


11.12

In time  $\tau = \frac{1}{A}$ ,  $\frac{1}{e}$  of the atoms make a transition; we have  $N_2(t) = \frac{N_2(0)}{e} = N_2(0)e^{-\frac{A}{A}}$

In time  $t_{1/2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the atoms make a transition

$$N_2(t_{1/2}) = \frac{N_2(0)}{2} = N_2(0)e^{-A \cdot t_{1/2}}$$


$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{-A t_{1/2}}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -A t_{1/2}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{A} \ln(2) = \tau \ln 2$$