

Math 1090 ~ Business Algebra

Section 4.2 Exponential Functions

Objectives:

- Identify and evaluate exponential functions.
- Evaluate the natural base *e* and graph natural exponential functions.
- Sketch transformations of an exponential function.
- Use an exponential function in a business application.

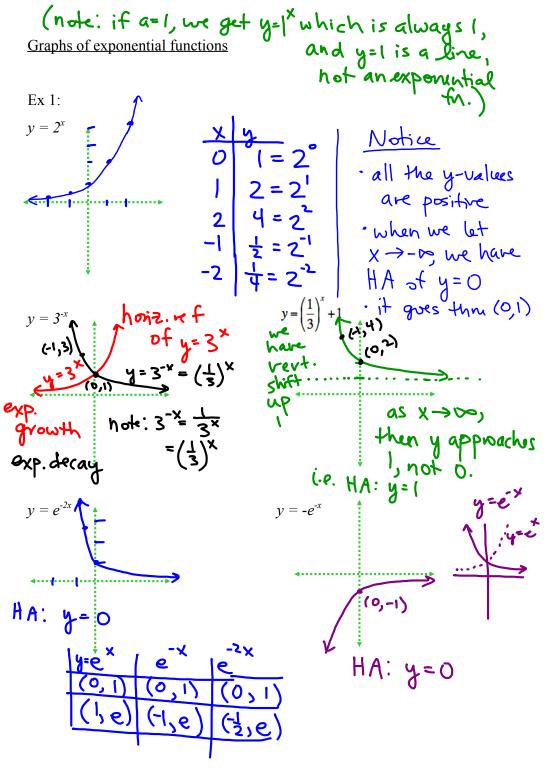


$$APY = \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^n - 1$$

An exponential function has a variable in the exponent and a constant base.

 $ex S^{x} = f(x)$

If $a \in \mathbb{R}$, a > 0 and $a \neq 1$, then $y = f(x) = a^x$ is an exponential function with base *a*.



Ex 2: Label these as either power functions or exponential functions.

Ex 4: If \$10,000 is invested for *t* years at 10% interest, compounded continuously, the future value will be $S = 10,000e^{0.10t}$. What will this account be worth in 5 years?