

Exponential Functions

Did You Know?

Radium was once an additive in toothpaste, hair creams, and even food items due to its supposed curative powers. Once it was discovered that radium is over one million times as radioactive as the same mass of uranium, these products were prohibited because of their serious adverse health effects.

Key Terms

exponential function

half-life

exponential growth

exponential equation

Exponential Functions... *variable in exponent*

$$y = b^x$$

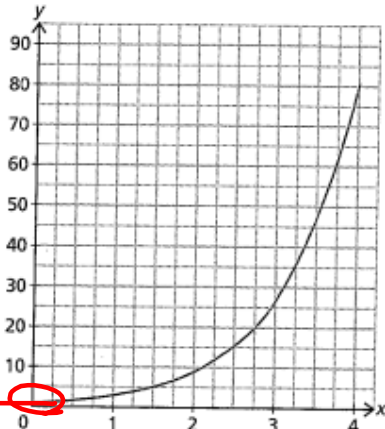
• Base (common ratio)

- Exponential Functions are either growth or decay curves

Step A

$$y = 3^x$$

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	1	3	9	27	81



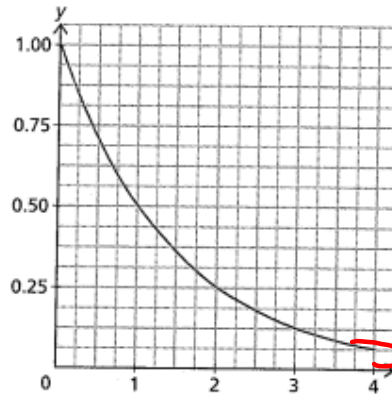
Growth $b > 1$

Ex: bacteria cultures
profit from investments

$$y = (0.5)^x$$

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{16}$

$(\frac{1}{2})^x$



Decay $0 < b < 1$

Ex: depreciation
radioactive decay

OTHER PROPERTIES:

- The Slopes of the tangent lines are changing along the curve

- There is a common ratio between successive y-values when the x-values change by the same increment.

(Base of the function)

- The functions do not intersect the x-axis.

(Horizontal Asymptote)

- They have the point (0,1) in common.

(Initial Point)

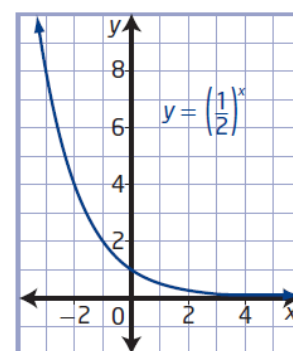
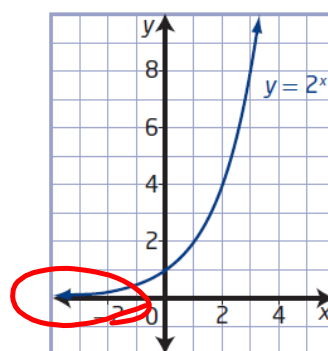
$$2^0 = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = 1$$

$$(\text{??})^0 = 1$$

Key Ideas

- An exponential function of the form $y = c^x$, $c > 0$,
 - is increasing for $c > 1$
 - is decreasing for $0 < c < 1$
 - is neither increasing nor decreasing for $c = 1$
 - has a domain of $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
 - has a range of $\{y \mid y > 0, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$
 - has a y-intercept of 1
 - has no x-intercept
 - has a horizontal asymptote at $y = 0$



Horiz. Asymptote } $y = 0$

Follow Up...

Determine the common ratio for each of the following:

X	Y ₁
	+3
	+4.5
	+6.75
	+10.13

X	Y ₁
	.6
	.12
	.024
	.0048

-3, -4.5, -6.75, -10.125

→ +n → +n → +n

Common Ratio = $\frac{-4.5}{-3} = 1.5$ $\frac{-6.75}{-4.5} = 1.5$

(Handwritten notes: 1.5 is circled, and r > 1 is written next to it)

$r < 1$

$r = \frac{0.12}{0.6} = 0.2$

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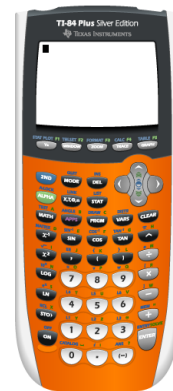
Transformations of the Exponential Function

$$y = a(b)^x$$

initial value \rightarrow a

base (common ratio) \rightarrow b

check with...



Properties:

If $b > 1$, then the graph will be **GROWTH**

If $0 < b < 1$, then the graph will be **DECAY**

y - intercept: happens when $x = 0$, so...

$$y\text{-int} = a$$

Transformations of the Exponential Function

$$y = a(b)^x + d$$

initial value

base

vertical translation

check with...

$y = 2^x$
 $y = (\frac{1}{2})^x$



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*** Horizontal Asymptote** - a horizontal line that a graph approaches but never intersects.

Equation of Horizontal Asymptote will be... $y = d$

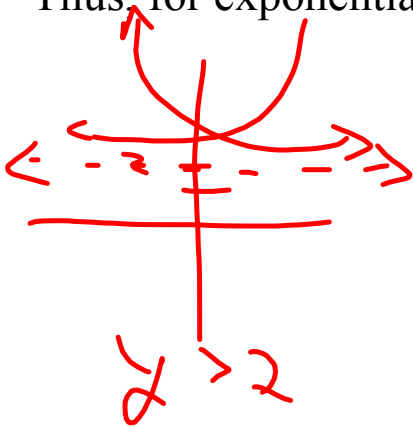
Domain - describes all possible x-values
 Range - describes all possible y-values

$y = 2^{-x}$
 $y = (2^{-1})^x$
 $y = (\frac{1}{2})^x$

Thus, for exponential functions...

Domain: $\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Range: $\{y > d\}$



Horizontal Asymptote

Exercise: Complete the following table...

Equation	Growth/Decay	y-intercept	Eq'n for Horizontal Asymptote
$y = 3(5)^x - 4$	g	-1	$y = -4$
$y = 4\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^x + 1$	D	5	$y = 1$
$y = 2^x - 2$	g	-1	$y = -2$
$y = \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$	D	$\frac{3}{4}$	$y = 0$
$y = 5(3)^x$	g	5	$y = 0$

Check Up!!

Determine the y-intercept, the equation of the horizontal asymptote, the domain, the range and state whether the function grows or decays:

$$(5)^x$$

1. $3y - 5 = 9(5^x) + 2$

$$3y = 9(5)^x + 7$$

$$y = 3(5)^x + \frac{7}{3}$$

y-Int: $y = 3(5)^0 + \frac{7}{3}$

$$y = 3 + \frac{7}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{16}{3}$$

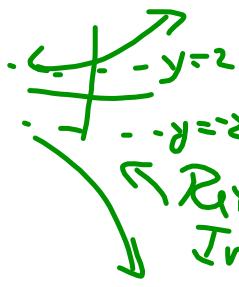
H.As: $y = \frac{7}{3}$

Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Range: $y > \frac{7}{3}$

growth

$b^0 = 1$



2. $\frac{2}{3}(y-1) = 6 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x$ Watch for a reflection!! $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x$

$$y-1 = 9 - \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x + 10$$

y-Int: $-\frac{3}{2} + \frac{10}{1}$

$$y = \frac{17}{2}$$

H.Asyn:

$$y = 10$$

Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Range: $y < 10$

growth

Applying our knowledge of transformations to sketch exponential functions:

- Apply your knowledge of transformations and mappings:

Example: $y = 3(2)^{x+1} + 3$ $y = 3\sin(x + \frac{\pi}{2}) - 4$

What transformations have been applied to $y = 2^x$?

- Vertical Stretch: 3
- Vertical Translation: Up 3
- Horizontal Translation: Left 1

$(x, y) \rightarrow (\frac{1}{k}x + h, ay - b)$

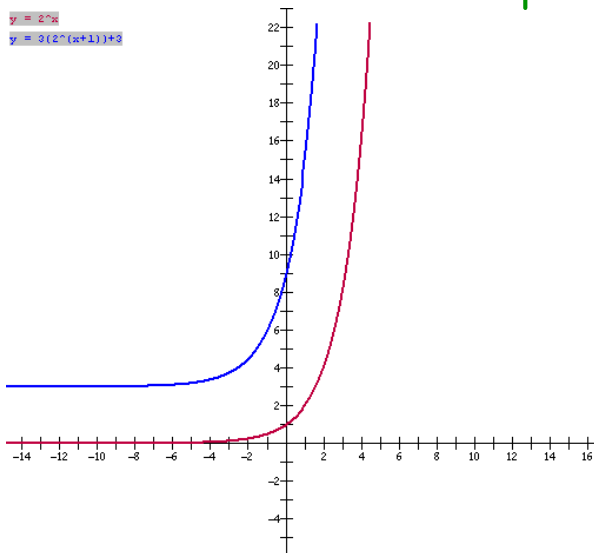
Mapping Rule: $(x, y) \rightarrow (x - 1, 3y + 3)$

$y = 2^x$

x	y
-1	$\frac{1}{2}$
0	1
1	2
2	4

$y = 3(2)^{x+1} + 3$

x	y
-2	$9\frac{1}{2}$
-1	6
0	9
1	15



Let's Summarize...

Function Notation (Standard Form)

$$y = ab^{\frac{1}{c}(x+h)} + k$$

Reciprocals

Mapping Notation - (with respect to $y = b^x$)

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (cx - h, ay + k)$$

$$y = 3 \sin^4(\theta + \pi) - 7$$

↑
"k"

- where:
- a = vertical stretch factor
 - b = base (common ratio)
 - c = horizontal stretch factor
 - h = horizontal translation
 - k = vertical translation (or letter d can be used)

Check Up

Given: $y = a(b)^{x-h} + k$

Mapping Rule would be: $(x, y) \rightarrow (x+h, ay+k)$

Example:

The exponential function $y = 5^x$ is transformed according to the following mapping rule:

$(x, y) \rightarrow (x-2, 3y+6)$

- Determine the equation of this function
- What is the y-intercept?
- What is the equation of the horizontal asymptote?
- Sketch this function (3 points)

Left + 2

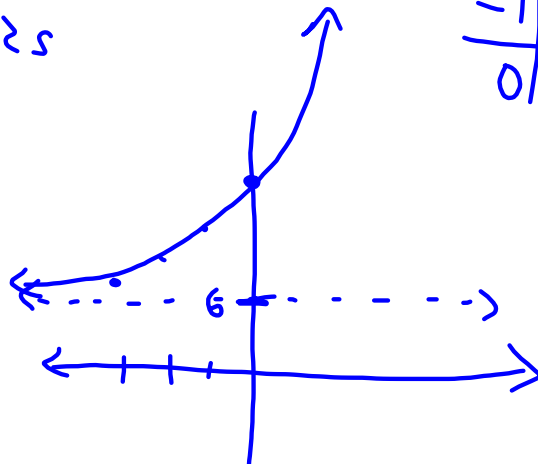
① $y = 3(5)^{x+2} + 6$ ③ $y = 6$

② $y = 3(5)^{0+2} + 6$
 $y = 3(5)^2 + 6$
 $y = 81 + 6$
 $y = 87$ (0, 87)

$y = 5^x \rightarrow (x-2, 3y+6)$

x	y
-1	1/5
0	1
1	5
2	25

x	y
-3	33/5
-2	9
-1	21
0	87



Example:

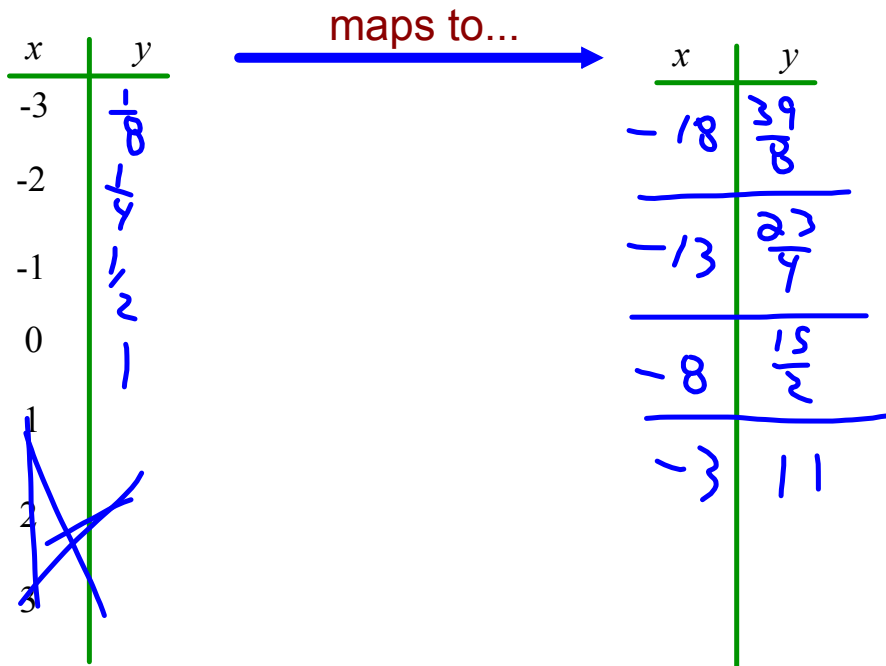
Given the exponential function shown below...

- Write a mapping that would map the graph of $y = 2^x$ to this function.
- Complete the tables of values below using the mapping rule.

$$y = 7(2)^{\frac{1}{5}(x+3)} + 4$$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (5x - 3, 7y + 4)$$

$$y = 2^x$$



Example:

Given the exponential function shown below...

- Write a mapping that would map the graph of $y = 3^x$ to this function.

$$4y + 7 = 8(3)^{5x-3} - 13$$

$$4y = 8(3)^{5x-3} - 20$$

$$y = 2(3)^{5(x-\frac{3}{5})} - 5$$

$$\sin(6\theta - \pi)$$

$$6(\theta - \frac{\pi}{6})$$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{5}x + \frac{3}{5}, 2y - 5\right)$$

Example:

Given the mapping rule shown below is used to transform the graph of $y = 6^x$...

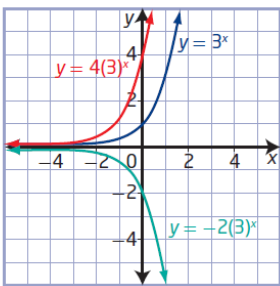
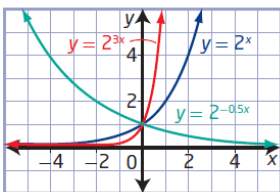
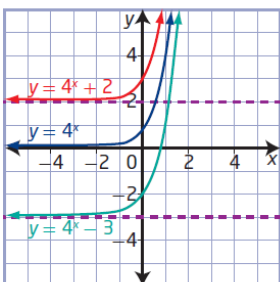
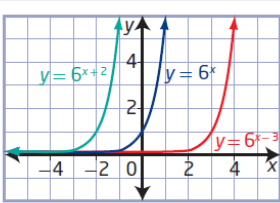
- Determine the equation of the new function.

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{5}x + 4, \frac{3}{8}y + 6 \right)$$

$$y = \frac{3}{8} \left(6 \right)^{\frac{5}{2}(x-4)} + 6$$

Link the Ideas

The graph of a function of the form $f(x) = a(c)^{b(x-h)} + k$ is obtained by applying transformations to the graph of the base function $y = c^x$, where $c > 0$.

Parameter	Transformation	Example
a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vertical stretch about the x-axis by a factor of a For $a < 0$, reflection in the x-axis $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, ay)$ 	
b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horizontal stretch about the y-axis by a factor of $\frac{1}{ b }$ For $b < 0$, reflection in the y-axis $(x, y) \rightarrow (\frac{x}{b}, y)$ 	
k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vertical translation up or down $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y + k)$ 	
h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horizontal translation left or right $(x, y) \rightarrow (x + h, y)$ 	

Practice Problems...

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Attachments

Review - Practice Test for Sinusoidal Functions.doc

Review - Trigonometric Functions(3)(4).doc