

Math 10560, Worksheet 2
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1. Calcisfunium-127 decays exponentially with a half life of 40 years. Suppose we have a 100-mg sample.

(a) Find the mass that remains after t years.

Solution:

Exponential decay satisfies the formula $m(t) = m_0 e^{kt}$, where $m(t)$ is the mass in mg after t years. The half life means we have the equation:

$$\frac{1}{2}m_0 = m_0 e^{40k}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{40k}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 40k$$

Giving that our decay constant is $k = \frac{1}{40} \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$, and so

$$m(t) = 100e^{\frac{t}{40} \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = 100e^{\ln\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{40}}\right)} = 100\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{40}}$$

(b) How much of the sample remains after 100 years?

Solution:

We see that $m(100) = 100\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{100}{40}} = 100\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{5}{2}} \approx 17.67$ mg.

(c) After how long will only 1 mg remain?

Solution:

We need to solve for $m(t) = 1$ mg, giving:

$$1 = 100e^{\frac{t}{40} \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$\frac{1}{100} = e^{\frac{t}{40} \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{100}\right) = \frac{t}{40} \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{100}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{t}{40}$$

And so $t = 40 \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{100}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = 40 \frac{\ln 100}{\ln 2} \approx 265.75$ years.

2. Given $f(x) = (\sqrt{x} - 2)^{\log_3 x}$, find the equation of the tangent line to $f(x)$ at $x = 9$.

Solution:

To find the tangent line, we need to know the slope and find a point on the line. At $x = 9$, we have that $f(9) = 1^{\log_3 9} = 1^2 = 1$, giving the point $(9, 1)$ on the line.

To find the slope, we need $f'(9)$, for which we use logarithmic differentiation.

$$\ln f(x) = \ln \left((\sqrt{x} - 2)^{\log_3 x} \right)$$

$$\ln f(x) = \log_3 x \ln (\sqrt{x} - 2)$$

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} f'(x) = \frac{1}{(\ln 3)x} \ln (\sqrt{x} - 2) + \log_3 x \frac{\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{x} - 2}$$

Substituting in $x = 9$, we see:

$$\frac{1}{f(9)} f'(9) = \frac{1}{(\ln 3)9} \ln (\sqrt{9} - 2) + \log_3 9 \frac{\frac{1}{2}9^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{9} - 2}$$

$$f'(9) = \frac{1}{(\ln 3)9} \ln 1 + 2 \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

So we have the equation of the tangent line is:

$$y - 1 = \frac{1}{3}(x - 9)$$

3. Evaluate $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2} \ln 5} \frac{e^{2x}}{1 + e^{2x}} dx$.

Solution:

Performing the substitution $u = 1 + e^{2x}$, $du = 2e^{2x}$, we have that:

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2} \ln 5} \frac{e^{2x}}{1 + e^{2x}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_2^6 \frac{1}{u} du = \frac{1}{2} \ln u \Big|_2^6 = \frac{1}{2} (\ln 6 - \ln 2) = \frac{1}{2} \ln 3$$

4. Use implicit differentiation to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $x + \log_2 y = 3^{x+y}$.

Solution:

Taking the derivative of both sides of the equation with respect to x gives:

$$\begin{aligned}1 + \frac{1}{(\ln 2) y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= (\ln 3) 3^{x+y} \left(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}\right) \\1 + \frac{1}{(\ln 2) y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= (\ln 3) 3^{x+y} + (\ln 3) 3^{x+y} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{1}{(\ln 2) y} \frac{dy}{dx} - (\ln 3) 3^{x+y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= (\ln 3) 3^{x+y} - 1 \\ \left(\frac{1}{(\ln 2) y} - (\ln 3) 3^{x+y}\right) \frac{dy}{dx} &= (\ln 3) 3^{x+y} - 1 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(\ln 3) 3^{x+y} - 1}{\frac{1}{(\ln 2) y} - (\ln 3) 3^{x+y}}\end{aligned}$$