

# Math 3313: Exponential growth and decay

(1) (*Based on Sec. 1.8 #9*)

- (a) An organism living in a pond reproduces at a rate  $r_1$  proportional to the population size. Organisms also die off at a rate  $r_2$  proportional to the population size. Formulate and solve the differential equation for the biomass of organisms in the pond if initially there is 1 kg.
- (b) How long will it take for the biomass in the pond to triple.
- (c) Suppose that in addition to normal birth and death process, organisms are continuously added at a rate of  $k$  g/yr. Now how long does it take for the biomass to double?

(2) (*Based on Sec. 1.8 #10*)

- (a) A bacteria population is reproducing in a large vat of nutrients according to an exponential growth law that would cause the population to double in 0.5 h. However, bacteria are continuously siphoned off at a rate of 5 g/h. Initially, there are 10 g of bacteria. How many bacteria are there after 2 hours?
- (b) What should the rate of siphoning bacteria be for the population to remain at equilibrium of 10 g?

(3) (*Based on Sec. 1.8 #19*)

A radioactive isotope sits unused in the laboratory for 10 years at which time it is found to contain only 80% of the original amount.

- (a) What is the half-life of the material.
- (b) How many additional years will it be when only 10% of the original amount remains?

(4) (*Based on Sec. 1.8 #27*)

(Assume continuous compounding.) You invest \$2000 in an account that pays 6% annually on the amount in excess of \$500.

- (a) Formulate and solve the appropriate differential equation to determine the amount you have after 10 years?
- (b) When does your balance double?
- (c) Suppose during the 10 year period you make withdrawals at the constant annualized rate of \$200 / year. Now how much money do you have after 10 years?
- (d) Suppose that you invest/deposit additional funds into the account at the time dependent rate of  $d(t) = 1 + \cos(\frac{24\pi}{t})$  (\$/ year) (there is a peak deposit every month). Determine (but do not solve) the differential equation for this case?