

In the example of doubling rice each day (see video) we had a "doubling time" of one day and an initial amount of 1 grain of rice.

Terms: $f(t) = y_0 e^{rt}$

initial amount (points to y_0)
 base of exponential (often e , but can be other numbers as well) (points to e)
 growth rate (points to r)

Generalize $y_0 b^{rt}$

Amount of rice	Days
1	0
2	1
$2^2 = 4$	2
$2^3 = 8$	3
$2^4 = 16$	4
$2^5 = 32$	5
$2^6 = 64$	6
$2^7 = 128$	7

→ Pattern
 on the t^{th} day,
 we need 2 grains of rice ← exponential

Ex: Consider $f(t) = 2^t$

Write in form

$$g(t) = y_0 e^{rt}$$

Trick: $2^t = e^{\ln(2^t)}$

$$e^{a+b} = e^a e^b$$

$$\ln(2) \approx 0.693$$

$$= e^{\ln(2)t} = 1 e^{0.693t}$$

↑ initial amount of 1
↑ growth rate of 0.693

How does doubling time relate to growth rate?

$$f(t) = y_0 e^{rt}$$

← at time $t=0$, initial pop of y_0

At what value of t will the population double?
 $2y_0$

Solve for t :

$$2y_0 = y_0 e^{rt} \rightarrow 2 = e^{rt} \rightarrow \ln(2) = rt \rightarrow t = \frac{\ln(2)}{r}$$

↑ double the pop.

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Ex: Suppose $f(t) = 3e^{0.01t}$
What is the doubling time?

$$b = 3e^{0.01t}$$

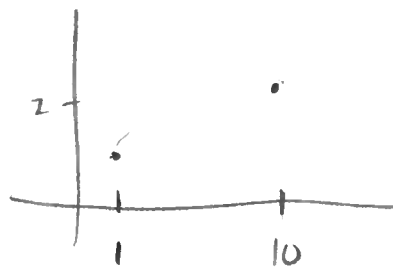
$$2 = e^{0.01t} \rightarrow \frac{\ln(2)}{0.01} = t \approx 69.31$$

Ex: $f(t) = 6000e^{0.01t}$
What is doubling time?

$$12000 = 6000e^{0.01t}$$

$$2 = e^{0.01t}$$

$$\rightarrow t \approx 69.31$$



Ex: $f(t) = 200e^{0.005t}$
What is doubling time?

$$400 = 200e^{0.005t}$$

$$2 = e^{0.005t} \rightarrow t = \frac{\ln(2)}{0.005} \approx 138.62$$

Ex: Given a doubling time of $T=30$
What is growth rate?

$$f(t) = y_0 e^{rt}$$

$$2y_0 = f(30) = y_0 e^{30r}$$

$$\ln(2) = 30r$$

$$r = \frac{\ln(2)}{30}$$

We arrived at two formulas:

$$\text{doubling time} = \frac{\ln(2)}{\text{growth rate}}$$

$$\text{growth rate} = \frac{\ln(2)}{\text{doubling time}}$$

