



7.4 Exponential Growth and Decay  
BC Calculus

- 3) The rate of decay of radium is proportional to the amount present at any time. If 60 mg of radium are present now and its half-life is 1690 years, how much radium will be present 100 years from now?
4. In a certain culture where the rate of growth of bacteria is proportional to the amount present, the number triples in 3 hours.
- A) If at the end of 12 hours there were 10 million bacteria, how many were present initially?
  - B) Find the specific exponential growth equation

**Newton's Law of Cooling:** The rate of change in temperature of an object is proportional to the difference between the object's temperature and temperature of the surrounding medium.

- 5) When an object is removed from an oven and placed in constant  $80^\circ\text{F}$ , the core temperature is  $1500^\circ\text{F}$ . One hour later the core temperature is  $1120^\circ\text{F}$ , find the core temperature 5 hours later.

Extra Practice:

1. Rate of change of  $y$  is proportional to  $y$ . When  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 4$  and when  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 10$ . Find the value of  $y$  when  $x = 6$ .

2. Rate of change of  $V$  is proportional to  $V$ . When  $t = 0$ ,  $V = 20,000$  and when  $t = 4$ ,  $V = 12,500$ . Find the value of  $V$  when  $t = 6$ .

