

$\log_a x = y$
 $a^y = x$

Unit 2

Exponents and Logarithms


Exponenti

$y=2^x$

$y=3^x$

$y=4^x$

Asymptote



4.3 Exponential Problem Solving

$y = a \cdot b^x$

Review:

	$y = (4)^x$	$y = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$	$y = -\frac{1}{2}(3)^x$
* x-intercept	none	none	none
y-intercept	(0, 1)	(0, 2)	(0, -1/2)
* Domain	$x \in \mathbb{R}$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$
Range	$y > 0$	$y > 0$	$y < 0$

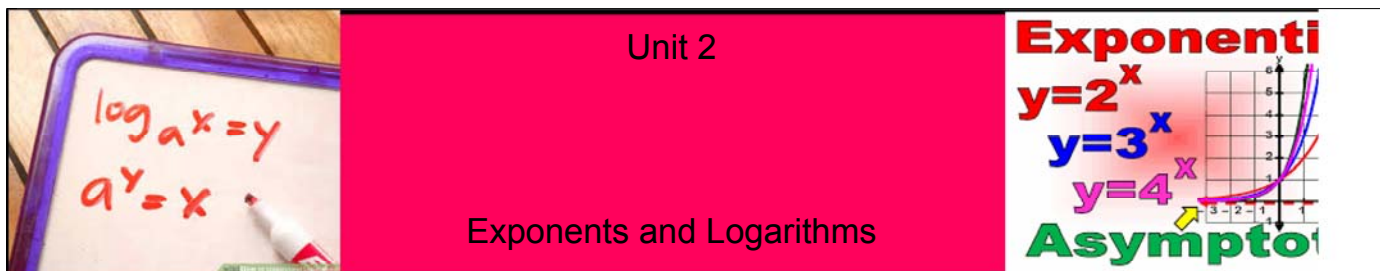
What patterns do you see?

- no x-int
- domain always $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- y-int 'a'
- check range on calculator

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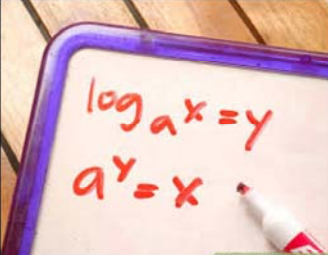


How do you know, from a table of values that a functions is exponential?

x	g(x)
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32

$$2^1$$
$$2^2$$
$$2^3$$
$$2^4$$
$$2^5$$

y doubles each time



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Types of word problems:

- Finance (compound interest)
- Earthquake Richter Scales
- Decibel scale
- pH scales
- growth and decay (populations, radioactive materials, etc.)

Ex.) The population of alligators in a swamp is increasing at a rate of 6.5 % per year.

a) Write an exponential function that relates the population $P(t)$ and the time, in years, from now. The initial alligator population is 500.

$$P(t) = 500(1.065)^t$$

$\div 100 = 0.065$
 $\times 1.065$
 add one

$y = a \cdot b^x$
 initial amount

b) What will be the population in 9 years?

$$P(9) = 500(1.065)^9 = \boxed{881 \text{ alligators}}$$

c) In how many years will the population double?

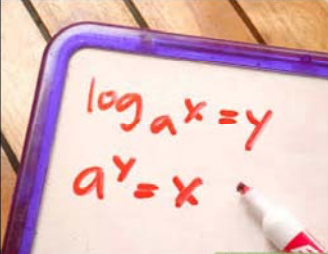
$$\frac{1000}{500} = \frac{500(1.065)^x}{500}$$

$$2 = 1.065^x$$

$y_1 \quad y_2$

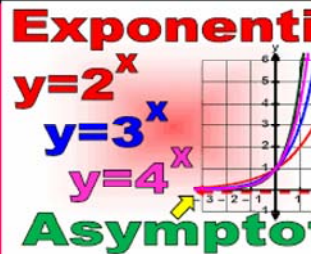
Intersection (11.0067, 2)

$$\boxed{t \approx 11 \text{ years}}$$



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Ex.) The value of a car is decreasing at an average rate of ^{100% - 16% per annum = per year} 16%/a. The initial value of the car was \$ 24 500. Write an exponential function to model the value of the car, $v(t)$, after t years. When will the car be worth half its original value, to the nearest year?

$$v(t) = 24500(0.84)^t$$

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Value remaining (84%)

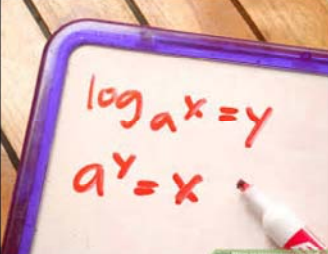
$$\frac{12250}{24500} = \frac{24500}{24500} (0.84)^t$$

$$0.5 = 0.84^t$$

y_1 y_2

(3.97, 0.5)

$t = 4 \text{ years}$



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The half-life of carbon-14 is approximately 5 730 years. As a sample of carbon-14 decays, the amount of carbon-14 remaining, P , at any time during the process can be modelled by the function

$$P = 100 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\left(\frac{t}{5730} \right)}$$

where t is the approximate age of the sample.

Ex.) To the nearest year, determine the approximate age of carbon-14 when 33% of the original sample remains.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= 100 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\left(\frac{t}{5730} \right)} \\
 33 &= 100 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\left(\frac{t}{5730} \right)} \\
 \frac{33}{100} &= \frac{100}{100} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\left(\frac{t}{5730} \right)} \\
 0.33 &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\left(\frac{t}{5730} \right)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$t = 9165 \text{ years}$$