

# Applications of Exponential Equations

- \*  $y = ar^x$  - this is the general form of exponential equations.
- $a$  = initial value
- $r$  = rate of increase/decrease per period
- $x$  = number of periods
- $y$  = final value

$\log_{(x)}(y)$

$y = P_f/P_i$

$x = r$

**Ex 4:**  $P_f = P_i \cdot r^{(2.77 \cdot 1.)}$   $\rightarrow 1.25 = 1.0277^t$   
 plus 25%  $\left\{ \frac{125}{100} = \frac{100 \cdot (1.0277)^t}{100} \right\} \rightarrow \log_{1.0277}(1.25) = 8.2 = t$

**Ex 13:**  $\frac{85\,000}{50\,000} = \frac{50\,000}{50\,000} r^{24} \rightarrow 1.7 = r^{24}$  2% monthly interest  
 $\rightarrow \sqrt[24]{1.7} = \sqrt[24]{r^{24}} = 1.02 = r$

**Ex 19:**  $m_f = m_i \cdot 0.5^{\frac{t}{HL}}$

$\frac{580}{600} = \frac{600}{600} (0.5)^{\frac{HL}{HL}}$

$0.96 = (0.5)^{\frac{15}{HL}} \rightarrow \log_{(0.5)}(0.96)^{\frac{15}{HL}} = 0.058 = \frac{15}{HL} \cdot HL$

$\frac{0.058 HL}{0.058} = \frac{15}{0.058}$

half life = 258.62

• If log isn't given, use 10

## Earth quakes

example 4:  $M = \log \frac{A}{A_0}$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A \leftarrow \text{Amplitude} \\ A_0 \leftarrow \text{Corrected amplitude} \end{array} \right.$

$A/A_0 = 107.3 \rightarrow M = \log_{10}(107.3) = 2.03$

b)  $0.1 = \log_{(10)} \frac{A}{A_0}$  (to opposite log, make the 10 the base on both sides)  
 $10^{0.1} = 10^{\log_{(10)} \frac{A}{A_0}}$

$1.26 \cdot 10^7 = \frac{A}{A_0}$

c)  $7.9 = \log_{(10)} \frac{A}{A_0} \rightarrow 10^{7.9} = 10^{\log_{(10)} \frac{A}{A_0}} \rightarrow 79\,432\,823 = \frac{A}{A_0}$

$3.2 = \log_{(10)} \frac{A}{A_0} \rightarrow 10^{3.2} = 10^{\log_{(10)} \frac{A}{A_0}} \rightarrow 1\,584 = \frac{A}{A_0}$

compare:  $79\,432\,823 = 50\,146.98$

1584

times bigger

$I = 10^{R_f - R_0}$

$R_f$  = big earth-  
quakes richter #

$R_0$  = small earth-  
quakes richter #

Comparison