

Firstly, let's write a function $b(x)$ to count the number of bacteria at a point in time (x is in minutes).

Since the bacteria double ^{after} every fixed interval of time, the function should be of the form $2^{\lfloor x \rfloor}$ ($\lfloor x \rfloor$ is the floor function, which outputs the greatest integer less than or equal to x).

And since the doubling happens every 30 minutes, you want the value of the value of the floor function part to increase by 1 after x has increased by 30. So the floor function part will be $\lfloor \frac{x}{30} \rfloor$.

$$\therefore b(x) = 2^{\lfloor \frac{x}{30} \rfloor}$$

Next, let's make a function called $X(x)$ to count the number of molecules of X , x minutes after the start.

Since 1 bacteria produces 1 molecule of X every minute, the number of molecules of X will be the sum of the number bacteria 1 minute ago to the number of bacteria 10 minutes ago (we don't need to go further back than that as X molecules decay after 10 minutes).

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore X(x) &= b(x-1) + b(x-2) + \dots + b(x-10) \\ &= 2^{\lfloor \frac{x-1}{30} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{x-2}{30} \rfloor} + \dots + 2^{\lfloor \frac{x-10}{30} \rfloor}\end{aligned}$$

After 24 hours, $24 \times 60 = 1440$ minutes will have elapsed.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } X(1440) &= 2^{\lfloor \frac{1439}{30} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{1438}{30} \rfloor} + \dots + 2^{\lfloor \frac{1430}{30} \rfloor} \\ &= 2^{47} + 2^{47} + \dots + 2^{47} \\ &= 10 \times 2^{47} \\ &= 1.4 \times 10^{15} \end{aligned}$$

1.4×10^{15} molecules of X spread out across Rudolph's nose is definitely enough for a concentration of 10^{11} molecules of X per ml, so Rudolph's nose will be glowing again in time!