

Mathematics 122

Quiz #36

Name: Key

You must show your work to get full credit.

Let S be the mass in grams of a colony of bacteria and t the time in hours since the colony was formed. Assume that the colony grows at a rate proportion to its size.

(1) Write a differential equation for S .

1 pt

Equation is: $\frac{dS}{dt} = kS$

where k is a constant of proportionality

(2) Write the general solution to this equation.

1 pt

$S(t) = \underline{S(0)e^{kt} \text{ grams}}$

(3) If $S = .001$ when $t = 0$ and $S = .005$ when $t = 2$ find $S(t)$.

2 pts

Then $S(0) = .001$. So

$$S(t) = .001 e^{kt}$$

$$S(2) = .001 e^{2k} = .005$$

$$e^{2k} = 5$$

$$S(t) = .001 e^{.8047t}$$

$$2k = \ln(5)$$

$$k = \frac{\ln(5)}{2} =$$

(4) What is S when $t = 24$?

1 pt

$$S(24) = \underline{244,140.62 \text{ grams}}$$

$$S(24) = .001 e^{(.8047)(24)}$$

$$= 244,140.62$$