

RADIOACTIVITY

- * Exothermic reaction (Energy Release).
- Property or process by which disintegration or decay of unstable nucleus takes place with emission of α , β or γ rays.
- !! * It is nuclear event not atomic & remain unchange with pressure, temp. or any other physical or chemical change.
- * * 1st order reaction but 1st order ~~kinetics~~ concept apply ~~for~~ (Mind for motion After study chemical kinetics).
- * Random process.
- * * Nuclear configuration in Radio active emission change, but atomic configuration remain same.

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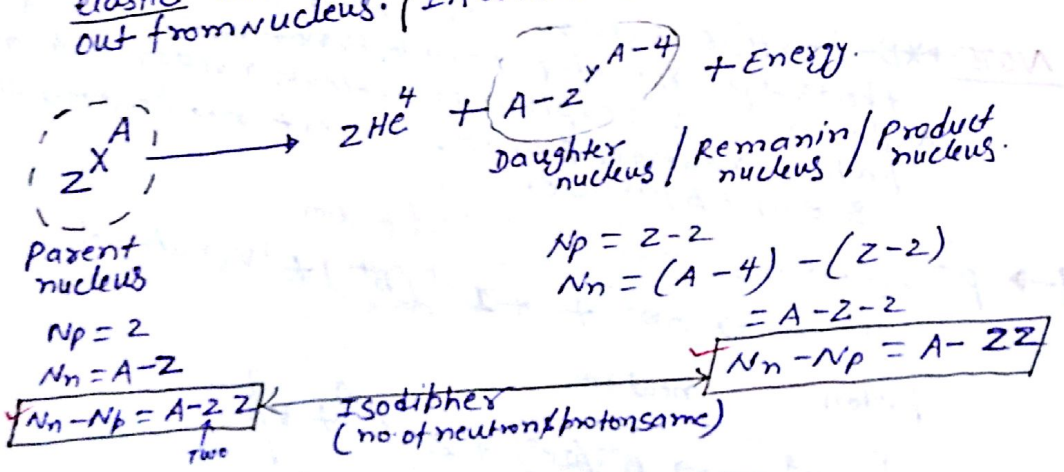
- * Proton never emitted by radioactive substance during decay.
- Decay to maintain $\frac{n}{p}$ ratio -
- 1) \rightarrow If $\frac{n}{p}$ ratio is greater than the required value for stability, β^- emission takes place.
- 2) \rightarrow If $\frac{n}{p}$ ratio is less than the required value for stability α -decay or β^+ decay or e^- capture takes place.
- 3) \rightarrow During radioactive reaction or nuclear reaction a nucleus in higher quantum state emit γ -ray & comes in lower quantum state.

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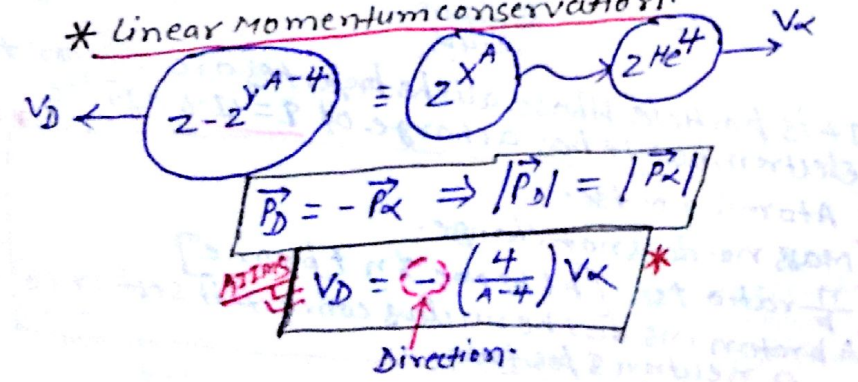
[A] \rightarrow α -emission \rightarrow In a unstable nucleus 2 proton & 2 neutron make one particle. K.E of α -particle is 7-8 MeV but required to cross the barrier of nucleus is 28 MeV. It means α -particle not come out from nucleus.

Its emission explain with 'Tunnel Effect'

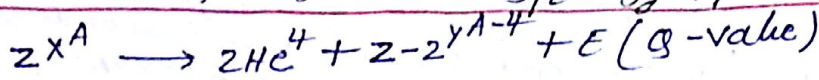
In a nucleus α -particle collide with nucleus wall & another particle, collision is perfectly elastic. When it arrange energy more than 28 MeV it come out from nucleus. (In a nucleus α -particle perform 10^{21} collision/sec)



* Linear Momentum conservation.



* Reqd. K.E of Daughter nucleus / Energy α -particle & D-nucleus



$$Q = K.E_\alpha + \left(\frac{m_\alpha}{m_D}\right) K.E_\alpha \Rightarrow K.E_\alpha = \left(\frac{m_D}{m_D + m_\alpha}\right) Q = \left(\frac{A-4}{A}\right) Q$$

$$K.E_D = \left(\frac{m_\alpha}{m_\alpha + m_D}\right) Q = \left(\frac{4}{A}\right) Q$$

$$\frac{4}{A} \ll \ll \Rightarrow K.E_D \ll \ll Q$$

$$K.E_D = \left(\frac{4}{A}\right) E \ll \ll E$$

$$K.E_\alpha = \left(\frac{A-4}{A}\right) E \approx E$$

* Gieger-Mular formula

$$\log \lambda = A + B \log R$$

decay const
of R.A

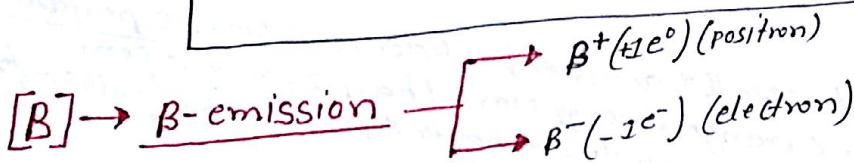
Range.

$$R \propto (E_\alpha)^{3/2} \propto \sqrt{V}$$

*** NOTE → * Release energy distribute in form of K.E & Approx. 99% part transfer to α -particle & remaining to daughter nucleus.
!! * K.E & velocity of α -particle is characteristic of nucleus i.e. vary nucleus to nucleus.

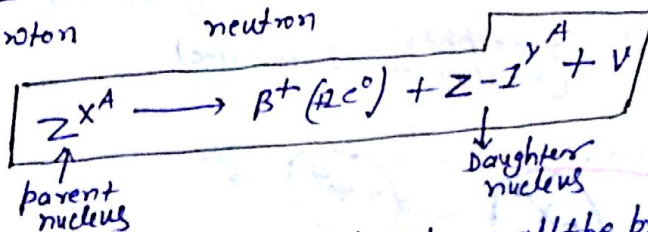
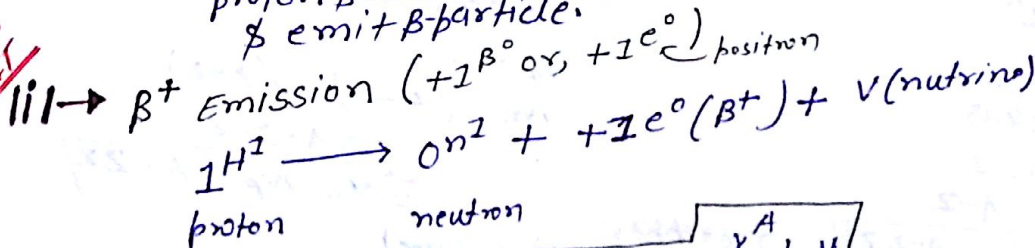
In α -Decay-

- Atomic no. decrease by 2.
- Mass no. decrease by 4.
- No. of proton & neutron change by same amount.
- $\frac{n}{p}$ ratio increase.



NOTE → * β -particle is also called e^- which comes out from nucleus. that's why type of β -particle is not define. consider β^- ve.
* β -emission is explain from weak nuclear interaction b/w proton & neutron. β^- proton convert into neutron or, vice-versa. & emit β -particle.

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*** NOTE → * It is particle whose all the properties are similar to electron, but it has a charge of $q = +1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$.

- * Atomic no. tse.
- * Mass no. does not change.
- * $\frac{n}{p}$ ratio tse. [p ↓ by one & n ↑ by one]
- * A proton inside the nucleus convert it self into a neutron & positron.

* Neutron remain inside the nucleus & positron is emitted.
 * Neutrino is a particle. Whose properties are similar to antineutrino but it has opposite spin, It is always emitted with a positron.

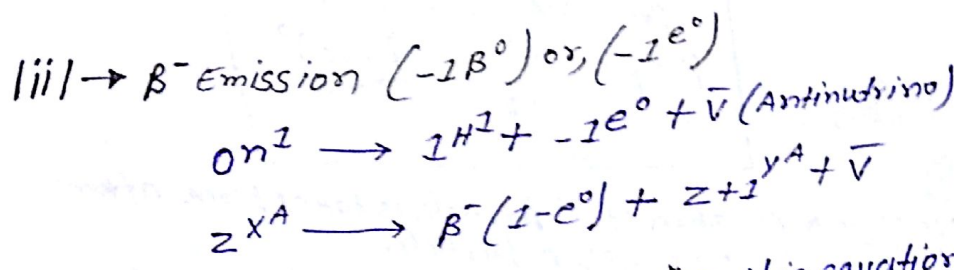
$$Q = (m_x - m_y - m_e) c^2$$

mass of nuclei

$$Q = (M_x - M_y - 2m_e) c^2$$

$$Z^A X \rightarrow Z-1^{Y^A} + +1\beta^0 + \bar{\nu}$$

$m_x =$ Mass of Z^A atom
 $m_y =$ Mass of $Z-1^{Y^A}$ atom
 $m_e =$ Mass of e^-



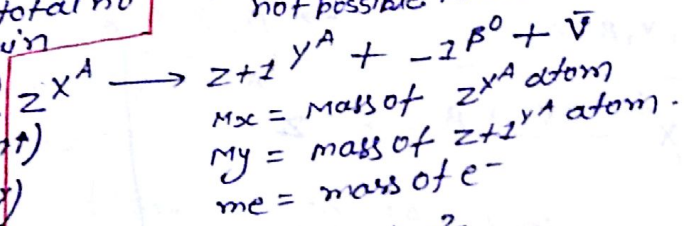
* Z \rightarrow	0	0
* A \rightarrow	0	0
* m \rightarrow	negligible	
* spin \rightarrow	$\pm \frac{1}{2}$	+1

NOTE \rightarrow * In this equation spin quantum conservation is not applicable, that's why Pauli assume another particle, is also emitted with β^- particle whose charge & mass no. is zero, but spin quantum no. $\pm 1/2$ & particle is called neutrino & Antineutrino.

NOTE \rightarrow * parent nucleus & daughter nucleus is isobar of each other.
 * In β^- emission total no of nucleon remain same but neutron & proton ratio change.

****** properties of Antineutrino -
 * It is a chargeless, massless particle like photon.
 * It is not deflected by electric or magnetic field.
 * Due to very less interaction with matter it is not possible to detect it.

****** $\left(\frac{N}{P}\right) \rightarrow \beta^+(\frac{N}{P} \uparrow)$ (stability \uparrow)
 $\rightarrow \beta^-(\frac{N}{P} \downarrow)$ (stability \downarrow)



* In α^- emission neutron & proton ratio must \uparrow but in β^- emission It may be \uparrow/\downarrow .

$$Q = (m_x - m_y - m_e) c^2$$

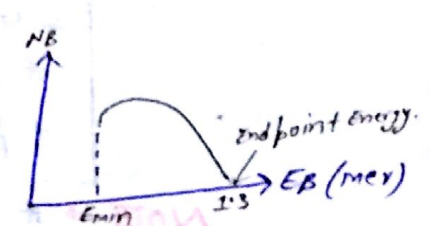
mass of nuclei

$$Q = [M_x - M_y] c^2$$

- * \rightarrow Atomic no. increase by 1.
- * \rightarrow Mass no. doesn't change.
- * \rightarrow $\frac{n}{p}$ ratio \downarrow (It is by 1 & $n \downarrow$ by 1)

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Energy spectrum of β^- particle \rightarrow
 Diff energy of β^- particle which is emitted from same radioactive substance is explain with linear momentum conservation.



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A \rightarrow β^- particle Energy spectrum is continuous.
 R \rightarrow β^- decay is a spontaneous statistical process.
 Ans \rightarrow #

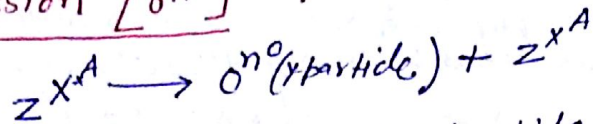
$Z+1^{Y^A} \equiv Z^A \rightarrow \beta^-/\bar{\nu}$

$$P_f = -(\vec{P}_D) + \vec{P}_{\nu/\bar{\nu}}$$

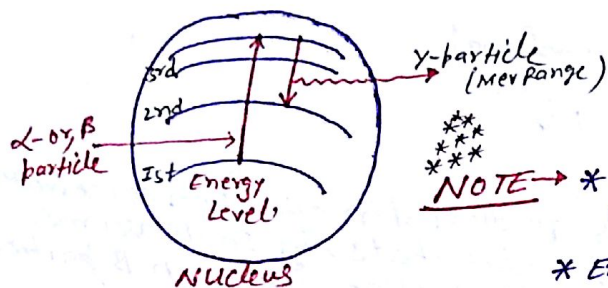
$$K \cdot E_\beta = \frac{P_\beta^2}{2m_\beta} = f(Q)$$

NOTE \rightarrow A/c to Pauli $\nu/\bar{\nu}$ hypothesis we explain -
 * spin angular momentum conservation
 * Diff. energy of β^- particle.

[C] α, β, γ Emission $[0^{00}] \rightarrow$



Emission of γ -particle is explain with energy level of nucleus when nucleus emit α -or, β -particle. It become excited & comes in high energy level when it again comes in low energy level release energy in form of radiation which is called γ -particle.



Recoil K.E Daughter nucleus

$$K.E_D = \frac{P_D^2}{2m_D} = \frac{(h\nu/c)^2}{2m_D}$$

- NOTE** \rightarrow
- * Emission of γ -particle, is takes place after emitting α or, β -particle.
 - * Emission of α - β -particle not takes place simultaneously.
 - * Emission of 2 particle simultaneously not possible from same nucleus.

EX \rightarrow Identify correct order of α, β & γ emission.

- $\rightarrow \gamma, \alpha$ X
- $\rightarrow \gamma, \beta$ X
- $\rightarrow \alpha, \beta, \gamma$ X
- $\rightarrow \beta, \alpha, \gamma$ X
- $\rightarrow \alpha, \gamma, \beta, \gamma$ ✓
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$Z_1^X A_1 \xrightarrow{n\alpha, n\beta} Z_2^{Y A_2}$

$$n\alpha = \frac{A_1 - A_2}{4}$$

$$n\beta = 2n\alpha - Z_1 + Z_2$$

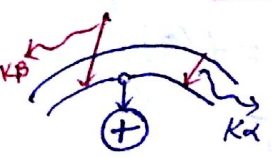
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Electron Kepture or, K-eppture \rightarrow nucleus pulls an e^- from k-shell, inside the nucleus & a proton combined with this e^- to $\uparrow \frac{n}{p}$ ratio.

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- * Atomic no. \downarrow by 1.
 - * Mass no. does not change.
 - * $\frac{n}{p}$ ratio \uparrow .
 - * $p \uparrow$ by 1 & $n \uparrow$ by 1.

NOTE \rightarrow * To fill the vacancy created in K-shell, K_α or, K_β line X-rays can be emitted.

* nucleus can only pull e^- from K-shell.

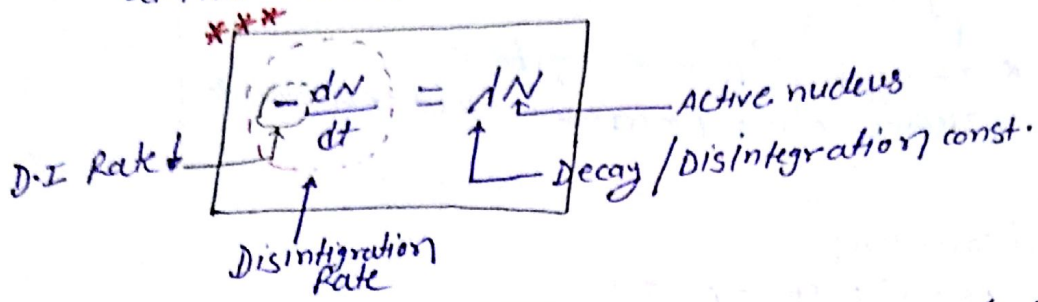


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Mass of nuclei

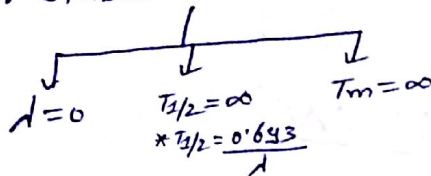
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Rutherford - Sodi Law or, Disintegration Law →
 Disintegration rate \propto to active nucleus \oplus t
 at that instant.



$$\lambda = \frac{1}{N} \left(-\frac{dN}{dt} \right)$$
 *unit → $\text{sec}^{-1}, \text{min}^{-1}, \text{hour}^{-1}, \text{day}^{-1}, \text{month}^{-1}$.

NOTE → Decay const, half life, mean life depend on nature of substance it is independent from quantity, temp, press, time or, any other physical or, chemical change.
 * For stable nucleus



Relation b/w Active nucleus & Time →

$$\log(M) - \log(N) = \log \frac{M}{N}$$

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

 Active nucleus at time 't' initial Active nucleus

* Active nucleus at time 't' ⇒ $N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$

* " " " " " " t=0 ⇒ N_0

* Disactive nucleus at time 't' ⇒ $N' = N_0 - N = N_0 (1 - e^{-\lambda t})$

* Active mass at t=0 ⇒ M_0

* " " " " " " t ⇒ $M = M_0 e^{-\lambda t}$

* Disactive mass at time 't' ⇒ $M' = M_0 - M = M_0 (1 - e^{-\lambda t})$

NOTE → * Active nucleus & Active mass ↓ Exponential w.r.t time.
 * Disactive nucleus & Disactive mass Exponentially ↑ w.r.t time.
 * Total no. of nucleus & mass of sample remain unchange w.r.t time.
 * Rutherford sodi law is applicable on large no. of nucleus.
 * More the value of decay const 'lambda', faster is the decay of Radioactive sample.

Packing fraction (f) →

$$f = \frac{M-A}{A}$$

- * It may be ⊕ve, ⊖ve, maybe zero
- * Its ⊖ve value explain more stability of nucleus

Special condition

$$\lambda \ll 1 \text{ (short range)}$$

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x^1}{L^1} + \frac{x^2}{L^2} + \frac{x^3}{L^3} + \dots$$

$$L^1 = 1$$

$$L^2 = 2 \times 1$$

$$L^3 = 3 \times 2 \times 1$$

$$\vdots$$
$$L^n = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 1$$

BASIC DEFINITION

- ii) → Half life ($T_{1/2}$ or $t_{1/2}$)
- iii) → Mean life (T_m)
- iiii) → Activity (R)
- iv) → Specific Activity (R_{gm})

ii) → Half life → Time in which active nucleus remain 50% or half of initial value.

$$T_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$$

NOTE → If half life of sample is given as $t_{1/2}$
at $t = 0$, $N = N_0$
at $t = t$, $N = N$

$$\text{no. of half lives} = \frac{t}{t_{1/2}} = n$$

$$N = N_0 (2)^{-n}$$

$$A = A_0 (2)^{-n}$$

iii) → Mean life → Time in which active nucleus remain 37% of Initial value or, disintegrate 63% call mean life.

$$T_{\text{mean}} = \frac{\text{Sum of lives of all nuclei}}{\text{Total no. of nuclei}}$$

$$\langle T \rangle = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

* $T_m = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

* $T_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$

* $T_m > T_{1/2}$

* $T_{1/2} = 0.693 T_m \approx 69.3\% \text{ of } T_m$

* $T_m = 1.44 T_{1/2} \approx \text{More than } 44\% \text{ } T_{1/2}$

iiii) → Activity (R) → Disintegration rate of Radioactive substance.

$$R = -\frac{dN}{dt} = \lambda N$$

Unit → * 1 dps (disintegration per sec) = 1 Bq (Baqrell) (S.I)

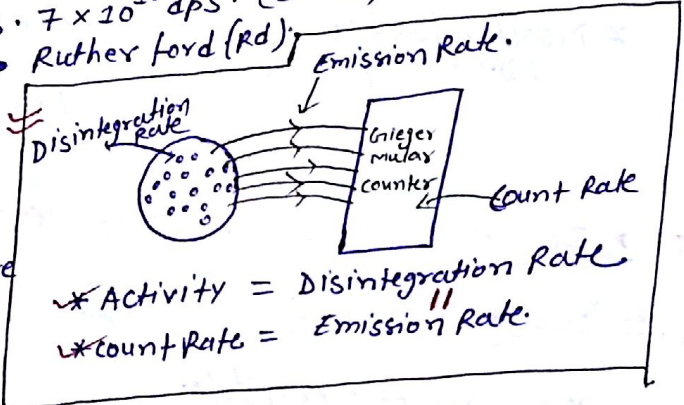
* 1 cu (curi) = 3.7×10^{10} dps. (C.C.I.S)

* Practicall unit → Rutherford (Rd)

* 1 Rd = 10^6 Bq.

* 1 mcr = 37 Rd

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NOTE → Activity depend on nature of substance. It will ↓ exponentially w.r.t time & ↑ linearly w.r.t quantity/mass.

* Activity = Disintegration Rate

* Count Rate = Emission Rate

iv) → Specific Activity: → Activity of 1gm sample.

$M = 1\text{gm}, R = R_{\text{gm}}$

$$R_{\text{gm}} = \left(\frac{N_A}{A} \times 1 \right) \left(\frac{0.693}{T_{1/2}} \right)$$

↑
gm

NOTE → Sp. Activity Remain unchange w.r.t time.

Standard Result -

* Sp. Activity of R^{226} is 1cu/gm

1 gm = 1cu

X gm = Xcu

1 mgm = 1mcr

Prob. based on Radioactivity →

$$\begin{aligned} N &= N_0 e^{-\lambda t} \\ M &= M_0 e^{-\lambda t} \\ R &= R_0 e^{-\lambda t} \\ I &= I_0 e^{-\lambda t} \end{aligned}$$

$$X = X_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

Case-I → If time given in terms of half life or, Active part is complete multiple of Half.

$$X_0 \xrightarrow{T_{1/2}} \frac{X_0}{2} \xrightarrow{T_{1/2}} \frac{X_0}{4} \xrightarrow{T_{1/2}} \frac{X_0}{8} \xrightarrow{T_{1/2}} \dots \xrightarrow{T_{1/2}} \frac{X_0}{2^n}$$

* $n = \text{no. of half life.}$

* Time in 'n' half life $\Rightarrow t = n T_{1/2}$

* Active value after 'n' half life $= X = \frac{X_0}{2^n}$

* Disactive)))))))))) $X' = X = X_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right)$

* Active part / Active fraction / probability of Activeness (A.P) (A.fr) = $\frac{X}{X_0} = \frac{1}{2^n}$
 or, Probability of survival (P.S)

* Disactive part / Disactive fraction / probability of Disactiveness (D.P) (D.fr) = $\frac{X'}{X_0} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$
 or, Probability of death (P.D)

Case II → If time is given in terms of Mean life.

$$X_0 \xrightarrow{T_m} \frac{X_0}{e} \xrightarrow{T_m} \frac{X_0}{e^2} \xrightarrow{T_m} \frac{X_0}{e^3} \dots \xrightarrow{T_m} \frac{X_0}{e^n}$$

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* A.P / A.fr / P.A / P.S $\rightarrow AP = \frac{X}{X_0} = \frac{1}{e^n}$

* D.P / D.fr / P.D $\rightarrow DP = \frac{X'}{X_0} = 1 - \frac{1}{e^n}$

$$A.P + D.P = 1$$

Case III → If Active part not in complete multiple of Half. →

$$t = 3.32 T_{1/2} \log_{10} \left(\frac{1}{A.P}\right)$$

CASE IV → carbon dating or, Radioactive dating method.

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In most of the element nitrogen after receiving cosmic Rays (neutrons) convert them into carbon (14) which is radioactive element.

In all the live element, there is a fixed ratio of C^{14} & C^{12} , which remain const., till the element is alive, but when it becomes dead, C^{14} disintegrates continue & its ratio with C^{12} decreases. This decreased ratio is used to find the age of particular rock & it is known as carbon dating.

JIPMER 2016 * Living body $C^{14} : C^{12} = \boxed{1:1}$
 ↑ Active ↑ disactive

* $A \cdot P = \frac{X}{X+4}$

* Age of sample

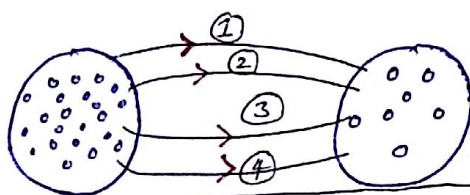
** $t = 3.32 (T_{1/2}) C^{14} \log_{10} \left(\frac{1}{A \cdot P} \right)$

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- * $T_{1/2}$ of C^{14} is 5700 or 5730 yrs.
- * $T_{1/2}$ of α is 12 yrs
- * $T_{1/2}$ of β is 3 yrs

VI → CASE V → Radioactive branching concept →

If radioactive substance disintegrated by different process & disintegration rate of sample is a scalar addition of addition of individual process.



* $\left(\frac{-dn}{dt} \right)_{net} = \left(\frac{-dn}{dt} \right)_1 + \left(\frac{-dn}{dt} \right)_2 + \dots + \left(\frac{-dn}{dt} \right)_{net}$

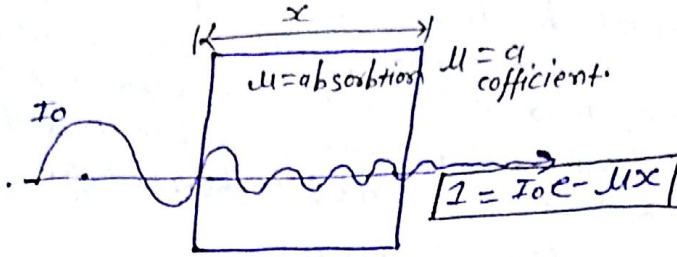
* $R_{net} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N$

* $\lambda_{net} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_N$

* $\frac{1}{(T_{1/2})_{net}} = \frac{1}{(T_{1/2})_1} + \frac{1}{(T_{1/2})_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{T_{mN}}$

** $\frac{1}{(T_m)_{net}} = \frac{1}{(T_m)_1} + \frac{1}{(T_{1/2})_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{T_{mN}}$

Case VI → Absorption of Radiation or, Absorption of X-ray →
 Intensity of Radiation ↓ exponentially w.r.t thickness of material.



 $\mu_{\text{max}} = \text{Pb (Lead)}$
 $\mu_{\text{min}} = \text{Air}$

$I = I_0 e^{-\mu t}$

(Thickness)
 $t = x$
 $\mu = \text{Abs. coefficient}$

$I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$

i) → Half life = $T_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{\mu}$

ii) → mean life = $T_m = 1/\mu$

iii) → $t = n \cdot T_{1/2}$
 ↑
 no. of Half life.

iv) → $t = 3.32 T_{1/2} \log_{10} \left(\frac{I_0}{I} \right)$

v) → $A \cdot P_2 = (A \cdot P_1)^{t_2/t_1}$

ii) → Half life yr = $T_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{\mu}$

iii) → mean thickness = $1/\mu$

iiii) → $x = n \times 1/2$
 ↑
 no. of half thickness.

iv) → $x = 3.32 \times 1/2 \log_{10} \left(\frac{I_0}{I} \right)$

v) → $A \cdot P_2 = (A \cdot P_1)^{t_2/t_1}$

* penetration power → $\alpha < \beta < \gamma$ velo. of light
 $\frac{1}{20}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{9}{20}$