

Chapter 7: Exponential Functions

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Graphs (Section 7.1 & 7.2):

$$y = c^x$$

- c is the common ratio (can not be 0,1 or a negative)
- if $c > 1$, growth curve (graph will be increasing)
- if $0 < c < 1$, decay curve (graph will be decreasing)
- horizontal asymptote $y = 0$ (the line it approaches but never touches)
- Domain - $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- Range - $y > 0$
- y-intercept (0,1)

Example 1: State the y-intercept, domain, range, whether it is increasing or decreasing, equation of the horizontal asymptote for each function.

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

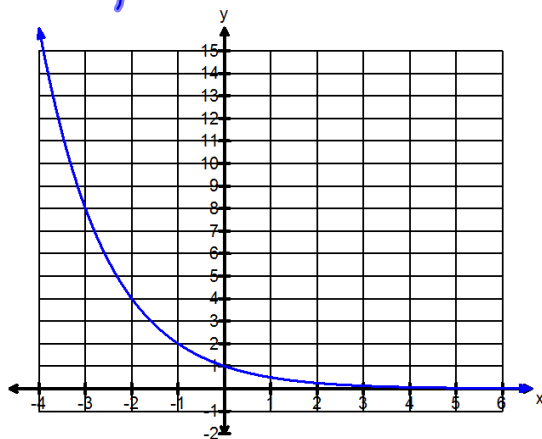


y-int: (0, 1)

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

Range: $y > 0$

Decreasing
HA $y = 0$



$$y = 4^x$$

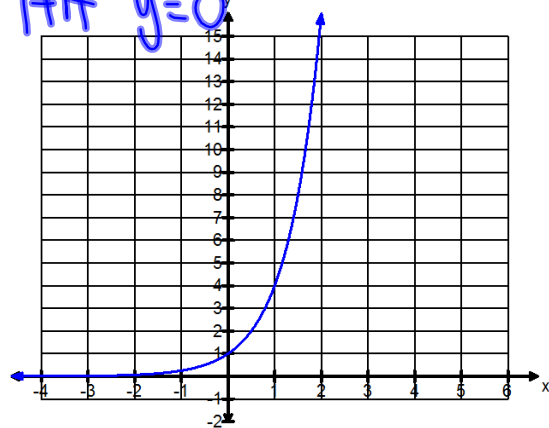


y-int (0, 1)

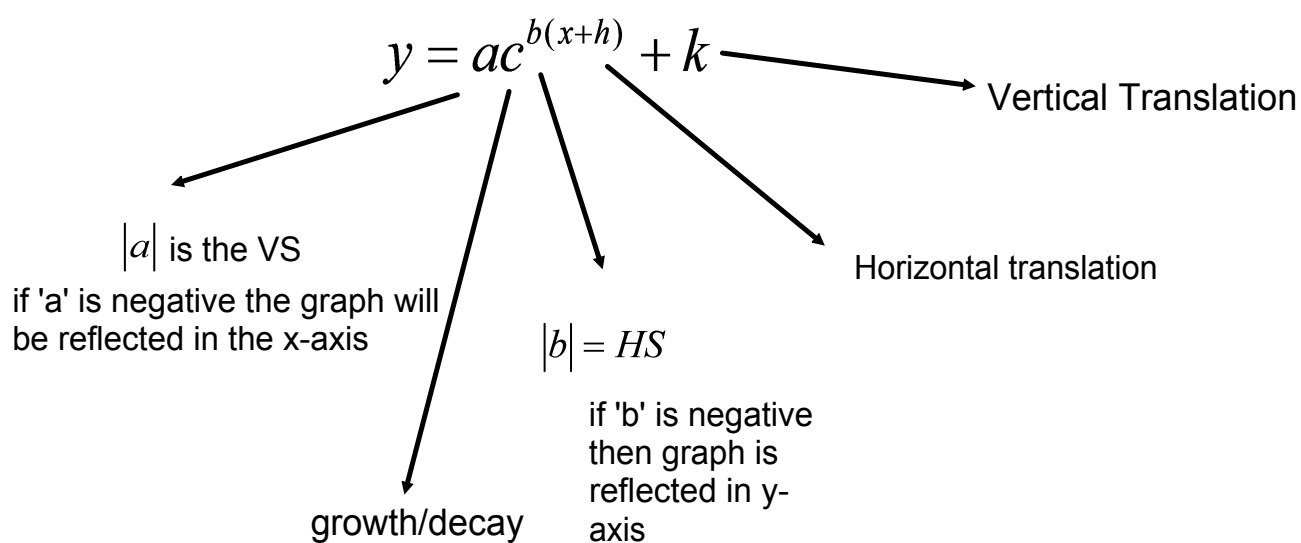
Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Range: $y > 0$

Increasing
HA $y = 0$



Transformations of Exponential Functions



Example 2: Sketch the graph of the function using a mapping rule. State the domain and range, y-intercept and horizontal asymptote.

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

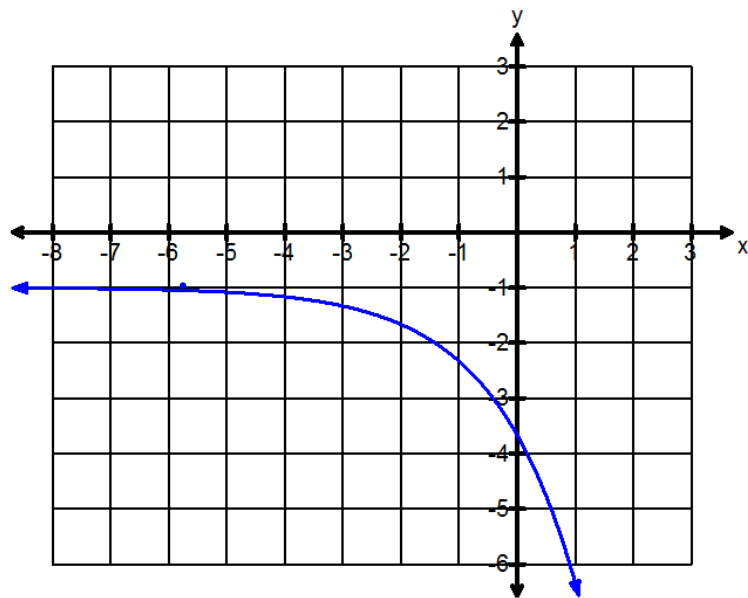
$$y = -\frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{x+3} - 1$$

$$\text{MR: } (x, y) \rightarrow (x-3, -\frac{1}{3}y-1)$$

x	y = 2 ^x
-1	1/2
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8

x-3	-1/3 y - 1	
-4	-7/6	(-1, 7/6)
-3	-4/3	(-1, 3)
-2	-5/3	(-1, 6)
-1	-7/3	(-1, 3)
0	-11/3	(-3, 6)

Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}$
 Range: $y < -1$
 y-int: $(0, -11/3)$
 HA: $y = -1$



Example 3: State the domain and range, y-intercept and horizontal asymptote of the function below. State the mapping rule.

$$y = -2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2(x-1)} - 4$$

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

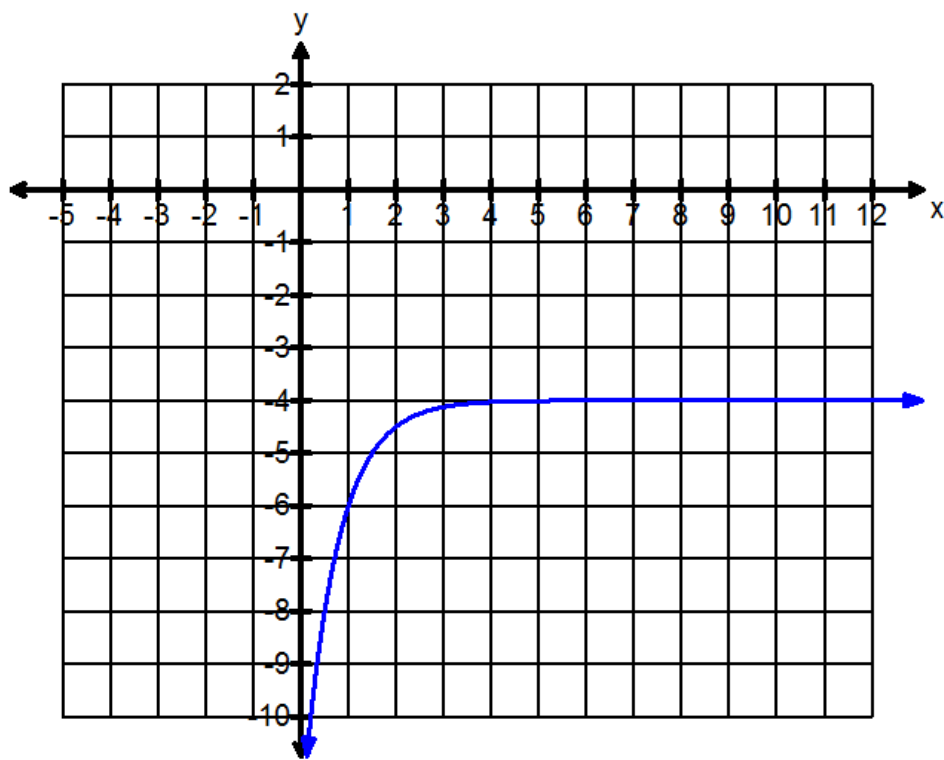
y-int: $(0, -12)$

Range: $y < -4$

Horizontal A: $y = -4$

$(X, Y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}x + 1, -2y - 4\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{y-int} \\ & y = -2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2(0-1)} - 4 \\ & = -12 \end{aligned}$$



Assigned Work:
pg 342 #1-5 and pg 354 #1-5(cd), 6, 7

Section 7.3: Solving Exponential Equations

Example 1: Rewrite each expression as a power with a base of 3.

$$27$$

$$9^2$$

$$27^{\frac{1}{3}}(\sqrt[3]{81})^2$$

Example 2: Solve each equation

$$16^{2x+1} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x-3}$$

$$5\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x = 80$$

$$\sqrt[5]{8^{x-1}} = \sqrt[3]{16^x}$$

Assigned work:
Pg 364 #1, 3, 4, 5 (solve only) and worksheet

Example 3: Solving exponential equations with different bases.

2 choices - trial and error or graphing calculator (this would be a multiple choice!)

Graphing Calculator -

Input the LHS and the RHS on your calculator and see where they intersect.

$$3 = 4^{x+1}$$

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Word Problems

Example 1: Mary invested \$200 in a GIC that paid 6% interest per year. Find the equation of the function that describes the amount of money she has in the fund. How much will she have in 12 years?

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 200(1.06)^x \\
 y &= 200(1.06)^{12} \\
 &= 402.44
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2: John bought a motorcycle for \$3000. It depreciates by 15% of its original value each year. Write the function that represents this situation and use it to determine how much the motorcycle is worth after 5 years.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 3000(0.85)^x \\
 &= 3000(0.85)^5 \\
 &= \$1331.12
 \end{aligned}$$

1-0.15

Example 3: An SUV that is originally worth \$50,000 depreciates at a rate of 29.5% every two years. Find a function for the depreciation of the SUV, and how much will it be worth after 3 years?

$$y = 50\,000(0.705)^{x/2}$$

$$y = 50\,000(0.705)^{3/2}$$

$$= \$29\,597.41$$

Example 4: A radioactive substance has a half-life of 17 days. Write a function to model this situation and use it to determine the time it will take for 400 g of this substance to decay to 100 g.

$$y = 400\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/17}$$

$$\frac{100}{400} = \frac{400\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/17}}{400}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/17}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/17}$$

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

$x = 34$

Example 5: An element has a half-life of 120 years. If its initial mass is 42 grams, algebraically determine how long it will take to decrease to 10.5 grams.

$$y = 42\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/120}$$

$$10.5 = 42\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/120}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/120}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/120}$$

$$2 = \frac{x}{120}$$

$x = 240$

Example 6: Hot chocolate cools exponentially over time after its brought into a stadium. Its cooling is described by the function $T = 45(0.95)^m + 5$.

a) What is the temperature as soon as you bring it into the stadium?

$$50^\circ \text{ (y-int)}$$

b) What is the air temperature in the stadium?

$$5^\circ \text{ (HA)}$$

Example 7: A chemical substance has a half-life of 65 minutes. When will there be 1/64th of the original amount?

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= a \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/65} \\
 \frac{1}{64} a &= a \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/65} \\
 \frac{1}{64} &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/65} \\
 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/65} \\
 6 &= \frac{x}{65} \\
 \boxed{X = 390}
 \end{aligned}$$

Worksheet

Compound Interest Word Problems

$$A = A_0(1 + r)^n$$

A_0 = initial amount invested

r = rate (annual interest rate/compounding periods annually)

n = total number of compounding periods

Example 7: You deposit \$2000 in an account that earns 5% annual interest. Find the balance after 2 year if the interest is compounded with the given frequency.

A) Annually

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 2000(1 + 0.05)^n \\ &= 2000(1 + 0.05)^2 \\ &= \$2205.00 \end{aligned}$$

B) Quarterly

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 2000\left(1 + \frac{0.05}{4}\right)^n \\ &= 2000\left(1 + \frac{0.05}{4}\right)^8 \\ &= \$2208.97 \end{aligned}$$

C) Monthly

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 2000\left(1 + \frac{0.05}{12}\right)^{24} \\ &= \$2209.88 \end{aligned}$$

Complete questions 11a,b and 13 ab pg 365