

(iii) at $t = \infty$, $e^{kt} = e^{\infty} = \infty$

$e^{-kt} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$, by (5) $T = T_0$

By Eq (5) we get that the temperature of the body decreases exponentially and finally it achieves the temp of the surrounding (T_0).

Example: A pan filled with hot food cools from 94°C to

86°C in 2 minutes when the room temperature is at 20°C .

How long will it take to cool from 71°C to 69°C ?

$T_1 = 94^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow T_2 = 86^\circ\text{C}$, $dt = 2\text{min} = 120\text{sec}$

$T_0 = 20^\circ\text{C}$

$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_0)$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} dT = 86 - 94 = -8^\circ\text{C} \\ dt = 120\text{sec} \\ T = \frac{T_1 + T_2}{2} = \frac{94 + 86}{2} = 90^\circ\text{C} \end{array} \right. \leftarrow$

(4)