

Math-3A

Lesson 1-9

Modeling Cooling with the Exponential Function

What is the equation of the graph? $g(x) = ab^x + k$

1) horizontal asymptote

$$y = 1$$

$$g(x) = ab^x + k$$

$$k = 1$$

$$y = ab^x + 1$$

2) y-intercept $(0, 4)$

Substitute $(0, 4)$ into the equation.

$$4 = ab^0 + 1 \quad a = 3$$

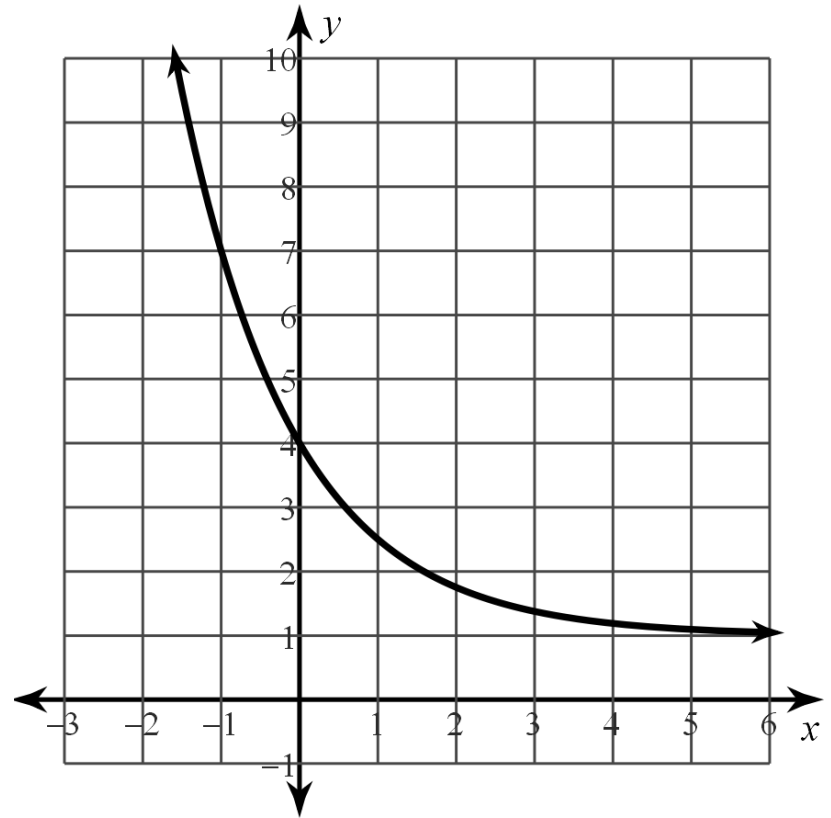
$$y = 3b^x + 1$$

3) "Nice" x-y pair $(-1, 7)$

Substitute $(-1, 7)$ into the equation.

$$7 = 3b^{-1} + 1$$

$$y = 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x + 1$$



$$6 = 3b^{-1}$$

$$2 = b^{-1}$$

$$2 = \frac{1}{b}$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$g(x) = ab^x + k$$

1) Horizontal Asymptote: $y = 0$

$$g(x) = ab^x + \underbrace{(k)}_{k=0}$$

Equation: $y = ab^x$

2) y-intercept: $(0,3)$

$$3 = ab^0 \quad a = 3$$

Equation: $y = 3b^x$

3) An x-y pair (preferably with $x = 1$)

$(2, 15)$

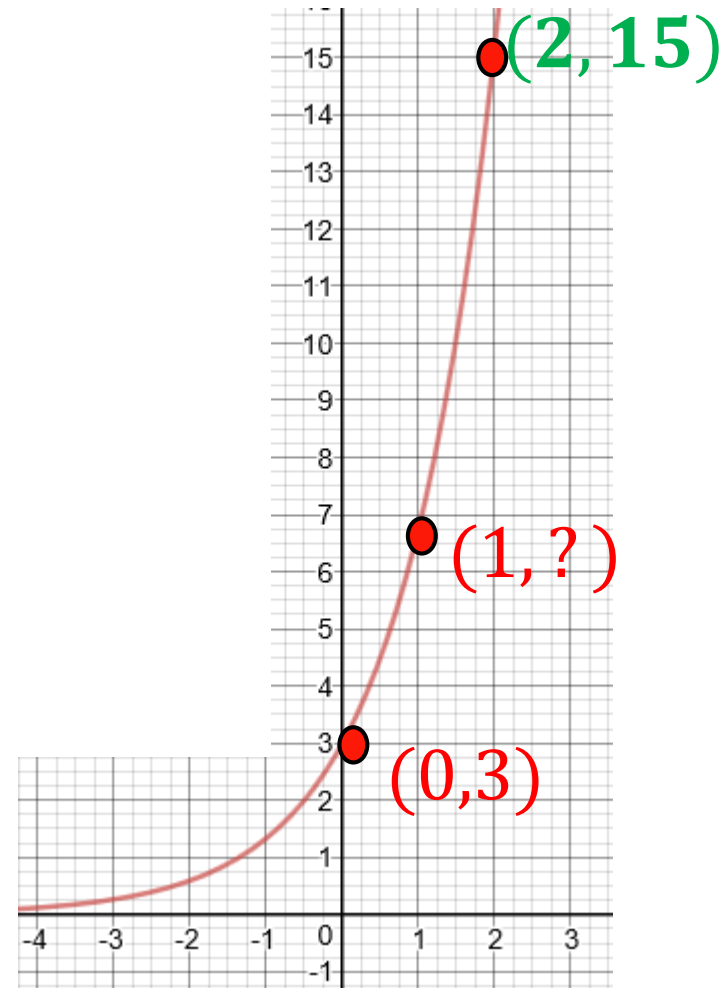
$$15 = 3b^2$$

$$5 = b^2$$

$$\sqrt{b^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$b = 2.236$$

$$y = 3(2.236)^x$$



$$g(x) = ab^x + k$$

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$$(3, 10)$$

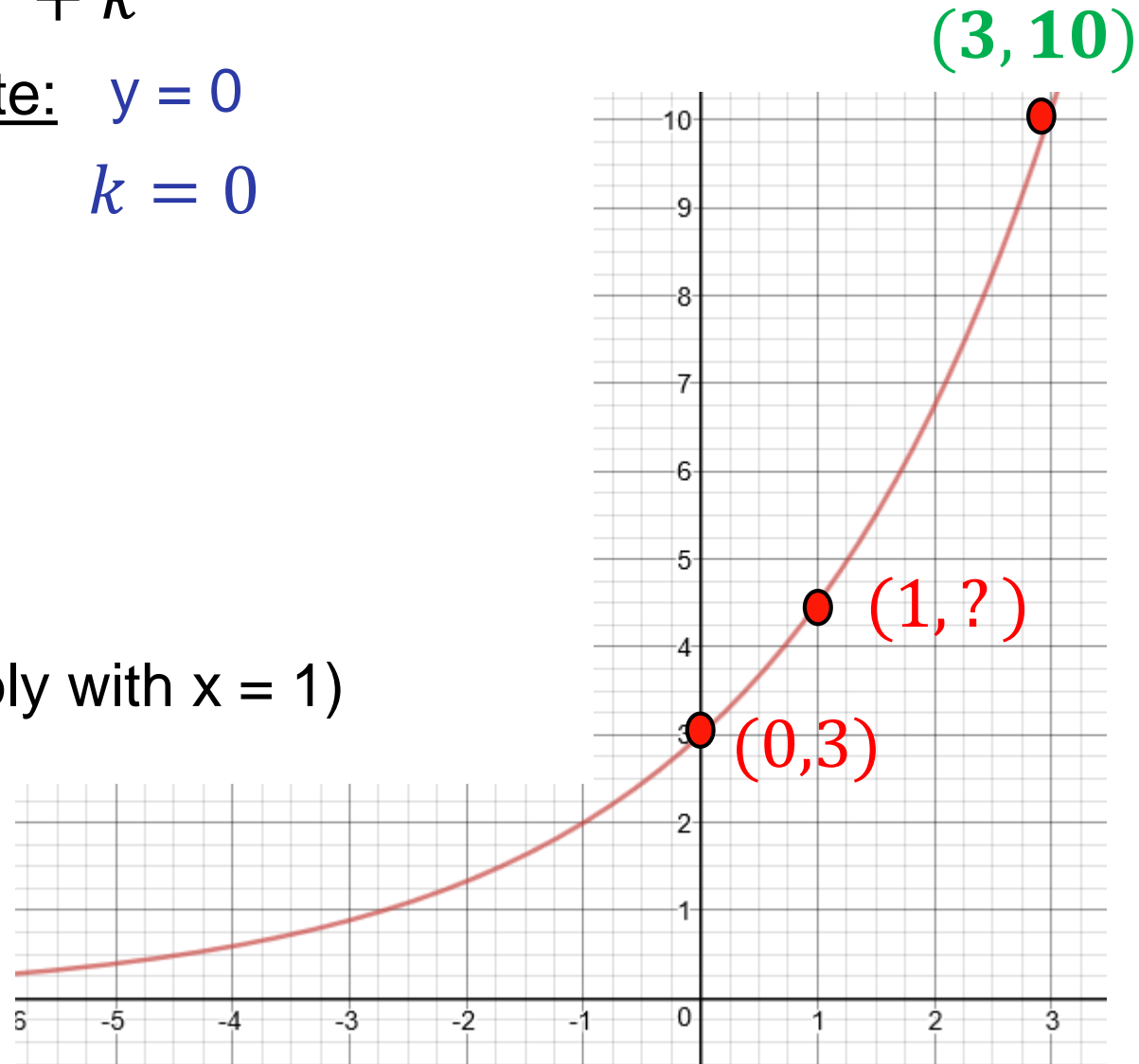
$$10 = 3b^3$$

$$3.333 = b^3$$

$$\sqrt[3]{b^3} = \sqrt[3]{3.33333}$$

$$b = 1.4938$$

$$y = 3(1.4938)^x$$



Quantity: a category of measurements in the real world.

Unit of Measure: the unit that is used to measure a quantity.

Examples of
quantities:

Height

Weight

Temperature

Examples of
units of measure:

(Height) → inches, feet, miles

(Weight) → pounds, kilograms

(Temperature) → degrees Fahrenheit
or Celsius

Rate: the change of one quantity compared to the change in another quantity using a fraction.

In pure mathematics we would call this a slope.

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \textit{slope}$$

Rate: (a ratio of quantities) becomes a new quantity.

$$\frac{\Delta \text{temp}}{\Delta \text{time}} = \text{heatup/cooldown rate}$$

Suppose boiling water (212° F) is taken off the stove to cool in a room that is at 70 F..

Your turn: draw a graph of what you think the temperature will look like as time passes by (temperature as a function of time).

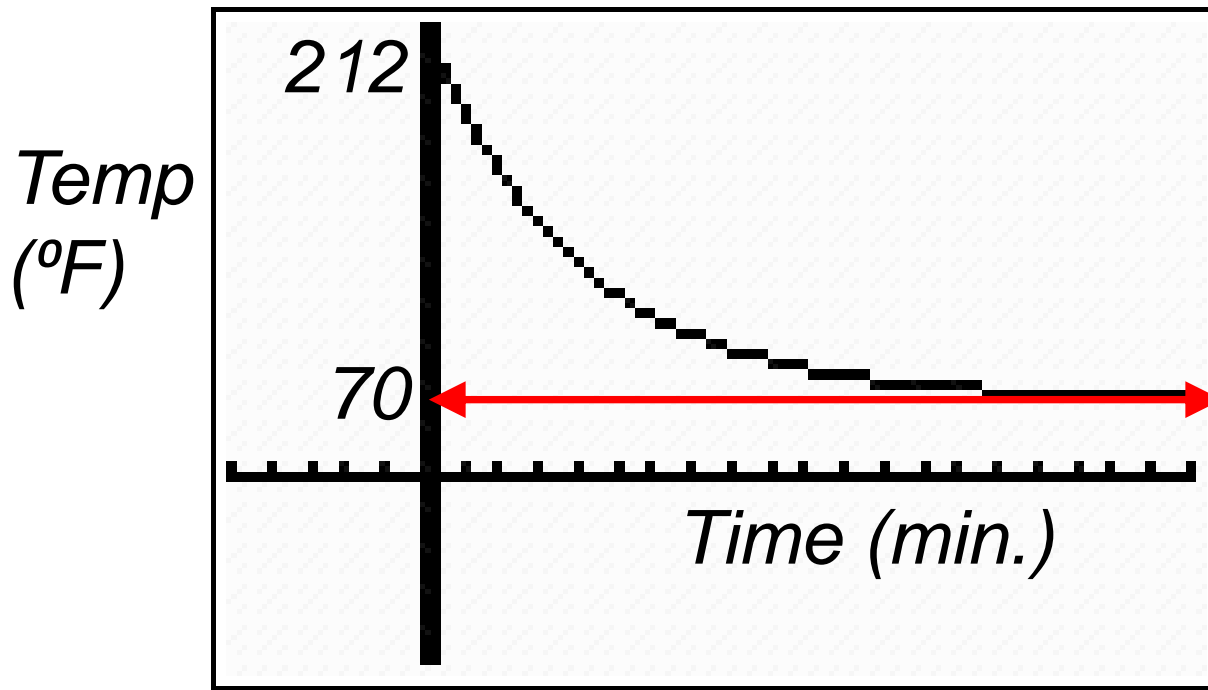
Label the x-axis and y-axis with quantity and unit of measure

At what temperature does it start?

Does the temperature go down forever?

What temperature will the water end up at?

Will it take hours, or minutes, or seconds to cool down?

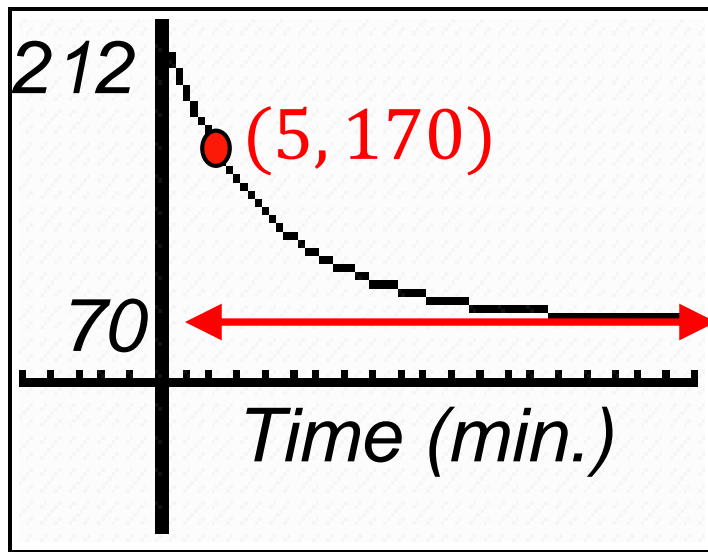


$$T(t) = ab^t + k$$

← *VSF* (points to a)
← *Growth (decay) factor* (points to b)
← *Horizontal asymptote* (points to k)

Initial Value: the y-intercept

Temp
(°F)



Step 3: need an x-y pair to plug in

After 5 minutes, the temperature is 170 F. $\rightarrow (5, 170)$

$$170 = 142b^5 + 70$$

$$100 = 142b^5$$

$$\frac{100}{142} = b^5$$

$$b^5 = 0.704$$

$$T(t) = ab^t + k$$

Step 1: horizontal asymptote

$$k = 70$$

$$T(t) = ab^t + 70$$

Step 2: y-intercept $\rightarrow (0, 212)$

$$212 = ab^0 + 70$$

$$a = 212 - 70 = 142$$

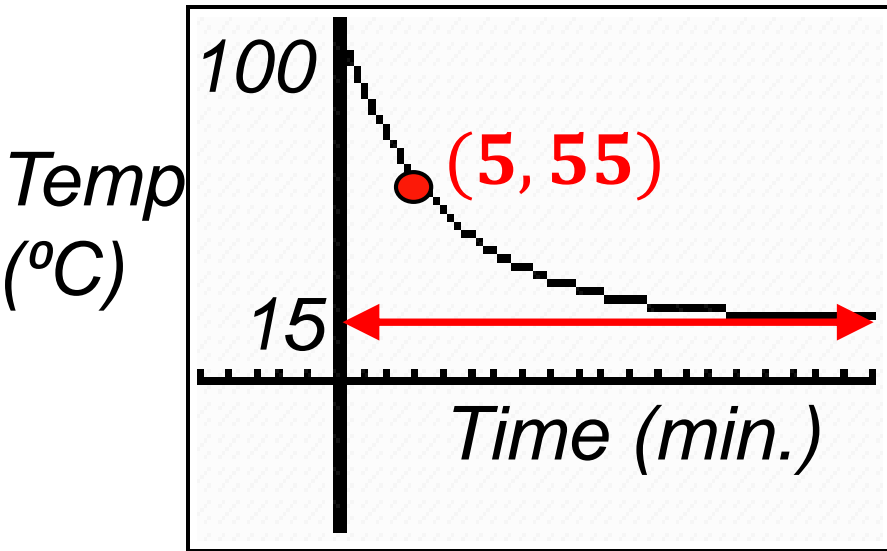
$$T(t) = 142b^t + 70$$

$$\sqrt[5]{b^5} = \sqrt[5]{0.704}$$

$$b = 0.932$$

$$T(t) = 142(0.932)^t + 70$$

A hard-boiled egg at temperature 100°C is placed in 15°C water to cool. Five minutes later the temperature of the egg is 55°C . What will be the temperature after 10 minutes?



$$T(t) = ab^t + k$$

Step 1: horizontal asymptote

$$k = 15$$

$$T(t) = ab^t + 15$$

Step 2: y-intercept $\rightarrow (0, 100)$

$$100 = ab^0 + 15$$

$$a = 100 - 15 = 85$$

$$T(t) = 85b^t + 15$$

Step 3: an x-y pair to plug in $\rightarrow (5, 55)$

$$55 = 85b^5 + 15$$

$$40 = 85b^5$$

$$\frac{40}{85} = b^5$$

$$b^5 = 0.471$$

$$\sqrt[5]{b^5} = \sqrt[5]{0.471}$$

$$b = 0.86$$

$$T(t) = 85(0.86)^t + 15$$

$$T(10) = 85(0.86)^{10} + 15$$

$$T(10) = 33.8^{\circ}\text{C}$$

When will the temperature reach 20 C?

$$T(t) = 85(0.86)^t + 15$$

Solve by graphing

Step 1: graph your equation

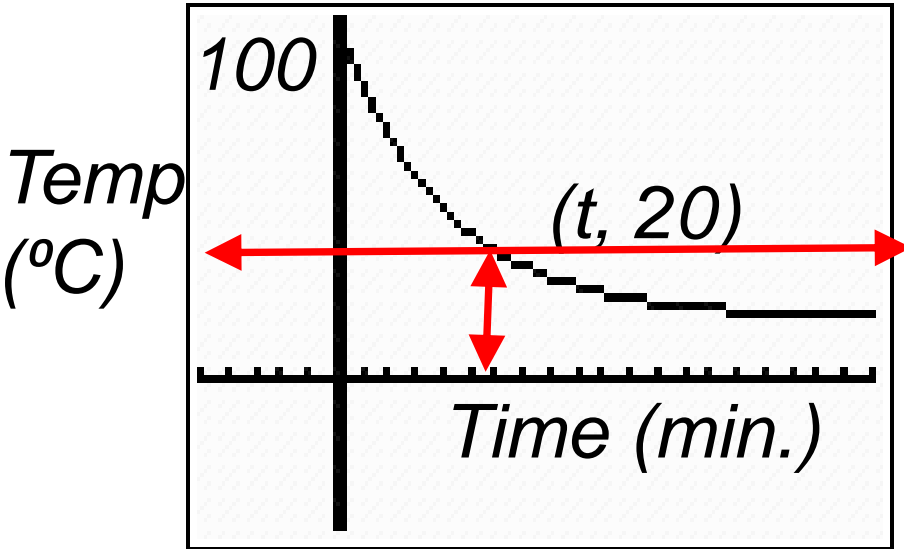
$$y = 85(0.86)^x + 15$$

Step 2: graph the equation

$$y = 20$$

Step 3: find the point of intersection

Time = 18.8 minutes



Money in a bank account grows exponentially. The equation for the growth of money is:

$$A(t) = A_0 (1 + r)^t$$

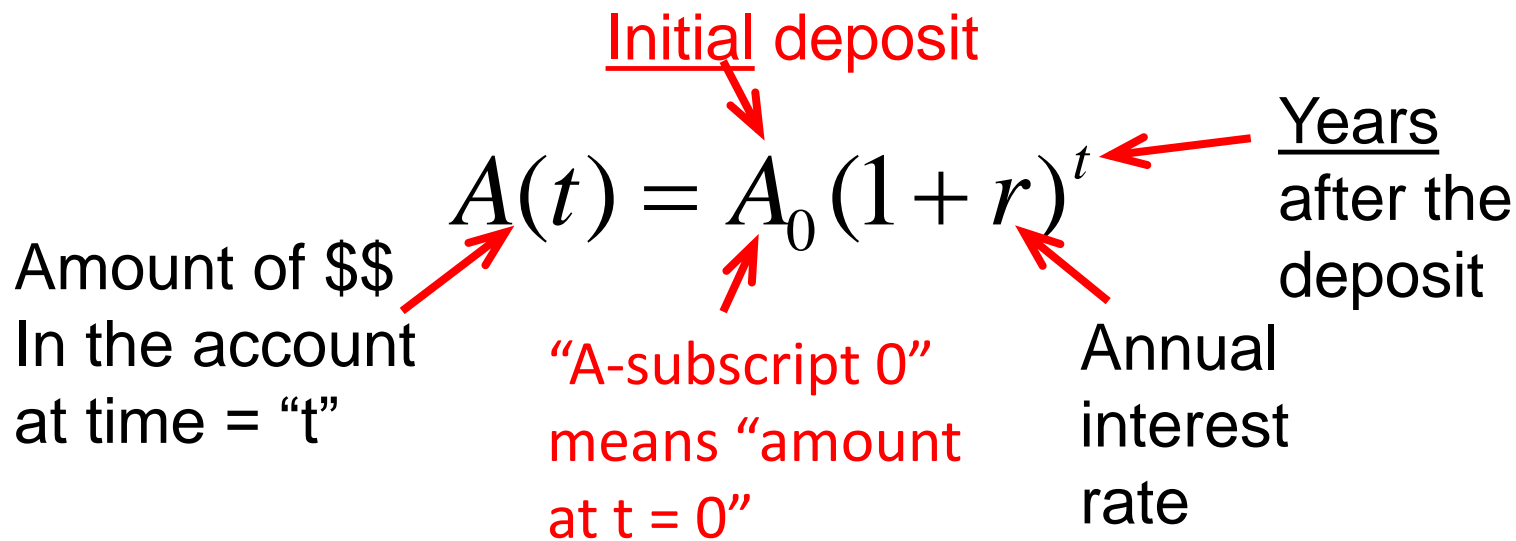
Amount of \$\$
In the account
at time = "t"

Initial deposit

"A-subscript 0"
means "amount
at t = 0"

Annual
interest
rate

Years
after the
deposit



A \$100 initial deposit in a bank account grows at a rate of 3% per year. What is the equation to predict the value of the account in "t" years?

$$A(t) = \$100(1.03)^t$$

A bank gives you 3% interest per year. If they pay you (for the privilege of using your money) at the end of the year, what will be the growth factor for the year?

$$(1 + 0.03) = 1.03$$

The exponential growth function will be: $A(t) = A_0(1.03)^t$

A bank gives you 5% interest per year. If they pay you (for the privilege of using your money) at the end of the year, what will be the growth factor for the year?

$$(1 + 0.05) = 1.05$$

The exponential growth function will be: $A(t) = A_0(1.05)^t$

A bank pays 3% interest per year, and they pay you each month, what is the monthly interest rate?

$$\frac{0.03}{\cancel{\text{year}}} * \frac{\cancel{\text{year}}}{12 \text{ months}} \rightarrow \frac{0.03}{12 \text{ month}} \rightarrow \frac{0.03}{12} \text{ per month}$$
$$\rightarrow 0.0025 \text{ per month}$$

A bank pays 5% interest per year, and they pay you each month, what is the monthly interest rate?

$$0.05 \text{ per year} \rightarrow \frac{0.05}{12} \text{ per month} \rightarrow 0.0042 \text{ per month}$$

The exponential growth equation for money in a bank for account where the bank pays you more frequently than at the end of the year is:

Amount of \$\$ in the account as a function of time

$$A(t) = A_0(1 + r/k)^{k*t}$$

Initial value

Annual interest rate

Years after the deposit

of times the bank pays you each year

“Compounding period” → the number of times the bank pays you each year.

“A bank pays 3% per year compounded monthly.”

$$A(t) = A_0(1 + 0.03/12)^{12*t}$$

Values of “k”	
Words to look for	K
Annually	1
Semi-annually	2
Quarterly	4
Monthly	12
Daily	365