

## Math 1090 ~ Business Algebra

Section 4.2 Exponential Functions

## Objectives:

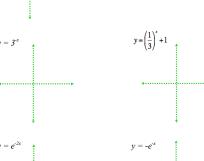
- Identify and evaluate exponential functions.
- Evaluate the natural base e and graph natural exponential functions.
- Sketch transformations of an exponential function.
- Use an exponential function in a business application.

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

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

## Graphs of exponential functions

Ex 1: 
$$y = 2^{\kappa}$$



Ex 2: Label these as either power functions or exponential functions. a)  $y = 2^x$  b)  $y = e^{2x}$  c)  $y = -e^2$ 

- d)  $y = -x^2 x^3$  e)  $y = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x + 1$

Ex 3: Simplify

- a)  $\frac{4^{2-x}}{4^{3+x}}$
- b)  $(2^{3x})^{(x-2)}$

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?