

## Practice

### The Number $e$

1. **Demographics** In 1995, the population of Kalamazoo, Michigan, was 79,089. This figure represented a 0.4% annual decline from 1990.
  - a. Let  $t$  be the number of years since 1995 and write a function that models the population in Kalamazoo in 1995.
  - b. Predict the population in 2010 and 2015. Assume a steady rate of decline.
2. **Biology** Suppose a certain type of bacteria reproduces according to the model  $P(t) = 100e^{0.271t}$ , where  $t$  is time in hours.
  - a. At what rate does this type of bacteria reproduce?
  - b. What was the initial number of bacteria?
  - c. Find the number of bacteria at  $P(5)$ ,  $P(10)$ ,  $P(24)$ , and  $P(72)$ . Round to the nearest whole number.
3. **Finance** Suppose Karyn deposits \$1500 in a savings account that earns 6.75% interest compounded continuously. She plans to withdraw the money in 6 years to make a \$2500 down payment on a car. Will there be enough funds in Karyn's account in 6 years to meet her goal?
4. **Banking** Given the original principal, the annual interest rate, the amount of time for each investment, and the type of compounded interest, find the amount at the end of the investment.
  - a.  $P = \$1250$ ,  $r = 8.5\%$ ,  $t = 3$  years, semiannually
  - b.  $P = \$2575$ ,  $r = 6.25\%$ ,  $t = 5$  years 3 months, continuously