

## NOTES: Section 8.6 – Exponential Growth Functions

Goals: #1 - I can graph write and graph exponential growth functions.



*Homework: Section 8.6 Worksheet*

Warm Up:

1. Write the number 0.000459 in scientific notation.

$$4.59 \times 10^{-4}$$

2. Write the number  $4.33 \times 10^8$  in standard notation.

433,000,000

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3. Perform the indicated operation.

a.  $(9 \times 10^{-6})(2 \times 10^4)$

$$18 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$1.8 \times 10^{-1}$$

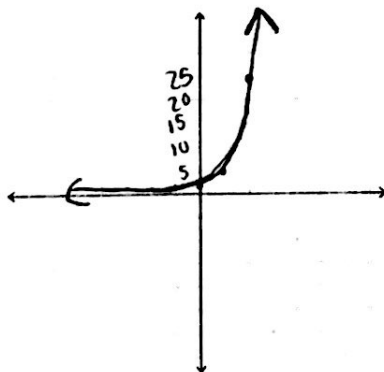
b.  $\frac{8 \times 10^{-3}}{4 \times 10^{-5}} \quad \frac{8}{4} \times 10^{-3 - (-5)}$

$$2 \times 10^2$$

Exploration #1: Work with a partner. Complete the tables and graph the following functions.

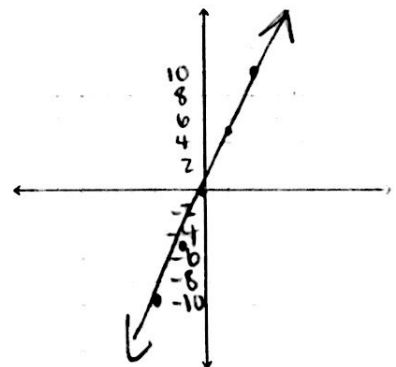
1.  $y = 5^x$

x	y
-2	$\frac{1}{25}$
-1	$\frac{1}{5}$
0	1
1	5
2	25



2.  $y = 5x$

x	y
-2	-10
-1	-5
0	0
1	5
2	10



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Notes:

One use of exponential functions is to model exponential growth

A quantity is growing exponentially if it increase by the same percent in each unit of time. rate of 10%, triples

Exponential growth can be modeld by the equation:

$$y = C(1+r)^t$$

initial amount ← C → growth factor → 1+r → growth rate → t → time

Example #1: A newly hatched channel catfish typically weighs about 0.06 gram. During the first six weeks of life, its weight increases by about 10% each day. Write a model for the weight of the catfish during the first six weeks

Let  $y =$  weight of the catfish (grams)  
 $t =$  time (days)

$$y = C(1+r)^t$$

$C = 0.06$   
 $r = 10\%$

$$y = 0.06(1+0.10)^t$$
$$y = 0.06(1.1)^t$$

a. Using the model, predict the weight of the catfish after 26 days.

$$y = 0.06(1.1)^{26}$$
$$y \approx 0.72 \text{ grams}$$

Example #2: A TV station's local news program has 50,000 viewers. The managers of the station hope to increase the number of viewers by 2% per month. Write an exponential growth model to represent the number of viewers  $v$  in  $t$  months.

Let  $v =$  # of viewers  
 $t =$  time (months)

$$v = C(1+r)^t$$

$C = 50,000$   
 $r = 2\%$

$$v = 50,000(1+0.02)^t$$
$$v = 50,000(1.02)^t$$

a. Using the model, predict how many viewers the news program will have in 15 months.

$$v = 50,000(1.02)^{15}$$
$$v \approx 67,293 \text{ viewers}$$

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Notes:

A common real-life example of exponential growth is compound interest.

The model for compound interest is generally written using:

$$\text{account balance} \leftarrow A = P(1+r)^t \rightarrow \text{time (years)}$$

principal (amt paid)      interest rate

Example #3: You deposit \$500 in an account that pays 8% interest compounded yearly. What will the account balance be after 6 years?

$$A = P(1+r)^t$$

$P = 500$   
 $r = 8\%$   
 $t = 6$   
 $A = ?$

$$A = 500(1+0.08)^6$$
$$A = 500(1.08)^6$$

$A \approx 793$

Example #4: A savings certificate of \$1000 pays 6.5% interest compounded yearly. What is the balance when the certificate matures in 5 years?

$$A = P(1+r)^t$$

$P = 1000$   
 $r = 6.5\%$   
 $t = 5$   
 $A = ?$

$$A = 1000(1+0.065)^5$$
$$A = 1000(1.065)^5$$

$A \approx \$1370.09$

You practice:

1. A rancher begins his herd of Longhorn cattle with 15. The herd grows by about 30% per year. Write a model for the size of his during the first several years. Let  $y = \#$  of cattle  
 $t = \text{time (years)}$

$$y = (1+r)^t$$

$C = 15$   
 $r = 30\%$

$$y = 15(1+0.30)^t$$

$y = 15(1.3)^t$

a. Using the model, predict how many cattle the rancher will have in 4 years.

$$y = 15(1.3)^4$$

$y = 43 \text{ cattle}$

2. You deposit \$750 in an account that pays 6% interest rate compounded yearly. What is the balance after 10 years?

$$A = P(1+r)^t$$

$P = 750$   
 $r = 6\%$   
 $t = 10$   
 $A = ?$

$$A = 750(1+0.06)^{10}$$
$$A = 750(1.06)^{10}$$

$A = \$1343.14$

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growth factor!

Example #5: An initial population of 20 mice triples each year for 5 years.

- a. Write an exponential growth model.

$y = \# \text{ of mice}$   
 $t = \text{time (years)}$

$$y = C(1+r)^t$$
$$y = 20(3)^t$$

- b. What is the mice population after 3 years?

$$y = 20(3)^3$$
$$y = 1540 \text{ mice}$$

- c. What is the mice population after 5 years?

$$y = 20(3)^5$$
$$y = 14860 \text{ mice}$$

- d. Graph the exponential growth of the model using a table:

$t$	$y$
0	20
1	60
3	540
4	1620
5	4860

