

Given $P(t) = 50e^{0.5t}$, rewrite as an exponential function with base 10

1) Rewrite as $P(t) = 50(e^{0.5})^t$

2) Now we have to rewrite $e^{0.5}$.

$$\text{Set } e^{0.5} = 10^p$$

This says these two play the same role

$$\log(e^{0.5}) = \log(10^p)$$

$$\log(e^{0.5}) = 0.217$$

$$0.217 = p \log(10)$$

$$\log(10) = 1$$

$$0.217 = p$$

3) Now write $P(t) = 50(10^{0.217})^t$ Also, $0.217 = \frac{1}{4.6}$

4) So rewrite one more time: $P(t) = 50 \left(10^{\frac{1}{4.6}}\right)^t = 50(10)^{\frac{t}{4.6}}$