

## 6-4 Exponential Review

Objectives:

- I can apply exponential properties and use them
- I can model real-world situations using exponential functions

## EXPONENTIAL FUNCTION

$$f(x) = a(b)^x \leftarrow \text{Exponent}$$

Initial Value  
(y-intercept)

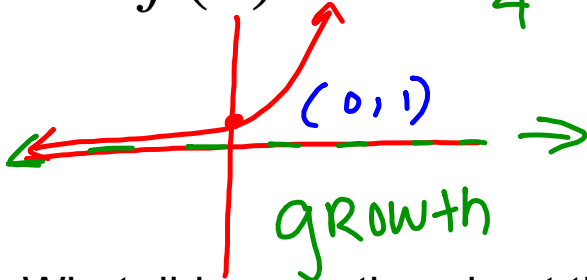
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Base  
(Multiplier)

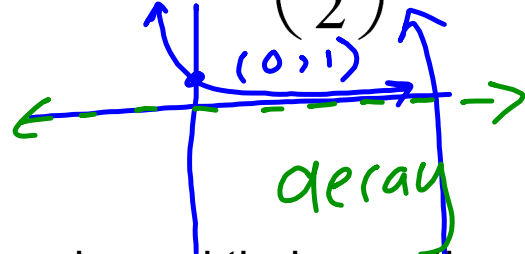
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COMMON  
FACTOR*

Graph the following functions on a calculator and sketch.  
Be sure to plot the y-intercept

a.  $f(x) = 2^x$       $\frac{7}{4}^x$



b.  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$



What did you notice about the graphs and their equations?

OPPOSITE ways

X as exponent

CROSS @ same point

Multiply by a fraction

above x axis = asymptote

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

## Exponential Growth and Decay

When  $b > 1$ , the function represents **exponential growth**

When  $0 < b < 1$ , the function represents **exponential decay**

$$b > 1 = \text{growth}$$

$$b < 1 = \text{decay}$$

Determine whether each function represents growth or decay

a.  $f(x) = 13 \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^x$

*Handwritten notes:*  $a \cdot b^x$  with a downward arrow pointing to the fraction  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

*decay*

b.  $g(x) = \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^x$

*Handwritten notes:*  $a \cdot b^x$  with a plus sign next to the fraction  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

*growth*

# general Growth/Decay Equation

Final amount

$$\rightarrow f(t) = a(1 \pm r)^t$$

growth

Time

decay

Rate of change

5%  
 $5 \div 100 = .05$

initial amount  
(y-int)

AS A DECIMAL

0.05%

The population of Orem in 1950 was 4,000 and was increasing at a rate of 2.6% per year.

a) Predict the population of Orem in 1975 and 2000.

$$f(t) = 4000(1 + 0.026)^t$$

1975

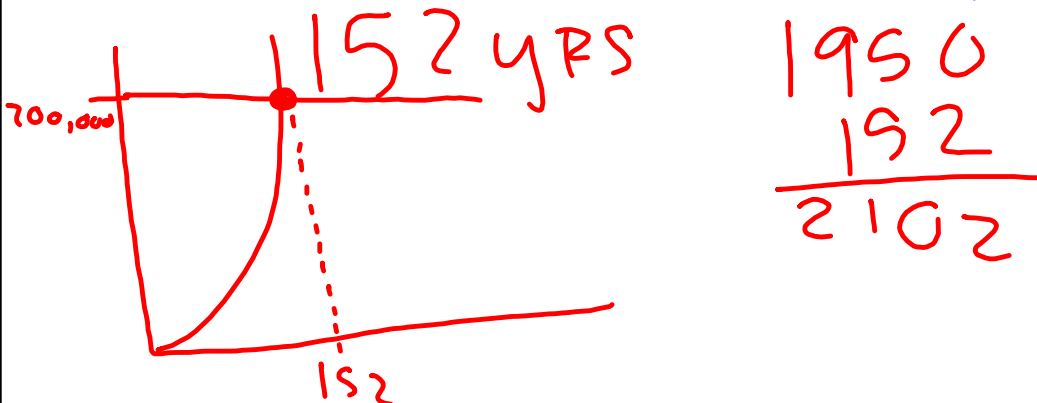
$$f(t) = 4000(1.026)^{25} = 7,599$$

2000

$$f(t) = 4000(1.026)^{50} = 14,435$$

b) Using your graphing calculator, predict when Orem's population will hit 200,000 people.

$$200,000 = 4000(1.026)^t$$



On federal income tax returns, self employed people can depreciate the value of business equipment. Suppose a computer valued at \$2765 depreciates at a rate of 30% per year.

$$f(t) = a(1 \pm r)^t$$

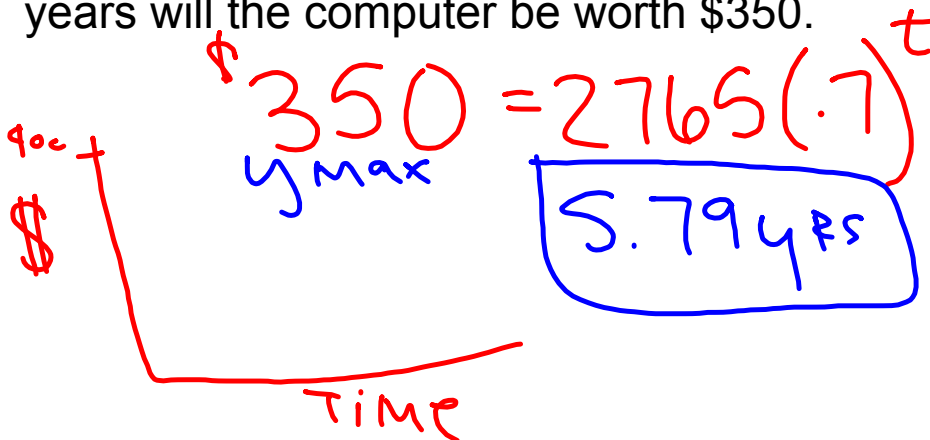
a) Write an exponential equation to model this situation

$$f(t) = 2765(1 - .3)^t$$

b) How much will this computer be worth in 5 years?

$$f(5) = 2765(.7)^5 = 465\$$$

c) Use your graphing calculator to determine in how many years will the computer be worth \$350.





## Compound Interest Formula

$$A(t) = P \left( 1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$

$P$  is the principal (initial amt)

$r$  is the annual interest rate as a decimal!

$n$  is the number of compounding periods per year

$t$  is the time in years

12 = monthly  
 4 = quarterly  
 1 = annually  
 2 = semi-annually  
~~1/2~~ = bi-annually  
 52 = weekly  
 365 = daily

Write an equation then find the final amount for each investment.

$$A(t) = P \left( 1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$

a. \$1000 at 8% compounded semiannually for 15 years

$$A(15) = 1000 \left( 1 + \frac{.08}{2} \right)^{2 \cdot 15} = \$5,243$$

Using a calculator, determine how many years it will take for equation b to have a final amount of \$4000.

$$4000 = 100 \left( 1 + \frac{.08}{2} \right)^{2t}$$

17.6 yrs

The value  $e$  is called the natural base

The exponential function with base  $e$ ,  $f(x)=e^x$ ,  
is called the natural exponential function.

$$e \approx 2.71828182827$$

what you need to know is  $e \approx 2.7$

Evaluate  $f(x) = e^x$  for

a.  $x = 2$

b.  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

c.  $x = -1$

## Continuous Compounding Formula

If  $P$  dollars are invested at an interest rate  $r$ , that is compounded continuously, then the amount,  $A$ , of the investment at time  $t$  is given by

$$A(t) = Pe^{rt}$$

Handwritten annotations in blue ink:

- Under the entire equation: final amt
- Under  $P$ : Principal
- Under  $r$ : as RATE
- Under  $t$ : ← TIME
- Under  $e$ : as annual

A person invests \$1550 in an account that earns 4% annual interest compounded continuously.  $A(t) = Pe^{rt}$

a. Write an equation to represent this situation

$$A(t) = 1550e^{.04t}$$

b. Using a calculator, find when the value of the investment reaches \$2000.

$$2000 = 1550e^{.04t}$$

An investment of \$1000 earns an annual interest rate of 7.6%.

Compare the final amounts after 8 years for interest *compounded quarterly* and for interest *compounded continuously*.