

Unit 2
Exponents and Logarithms

Exponential
 $y=2^x$
 $y=3^x$
 $y=4^x$
Asymptote

2.1 Exponential Functions

$f(x)=.5^x$ $f(x)=2^x$ $f(x)=8^x$

$(0,1)$

$y=2^x$
Variable in exponent

Formula Sheet:

Growth/Decay Formula
 $y = ab^x$

Characteristics of Exponential Mother Functions:

- horizontal asymptote $y = 0$
- no x -intercept
- y -intercept: $(0, 1)$
- Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- Range: $y > 0$

Increasing: $b > 1$
Decreasing: $0 < b < 1$

decimal between 0 and 1

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Asymptote

Ex.) Determine the exponential function that goes through the points $(0, 1)$ and $(2, 25)$ in the form $y = b^x$.

$\sqrt{25} = \sqrt{b^2}$
 $5 = b$

$y = 5^x$

↑
 x, y
y-int

Ex.) Determine the exponential function that goes through the points $(0, 1)$ and $(-2, 16)$ in the form $y = b^x$.

$16 = \frac{b^{-2}}{1}$
 $b^2 \cdot 16 = \frac{1}{b^2}$
 $b^2 = \frac{1}{16}$
 $b = \sqrt{\frac{1}{16}}$
 $b = \frac{1}{4}$

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

Transformations of Exponential Functions

Ex.) Sketch and state the characteristics(domain, range, asymptotes, and intercepts) of the following exponential functions:



