

Review 12.1-12.3  
Exponential Functions

REVIEW

Name Key

(12.1)--Geometric Sequence to Exponential function  
Growth vs Decay

1. Construct an exponential function from each geometric sequence. Class Example:  $a_n = 12 \cdot 3^{n-1}$

$f(n) = 12 \cdot 3^n \cdot 3^{-1} = 4 \cdot 3^n$

a.  $a_n = 1.2 \cdot 3^{n-1}$   
 $= 1.2 (3)^n (3)^{-1}$   
 $= .4 (3)^n$

b.  $a_n = 64 \cdot (\frac{1}{4})^{n-1}$   
 $= 64 (\frac{1}{4})^n (\frac{1}{4})^{-1}$   
a)  $f(n) = .4 (3)^n$   
b)  $f(n) = 256 (\frac{1}{4})^n$

2. Identify the base of the exponential function, determine whether each function represents exponential growth or exponential decay and explain why.

a.  $h(x) = 2 \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^x$  base:  $\frac{4}{3}$  growth or decay why?  $b > 1$

b.  $m(x) = 6(0.45)^x$  base:  $.45$  growth or decay why?  $0 < b < 1$

e.  $g(x) = (6)5^{-x}$  base:  $\frac{1}{5}$  growth or decay why?  $0 < b < 1$

(12.1)---Half-Life

3. **Class example:** The **half-life** of a certain radioactive substance is 2 seconds. The initial amount of the substance is 500 grams. Write a function that expresses the amount of the substance remaining in the bloodstream,  $A(t)$ , as a function of time,  $t$ , in seconds.

$A(t) = 500 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/2}$

Use this function to predict how much of the substance remains after 6 seconds. 62.5g

$A(6) = 500 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{6/2}$

Use this function to predict how much of the substance remains after 10 seconds. 15.625g

$A(10) = 500 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10/2}$

4. The **half-life** of a certain medication is 3 hours and there are 120 milligrams present initially. Write an exponential function that expresses the amount of the medication left,  $A(t)$ , as a function of time,  $t$ , in hours.

$A(t) = 120 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/3}$

Use this function to predict how much of the medication remains after 9 hours. 15mg

$A(9) = 120 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{9/3}$

Use this function to predict how much of the medication remains after 12 hours. 7.5mg

$A(12) = 120 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{12/3}$

5. The table shows the approximate amounts of two types of substances in a person's body each hour after the substance was taken. The starting dose for substance A was 300 grams, and the starting dose for substance B was 450 grams.

$b = .8$                    $b = .7$

| Time Taken (Hours) | Substance A (grams) | Substance B (grams) |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0                  | 300                 | 450                 |
| 1                  | 240                 | 315                 |
| 2                  | 192                 | 220.5               |
| 3                  | 154                 | 154                 |

$$= 300(.8)^6 = 450(.7)^6$$

$$= 78.6 = 52.9$$

- a. Will a greater amount of medicine A or medicine B remain in the body after 6 hours? Explain your answer.

Medicine A will have a greater amount remaining in the body after 6 hours, since medicine A has 78.6 g while medicine B only has 52.9 grams.

- b. Write equations that describe the amount of medicine  $A(t)$  and the amount of medicine  $B(t)$  that remain in the body after  $t$  hours.

$$A(t) = 300(.8)^t \qquad B(t) = 450(.7)^t$$

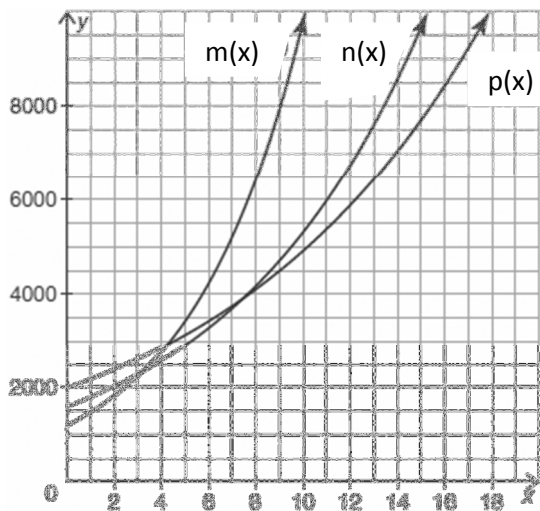
- c. Calculate the amount of each medicine that remains in the body after 15 hours.

Round each answer to the nearest gram.

$$A(15) = 300(.8)^{15} \qquad B(15) = 450(.7)^{15}$$

Medicine A: 11 g  
Medicine B: 2 g

6. The figure shows the graphs of three exponential functions.



- a. Which of the functions has the greatest rate of increase?  $m(x)$
- b. At which value of  $x$  do  $n(x)$  and  $p(x)$  have the same value?  $x = 7.5$
- c. Which function has the greatest initial value and what is that value?  
Function  $p(x)$  has the greatest initial value of 2000
- d. Which function has the greatest value at  $x = 3$ ?  $p(x)$

6. Graph and identify the characteristics of the function  $(x) = 4^x$ .

Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range:  $(0, \infty)$

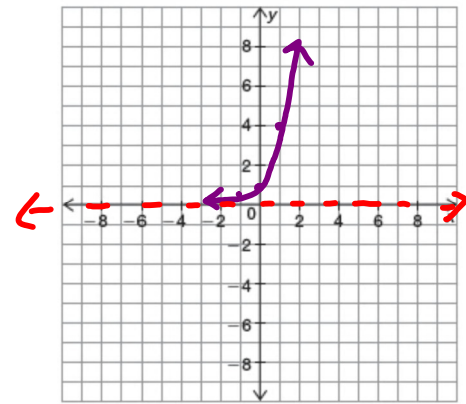
Asymptotes:  $y = 0$

Intercepts:  $(0, 1)$

End behavior:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} m(x) = 0$      $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} m(x) = \infty$

Intervals of increase or decrease: **Increasing on the interval of  $(-\infty, \infty)$**

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



7. Given  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^x$ , graph  $f(x)$  and  $g(x) = f(x) + 2$ .

Describe the following key characteristics of  $g(x)$ .

Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range:  $(2, \infty)$

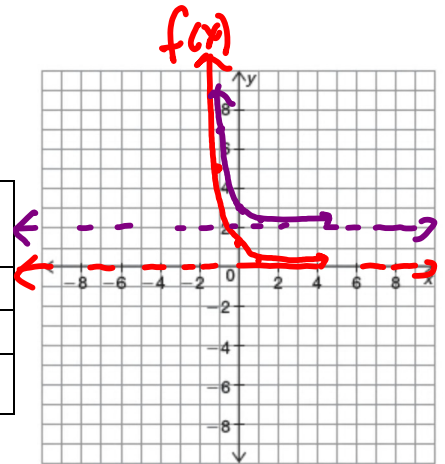
Asymptotes:  $y = 2$

End behavior:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} g(x) = \infty$      $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 2$

Intervals of increase or decrease: **Decreasing on the interval of  $(-\infty, \infty)$**

$(x, y+2)$

| Reference points of $f(x)$ | Corresponding points on $g(x)$ |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $(-1, 5)$                  | $(-1, 7)$                      |
| $(0, 1)$                   | $(0, 3)$                       |
| $(1, \frac{1}{5})$         | $(1, 2\frac{1}{5})$            |



Describe the transformations performed on  $f(x)$  to create  $g(x)$ .

Then write an equation for  $g(x)$  in terms of  $f(x)$ .

The graph of the  $f(x)$  functions is vertically translated up 2 units to create the  $g(x)$  function.

$$g(x) = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^x + 2$$

Helpful formulas:  $A(t) = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$  or  $N(t) = N_0 e^{rt}$

8. The population of Autin, Texas was approximately 790,000 in the year 2010 and has been continuously growing at a rate of 3.9% each year.

a. Write a function that describes the population as a function of the number of years,  $t$ , since 2010.

$$N(t) = 790,000 e^{.039t}$$

b. Use this function to predict the population of Autin, Texas in the year 2015. Assume the population continues to grow at the same rate.

$$N(5) = 790,000 e^{.039(5)}$$

b. 960,096 people

c. Use this function to estimate the population of Martin in 1998. Assume the population growth had been the same since that time.

$$2010 - 1998 = 12 \quad N(12) = 790,000 e^{.039(12)}$$

c. 494,740 people

Helpful formulas:  $A(t) = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$  or  $N(t) = N_0 e^{rt}$

9. An investor deposits \$1,000 in an account that promises 5% interest compounded quarterly.
- a. Write a function that describes the amount of money as a function of the number of years,  $t$ .

$$A(t) = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{.05}{4}\right)^{4t}$$

- b. Use this function to predict the amount of money will be in the account after seven years.

$$A(7) = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{.05}{4}\right)^{4 \cdot 7} \quad \text{b. } \$1415.99$$

- c. Use this function to predict the amount of money will be in the account after fifteen years.

$$A(15) = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{.05}{4}\right)^{4 \cdot 15} \quad \text{c. } \$2,107.18$$

10. Write an equation that transforms the graph of the function  $f(x) = 5^x$  in the following ways:

- a. reflection across the  $x$ -axis

a.  $g(x) = -1 \cdot 5^x$

- b. reflection across the  $y$ -axis

b.  $g(x) = 5^{-x}$

- c. translated horizontally right six units

c.  $g(x) = 5^{(x-6)}$

11. For each, describe the graphical transformations on  $f(x) = 3^x$  to produce  $g(x)$ .

- a.  $g(x) = 3^{-x} + 5$  The graph of  $g(x)$  is reflected over the  $y$ -axis and vertically translated

- b.  $g(x) = 3^{x+2} - 7$  The graph of the  $f(x)$  is translated horizontally left 2 units and vertically down 7 units to create the  $g(x)$  function.

- c.  $g(x) = -6 \cdot 3^{x-8}$  The graph of the  $f(x)$  function is reflected over the  $x$ -axis,

vertically stretched by a factor of 6, and horizontally translated 8 units to the right.

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