Choosing a model from a data pattern

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Learning target: Choose a circular or exponential model from characteristics in a data set.

A model should follow the pattern in the data and have parameters that make sense in context. Constant ratios suggest an exponential pattern; repeating rises and falls suggest a circular function. These clues select candidates, not guaranteed truths. Check predictions against all supplied data and discuss whether extrapolation is justified by the situation.

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Task 1. At t=0,1,2,3,4 a population record is 3,6,12,24,48. Propose a rule and predict the value at t=5. Explain the evidence and one limitation.

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