

COMMON TIME

People often observe that each year of life seems to pass more quickly than the last. This appears to be a consequence of the fact that each passing year becomes an increasingly smaller fraction of a person's lifetime.

For example, for a one-year old infant, a period of a year represents an entire lifetime, while, for a person 80-years old, the same period of a year occurs as a mere fraction, or one-eightieth, of ones' lifetime.

With each succeeding year of life, the period of a year represents a constantly decreasing portion of one's lifetime, creating the perception that life itself is speeding-up.