

TOC 82 Graphing Exponential Functions

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exponential function: functions whose equations contain a variable in the exponent. $f(x) = b^x$

natural exponential function:

The function $f(x) = e^x$



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exponential function with base b
 $y = b^x$ or $f(x) = b^x$

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equation:

initial value
 $y = a \cdot b^x$
 growth rate
 $b > 1$

"b" is larger than 1

table:
Write a rule for the function.

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y	1/8	1/2	2	8	32

$y = a \cdot b^x$
 $y = 2(4)^x$

real-world example:

You deposit \$4500 in an account that pays 5% interest compounded annually. Write an exponential function to model this scenario.
 Growth $\rightarrow 1 + 5\% = 1 + 0.05 = 1.05$

$y = a \cdot b^x$
 $y = 4500(1.05)^x$

graph:
Write a rule for the function.

$y = a \cdot b^x$
 $y = 5(2)^x$

exponential
growth

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equation:

initial value
 $y = a \cdot b^x$
 growth rate
 $0 < b < 1$

"b" is in between 0 & 1

table:
Write a rule for the function.

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

$y = a \cdot b^x$
 $y = 9(\frac{1}{3})^x$

real-world example:

A car was purchased for \$18,000. The car depreciates by 20% each year. Write an exponential function to model this scenario.
 Decay $\rightarrow 1 - 20\% = 1 - 0.20 = 0.8$

$y = a \cdot b^x$
 $y = 18000(0.8)^x$

graph:
Write a rule for the function.

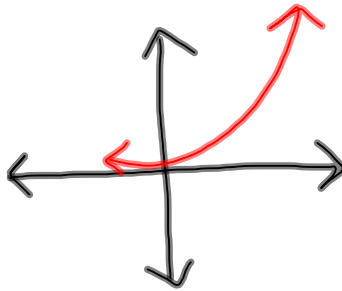
$y = a \cdot b^x$
 $y = 4(\frac{1}{2})^x$

exponential
decay

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Natural Base: the # e and is approximately 2.72

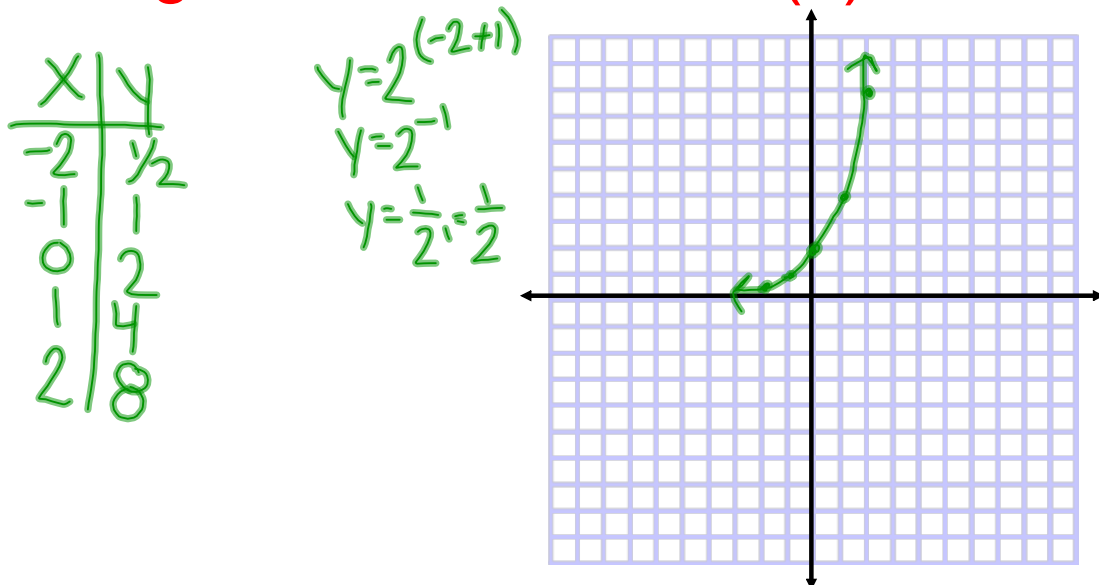
$f(x) = e^x$ is the natural exponential function



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Ex: 1 (page 83)- Graph the exponential function. Start by

Using -2, -1, 0, 1, 2 for x . $f(x) = 2^{x+1}$



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Ex2(page 83): Graph the exponential function. Start by using -2,-1, 0, 1, 2 for

$$f(x) = (1/2)^{x-1}$$

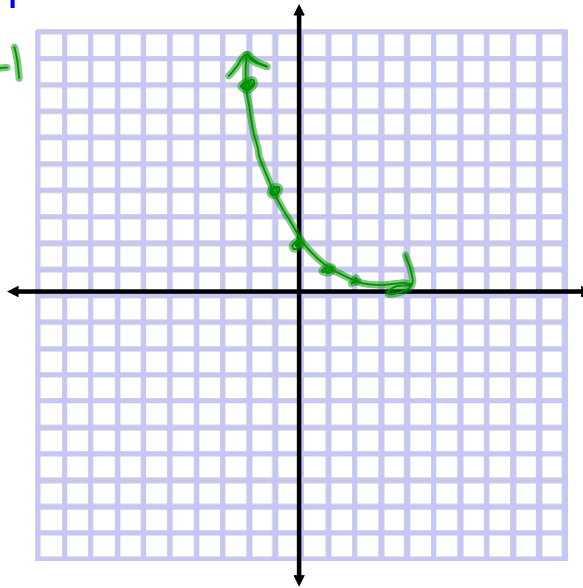
x	y
-2	8
-1	4
0	2
1	1
2	$\frac{1}{2}$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2}^{-3}$$

$$= \frac{2^3}{1}$$

$$= 8$$



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Ex 3(page 83): The function $f(x) = 6e^{0.013x}$
Models world

population, $f(x)$, in billions, x years after 2000 subject to a growth rate of 1.3% annually. Use the function to find world population in 2050.

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