

## Further exponential growth and decay

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21 The number  $N$  of animals in a population at time  $t$  years is given by  $N = 100 + Ae^{kt}$  for constants  $A > 0$  and  $k > 0$ . Which of the following is the correct differential equation?

(A)  $\frac{dN}{dt} = k(N - 100)$

(B)  $\frac{dN}{dt} = -k(N + 100)$

(C)  $\frac{dN}{dt} = -k(N - 100)$

(D)  $\frac{dN}{dt} = k(N + 100)$

22 A bowl of soup at temperature  $T^\circ\text{C}$ , when placed in a cooler environment, loses heat according to the law  $\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_0)$  where  $t$  is the time elapsed in minutes and  $T_0$  is the temperature of the environment in degrees Celsius. A bowl of soup at  $96^\circ\text{C}$  is left to stand in a room at a temperature of  $18^\circ\text{C}$ . After 3 minutes the soup cools down to  $75^\circ\text{C}$ . What is the value of  $k$  correct to 4 decimal places?

(A) 0.0784

(B) 0.0856

(C) 0.1046

(D) 0.1236

23 A bottle of water has a temperature of  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and is placed in a refrigerator whose temperature is  $2^\circ\text{C}$ . The cooling rate of the bottle of water is proportional to the difference between the temperature of the refrigerator and the temperature  $T$  of the bottle of water. This is expressed by the equation  $\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - 2)$  where  $k$  is a constant of proportionality and  $t$  is the number of minutes after the bottle of water is placed in the refrigerator. After 20 minutes in the refrigerator the temperature of the bottle of water is  $10^\circ\text{C}$ . What is the value of  $k$  in the above equation?

(A)  $k = -\frac{1}{20} \log_e \frac{9}{4}$

(B)  $k = -\frac{1}{10} \log_e \frac{4}{9}$

(C)  $k = \frac{1}{20} \log_e \frac{9}{4}$

(D)  $k = \frac{1}{10} \log_e \frac{4}{9}$

24 A piece of hot metal is placed in a room with a surrounding air temperature of  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and allowed to cool. It loses heat according to Newton's law of cooling,  $\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - A)$  where  $T$  is the temperature of the metal in degrees Celsius at time  $t$  minutes,  $A$  is the surrounding air temperature and  $k$  is a positive constant. After 6 minutes the temperature of the metal is  $80^\circ\text{C}$ , and after a further 2 minutes it is  $50^\circ\text{C}$ . What is the value of  $k$  in the above equation?

(A)  $k = 2 \log_e 0.5$

(B)  $k = 2 \log_e 2$

(C)  $k = \frac{\log_e 0.5}{2}$

(D)  $k = \frac{\log_e 2}{2}$

25 Broccoli is cooked by immersing it in boiling water. On being removed, the broccoli cools in the air according to the equation  $\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_0)$  where  $t$  is time in minutes,  $T$  is temperature in  $^\circ\text{C}$  and  $T_0$  is the temperature of the air, while  $k$  is a positive constant. If the temperature of the boiling water is  $100^\circ\text{C}$  and that of the air is a constant  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , what are the values of  $A$  and  $k$  if a broccoli cools to  $70^\circ\text{C}$  in 3 minutes?

(A)  $A = 25$  and  $k = -\frac{1}{3} \log_e 0.6$

(B)  $A = 25$  and  $k = \frac{1}{3} \log_e 0.6$

(C)  $A = 75$  and  $k = -\frac{1}{3} \log_e 0.6$

(D)  $A = 75$  and  $k = \frac{1}{3} \log_e 0.6$

26 An ingot of aluminium is placed in a room with a surrounding air temperature of  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and allowed to cool. It loses heat according to Newton's law of cooling,  $\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - A)$  where  $T$  is the temperature of the metal in degrees Celsius at time  $t$  minutes,  $A$  is the surrounding air temperature and  $k$  is a positive constant. The initial temperature of the aluminium is  $1350^\circ\text{C}$ . After 10 minutes the temperature of the aluminium is  $720^\circ\text{C}$ . What total time elapses for the aluminium to cool to  $50^\circ\text{C}$ ?

(A) 60.35 minutes

(B) 61.53 minutes

(C) 64.52 minutes

(D) 65.28 minutes

27 The original temperature of a body is  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the temperature of the surroundings is  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the body cools to  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$  in 10 minutes. What is the approximate temperature after 20 minutes? Assume Newton's law of cooling.

- (A)  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$
- (B)  $51^{\circ}\text{C}$
- (C)  $52^{\circ}\text{C}$
- (D)  $53^{\circ}\text{C}$

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	Solution	Criteria
21	$N = 100 + Ae^{kt}$ or $Ae^{kt} = N - 100$ $\frac{dN}{dt} = Ake^{kt}$ $= kAe^{kt}$ $= k(N - 100)$	1 Mark: A
22	$T = T_0 + Ae^{-kt}$ satisfies the equation $\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_0)$ When $t = 0, T = 96, T_0 = 18$ so $A = 78$ $T = 18 + 78e^{-kt}$ Also $t = 3$ and $T = 75$ $75 = 18 + 78e^{-3k}$ $e^{-3k} = \frac{57}{78}$ $-3k = \log_e \frac{57}{78}$ $k = -\frac{\log_e \frac{57}{78}}{3}$ $= 0.1045525196 \approx 0.1046$	1 Mark: C
23	$T = 2 + Ae^{-kt}$ satisfies the equation $\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - 2)$ Initially $t = 0$ and $T = 20$ $T = 2 + Ae^{-kt}$ $20 = 2 + Ae^{-k \times 0}$ $A = 18$ Also $t = 20$ and $T = 10$ $T = 2 + 18e^{-kt}$ $10 = 2 + 18e^{-k \times 20}$ $e^{-k \times 20} = \frac{8}{18}$ $-20k = \log_e \frac{4}{9}$ $k = -\frac{1}{20} \log_e \frac{4}{9}$ $= \frac{1}{20} \log_e \frac{9}{4}$	1 Mark: C

24	$T = A + Be^{-kt}$ satisfies the equation $\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - A)$ $A = 20$ (surrounding air temperature). Also $t = 6$ and $T = 80$ $T = 20 + Be^{-kt}$ $80 = 20 + Be^{-k \times 6}$ $Be^{-6k} = 60 \dots\dots\dots(1)$ Also $t = 8$ and $T = 50$ $T = 20 + Be^{-kt}$ $50 = 20 + Be^{-k \times 8}$ $Be^{-8k} = 30 \dots\dots\dots(2)$ Eqn (1) $\div$ (2) $\frac{Be^{-6k}}{Be^{-8k}} = \frac{60}{30}$ $e^{2k} = 2$ $2k = \log_e 2$ $k = \frac{\log_e 2}{2}$	1 Mark: D
25	$T = T_0 + Ae^{-kt}$ satisfies the equation $\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_0)$ with $T_0 = 25$ Initially $t = 0$ and $T = 100$ $100 = 25 + Ae^{-k \times 0}$ $A = 75$ Also $t = 3$ and $T = 70$ $70 = 25 + 75e^{-k \times 3}$ $e^{-k \times 3} = \frac{45}{75}$ $-3k = \log_e 0.6$ $k = -\frac{1}{3} \log_e 0.6$	1 Mark: C

26	<p><math>T = A + Be^{-kt}</math> satisfies the equation <math>\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - A)</math></p> <p><math>A = 25</math> (surrounding air temperature). Also <math>t = 0</math> and <math>T = 1350</math></p> $T = 20 + Be^{-kt}$ $1350 = 25 + Be^{-k \times 0}$ $B = 1325$ <p>Also <math>t = 10</math> and <math>T = 720</math></p> $720 = 25 + 1325e^{-k \times 10}$ $e^{-10k} = \frac{695}{1325}$ $-10k = \log_e \frac{139}{265}$ $k = -\frac{1}{10} \log_e \frac{139}{265} = 0.064525589\dots$ $50 = 25 + 1325e^{-0.064525589\dots t}$ $e^{-0.064525589\dots t} = \frac{25}{1325}$ $-0.064525589\dots t = \log_e \frac{25}{1325}$ $t = \log_e \frac{25}{1325} \div -0.064525589\dots = 61.53 \text{ minutes}$	1 Mark: B
27	<p><math>T = 20 + Ae^{-kt}</math> satisfies the equation <math>\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - 20)</math></p> <p>Initially <math>t = 0</math> and <math>T = 100</math></p> $T = 20 + Ae^{-kt}$ $100 = 20 + Ae^{-k \times 0}$ $A = 80$ <p>Also <math>t = 10</math> and <math>T = 70</math></p> $T = 20 + 80e^{-kt}$ $70 = 20 + 80e^{-k \times 10}$ $e^{-k \times 10} = \frac{50}{80}$ $-10k = \log_e \frac{5}{8}$ $k = -\frac{1}{10} \log_e \frac{5}{8} = \frac{1}{10} \log_e \frac{8}{5} \approx 0.047$ <p>When <math>t = 20</math></p> $T = 20 + 80e^{-0.047 \times 20}$ $= 51.25 \approx 51$	1 Mark: B