = t \leftarrow$$

It will take 12.74 years past 1999 to reach 7 billion!

Example) If $600g$ of a radioactive substance are present initially and 3 years later only $300g$ remain, how much of the substance will be present after 6 years? How about 10 years?

~~function~~ function: $A = Pe^{rt}$ \leftarrow dealing with radioactive substance

$$\frac{300}{600} = \frac{600e^{r(3)}}{600}$$

\leftarrow solving for the decay rate!

$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{r(3)}$$

$$e^{3r} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\log_e \frac{1}{2} = 3r$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 3r$$

$$\frac{-0.693}{3} = \frac{3r}{3}$$

$$-0.23 = r \leftarrow$$

negative because it is decaying!

$$A = 600e^{-0.23t}$$

- After 6 years? ($t=6$)

$$A = 600 e^{-0.23(6)}$$

$$= 600 e^{-1.38}$$

$$= 150.947 \text{ g}$$

← amount left over!

- After 10 years? ($t=10$)

$$A = 600 e^{-0.23(10)}$$

$$= 600 e^{-2.3}$$

$$= 60.155$$

← amount left over!