



Homework 5.1 – Exponential Growth and Decay

1. (1 pt) [alfredLibrary/AUCI/chapter5/lesson1/quiz-exponentials2pet.pg](#)

Use the properties of exponents to complete the following.

(a) The expression $\frac{e^x}{e^{8+x}}$ can be written in the form $e^{f(x)}$, where the exponent $f(x)$ is a function of x . Find $f(x)$.

$$f(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

(b) The expression $(2^{8x})^{4x}$ can be written in the form $2^{g(x)}$, where the exponent $g(x)$ is a function of x . Find $g(x)$.

$$g(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

(c) The expression $8^{2x-1}8^{2-4x}$ can be written in the form $8^{h(x)}$, where the exponent $h(x)$ is a function of x . Find $h(x)$.

$$h(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

2. (1 pt) [alfredLibrary/AUCI/chapter5/lesson1/radioactive1pet.pg](#)
A certain radioactive material decays in such a way that the mass remaining (in grams) after t years is given by the function

$$m(t) = 90e^{-0.03t}$$

(a) The initial mass is _____ grams.

(b) The amount remaining after 40 years is _____ grams.

(c) The decay rate for this material (as a nonnegative percentage) is _____

3. (1 pt) [alfredLibrary/AUCI/chapter5/lesson1/poultry2pet.pg](#)
World poultry production was 77.2 million tons in the year 2004 and increasing at a continuous rate of 1.6% per year. Assume that this growth rate continued.

(a) Write an exponential model $P(t)$ for world poultry production in million tons, where t is years since 2004.

$$P(t) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

(b) Use your model to estimate world poultry production in the year 2014.

Production = _____ million tons (Round to the nearest 0.001.)

4. (1 pt) [alfredLibrary/AUCI/chapter5/lesson1/asthma1pet.pg](#)
The number of asthma sufferers in the world was about 84 million in 1990 and 130 million in 2001. Let N represent the number of asthma sufferers (in millions) worldwide t years after 1990.

(a) Write N as a linear function of t .
(HINT: You are given two points. Use them to find the slope-intercept equation of the line.)

$$N(t) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ million people.}$$

(b) How many asthma sufferers are predicted worldwide in the year 2014 with the linear model? Round to the nearest 0.01 million people.

_____ million people.

(c) Write N as a discrete exponential function of t of the form $N(t) = A(1+r)^t$.
(HINT: You will need to find $(1+r)$, where r is the rate. Use $N(11) = 130$ and the initial value $N(0) = 84$ to find it.)

$$N(t) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ million people.}$$

(d) How many asthma sufferers are predicted worldwide in the year 2014 with the exponential model? Round to the nearest 0.01 million people.

_____ million people.

5. (1 pt) [alfredLibrary/AUCI/chapter5/lesson1/explimit1pet.pg](#)
Compute each of the following limits at infinity. If your answer is ∞ or $-\infty$, then enter 'inf' or '-inf,' respectively. (HINT: First evaluate the limit of the exponent in the exponential function.)

$$(a) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (12e^{-0.1t} + 13) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$(b) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (14e^{0.45t} - 9) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$