

# EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS

$$\frac{(a^3 b^3)(a^{-5} b^2)^3}{a^{-4} b^2}$$

$$\frac{(a^3 b^3)(a^{-15} b^6)}{a^{-4} b^2}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{a^{-12}} b^{9-2}}{\cancel{a^{-4}} \cancel{b^2}^{+12}}$$

$$\frac{b^7}{a^8}$$

$$\sqrt[5]{a^2} = a^{2/5}$$

$$(4^{-3/2} + 2^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{2^3} \leftarrow \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt[2]{4^3}} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{8} + \frac{4}{8} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\left( \frac{5}{8} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{8}{5}}$$

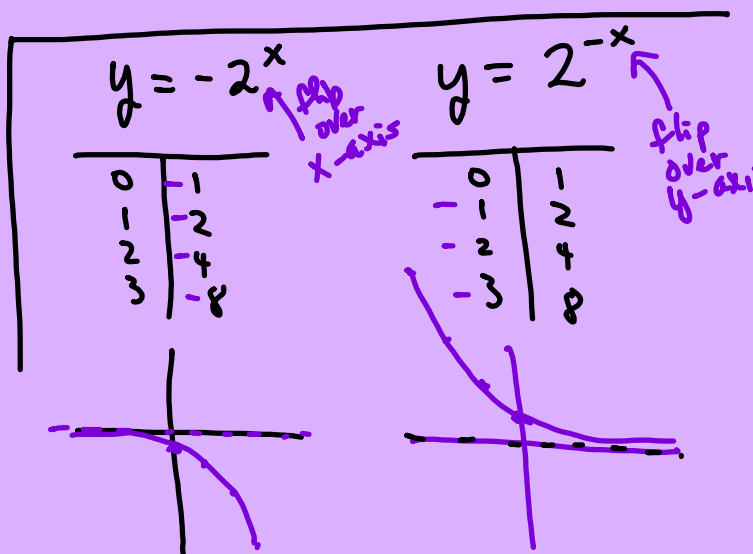
Exponential Functions — base is a constant #  
Variable exponent

$$y = 2^x \quad \begin{array}{l} b > 0 \\ b \neq 1 \end{array}$$

$$y = 5^{x+2}$$

$$y = 2.4^{3x}$$

Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
Range:  $(0, \infty)$



$$y = 2^x$$

0	$2^0 = 1$
1	$2^1 = 2$
2	$2^2 = 4$
3	$2^3 = 8$
-1	$2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$
-2	$2^{-2} = \frac{1}{4}$
-3	$2^{-3} = \frac{1}{8}$

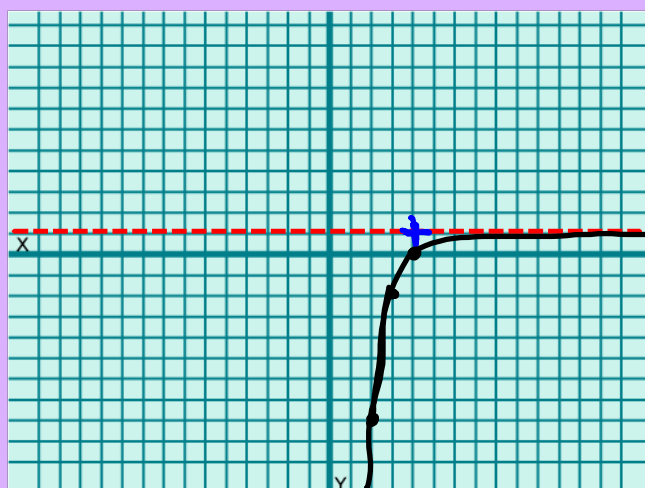
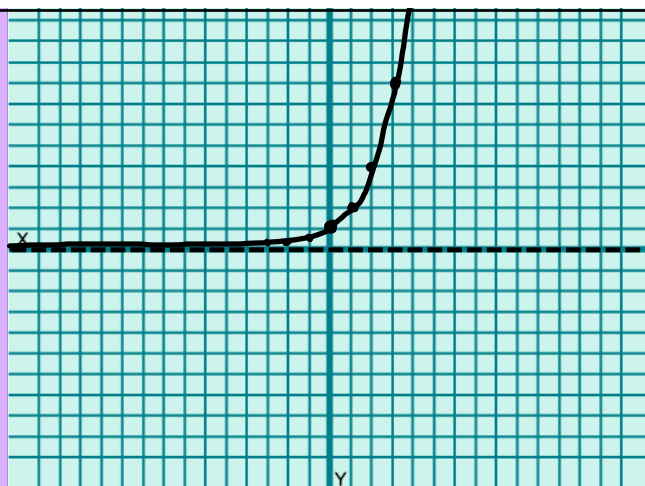
$$y = 3^x$$

0	$3^0 = 1$
1	3
2	9
3	27

$$y = -3^{4-x} + 1$$

$-(3)^{-(x-4)} + 1$   
 Right Up  
 1

0	-1
1	-3
2	-9



Solve for x.

$$\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{3x} = \left(\sqrt[4]{27}\right)^{x+3}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3^2}\right)^{3x} = \left(\sqrt[4]{3^3}\right)^{x+3}$$

$$\left(3^{-2}\right)^{3x} = \left(3^{3/4}\right)^{x+3}$$

$$3^{-6x} = 3^{3/4x + 9/4}$$

$$4 \left[ -6x = \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{9}{4} \right]$$

$$-24x = 3x + 9$$

$$\frac{-9}{27} = \frac{27x}{27}$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{1}{3} = x}$$

Make  
common  
bases!

$$e = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \approx 2.718 \quad \text{Leonard Euler (oiler)}$$

$n=1$	2
$n=2$	2.25
$n=3$	2.37
$n=4$	2.44

Nature Number

Compound Interest

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

Continuously

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

## Culture of Bacteria

$$\xrightarrow{\text{final}} N = N_0 e^{kt}$$

$\uparrow$  initial

20 bacteria

$$k = 0.42$$

How many bacteria in 12 hrs.?

$$N = 20e^{(0.42)(12)}$$
$$= 3089 \text{ bacteria}$$

When will there  
be 5000 bacteria

$$5000 = 20e^{0.42t}$$