

## Today's Objectives

- **Orally** characterize the unique graphical, numerical, and algebraic properties of exponential functions. **Synthesize** the equation of an exponential function from numeric data using guided notes samples.
- Success Criteria
  - Define Exponential Function
  - Differentiate between exponential decay and exponential growth
  - Describe transformations of exponential functions
- Vocabulary: exponential, base, growth factor, decay factor

## Exponential Functions

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real number constants.

An **exponential function** in  $x$  is a function that can be written in the form  $f(x) = a \cdot b^x$ , where  $a$  is nonzero,  $b$  is positive, and  $b \neq 1$ .

$$y = mx + b$$

The constant  $a$  is the **initial value** of  $f$  (the value at  $x = 0$ ), and  $b$  is the **base**.

The **domain/input** of exponential functions are **exponents**.

The **range/output** is the base,  $b$ , multiplied by itself **insert exponent here** times and vertically stretched or shrunk by a factor of  $a$ .

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## Finding an Exponential Function from its Table of Values

Determine formulas for the exponential function  $g$  and  $h$  whose values are given in the table below.

$x$	$g(x)$	$h(x)$
-2	4/9	128
-1	4/3	32
0	4	8
1	12	2
2	36	1/2

$$g(x) = 4 \cdot 3^x \quad h(x) = 8 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x$$

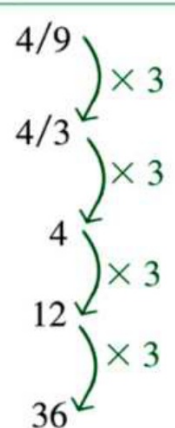
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Because  $g$  is exponential,  $g(x) = a \cdot b^x$ .

Because  $g(0) = 4$ ,  $a = 4$ .

Because  $g(1) = 4 \cdot b^1 = 12$ , the base  $b = 3$ . So,  $g(x) = 4 \cdot 3^x$ .

$x$	$g(x)$
-2	4/9
-1	4/3
0	4
1	12
2	36



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Because  $h$  is exponential,  $h(x) = a \cdot b^x$ .

Because  $h(0) = 8$ ,  $a = 8$ .

Because  $h(1) = 8 \cdot b^1 = 2$ , the base  $b = 1/4$ . So,  $h(x) = 8 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x$ .

$x$	$h(x)$
-2	128
-1	32
0	8
1	2
2	1/2

Diagram illustrating the exponential decay of  $h(x)$  as  $x$  increases. The values of  $h(x)$  are shown for  $x = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ . The values are 128, 32, 8, 2, and 1/2, respectively. The values decrease by a factor of 1/4 for each unit increase in  $x$ . The diagram shows the values of  $h(x)$  for  $x = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$  are 128, 32, 8, 2, and 1/2. The values are connected by arrows pointing downwards, indicating a decrease. The arrows are labeled with  $\times \frac{1}{4}$ , indicating that the value of  $h(x)$  is multiplied by  $\frac{1}{4}$  for each unit increase in  $x$ .

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## Exponential Growth and Decay

For any exponential function  $f(x) = a \cdot b^x$  and any real number  $x$ ,  
 $f(x+1) = b \cdot f(x)$ .

If  $a > 0$  and  $b > 1$ , the function  $f$  is increasing and is an **exponential growth function**. The base  $b$  is its **growth factor**.

If  $a > 0$  and  $b < 1$ , the function  $f$  is decreasing and is an **exponential decay function**. The base  $b$  is its **decay factor**.

## Example Transforming Exponential Functions

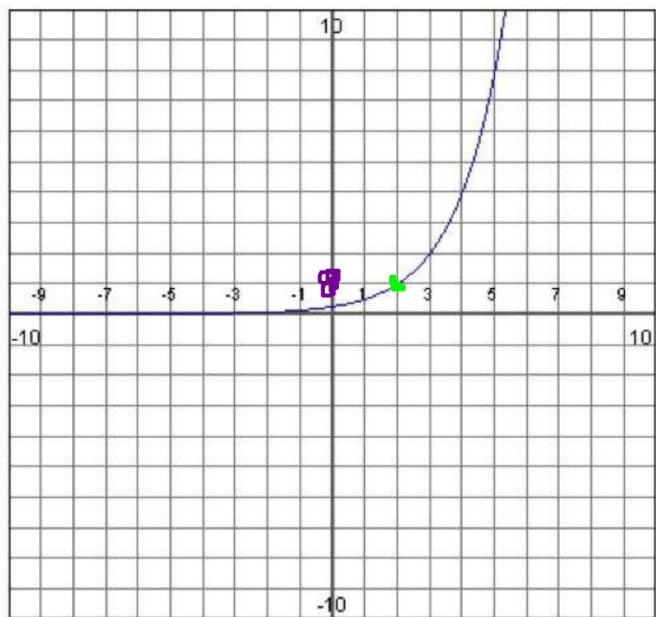
Describe how to transform the graph of  $f(x) = 2^x$  into the graph of  $g(x) = 2^{x-2}$ .

The graph shifts two units right

## Example Transforming Exponential Functions

Describe how to transform the graph of  $f(x) = 2^x$  into the graph of  $g(x) = 2^{x-2}$ .

The graph of  $g(x) = 2^{x-2}$  is obtained by translating the graph of  $f(x) = 2^x$  by 2 units to the right.



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## Reflections: Transforming Exponential Functions

Describe how to transform the graph of  $f(x) = 2^x$  into the graph of  $g(x) = 2^{-x}$ .

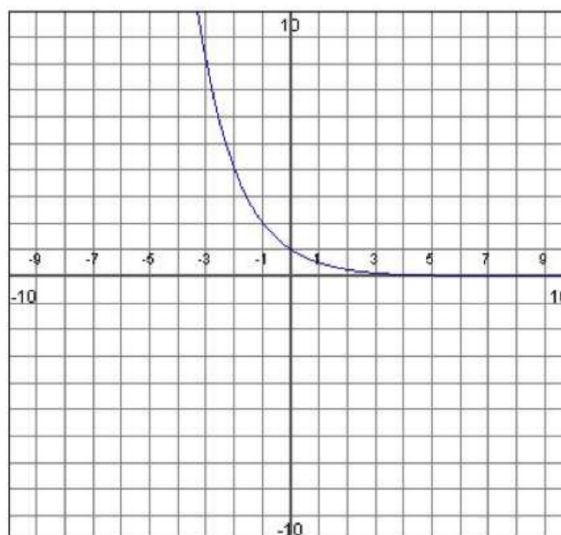
graph Reflects, y-axis

## Reflections: Transforming Exponential Functions

Describe how to transform the graph of  $f(x) = 2^x$  into the graph of  $g(x) = 2^{-x}$ .

Since the transformation is applied to  $x$  it will effect a horizontal property of the graph, therefore the graph of  $g(x) = 2^{-x}$  is obtained by making a horizontal reflection of the graph.

So flip  $f(x) = 2^x$  across the  $y$ -axis to produce  $g(x) = 2^{-x}$ .



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## Today's Objective

- **Assess** the relationship between the natural base and logistic functions and use a limit statement sentence frame to write a mathematical analysis of the natural base.
- Success Criteria
  - Define e
  - Explore properties of the exponential function with base e
  - Define a logistic growth function
- Vocabulary: e, natural base, logistic growth function, limit to growth

## The Natural Base $e$

$$e = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^x$$

### Turn and Talk:

- When have we used limits? In your experience, what do limits tell us?
- Think about polynomial and rational functions what type of limit is indicated when  $x$  approaches infinity?
- Find the limit numerically, and make a conjecture about the value of Euler's constant also called the natural base  $e$ .

### Report to me:

- Each group must state their answer to the teacher.

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## Exponential Functions and the Base $e$

Any exponential function  $f(x) = a \cdot b^x$  can be rewritten as  $f(x) = a \cdot e^{kx}$ , for any appropriately chosen real number constant  $k$ .

If  $a > 0$  and  $k > 0$ ,  $f(x) = a \cdot e^{kx}$  is an exponential growth function.

If  $a > 0$  and  $k < 0$ ,  $f(x) = a \cdot e^{kx}$  is an exponential decay function.

**Turn and Talk:**  
What is the relationship between  $b$ ,  $k$ , and  $e$ ?

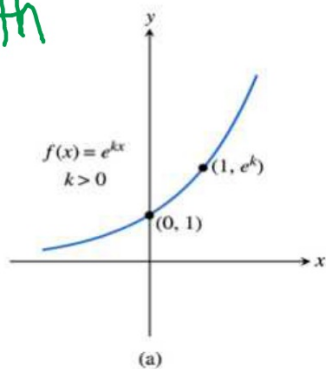
Justify your response using the properties of exponents.

**Report to me:**

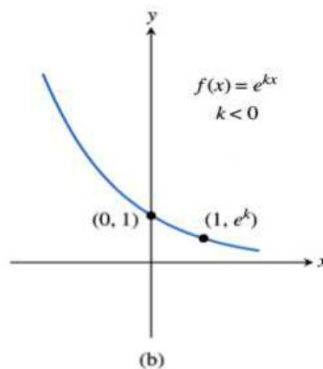
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## Exponential Functions and the Base $e$

growth



decay



Turn and Talk:

- Classify these functions.
- What will they always have in common?
- Use the properties of exponents to explain why?

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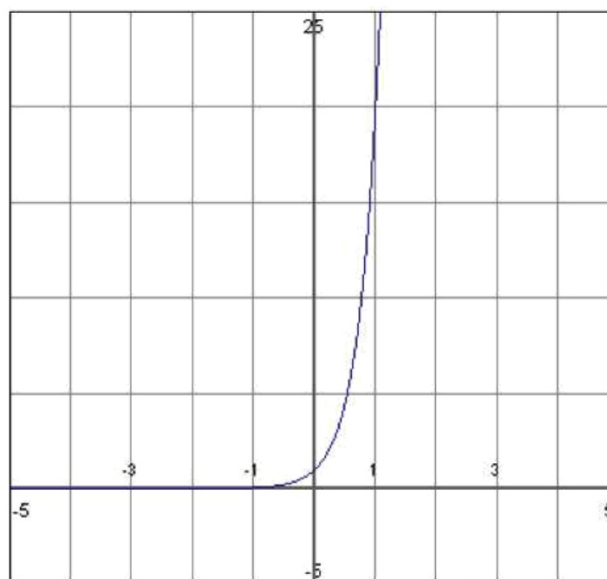
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## Example Transforming Exponential Functions

Describe how to transform the graph of  $f(x) = e^x$  into the graph of  $g(x) = e^{3x}$ .

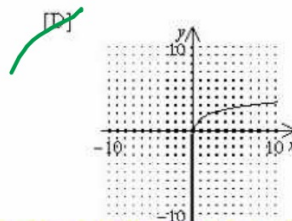
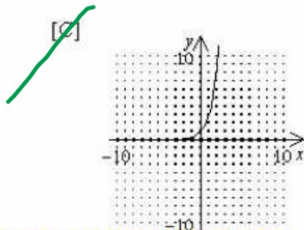
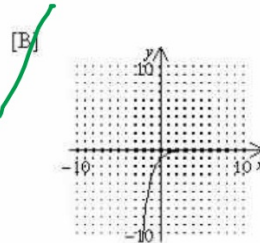
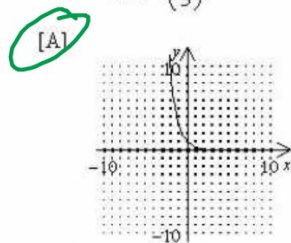
Since the transformation is applied to  $x$  it will effect a horizontal property of the graph, therefore the graph of  $g(x) = e^{3x}$  is obtained by making a horizontal **Shrink** of the graph.



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## AM: Graph exponential functions

1. Graph:  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$



LO: I know by looking at the equation that I have an  $a = 1 > 0$ , and a  $b = 1/3 < 1$ . This means I have an example of exponential decay with a y-intercept of (0, 1). Therefore, my answer is A.



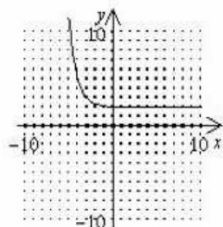
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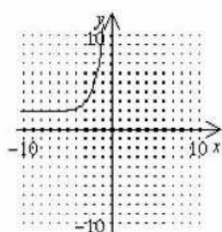
## Graph Exponential Functions

1. Graph:  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{x-3} - 2$

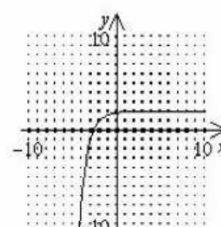
~~[A]~~



~~[B]~~



[C]



[D] none of these

LO: I know by looking at the equation that  $a = \underline{1} > \underline{0}$ , and  $b = \underline{1/3} < \underline{1}$  value. This means I have an example of exponential decay with a y-intercept of 0, 1. I also have a horizontal shift of 3 units right and a vertical shift of 2 units down. Therefore, my answer is D.

### Report to me:

- Each group must state the answer to the teacher.
- Pick up your AM Practice on Objectives #1 and #2

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