

Warm Up: Evaluate each function at the given values of x .

1. $f(x) = -2(x + 4)$, when $x = 1$
2. $g(x) = 3 \cdot 3^x = 2$, when $x = 10$
3. $h(x) = 3(x + 1)^2$, when $x = -6$
4. $j(x) = 4^x$, when $x = 0$

Quick Question: Which allowance would you rather have?

Option A: You get \$10,000 total over the next 20 days, paid out any way you'd like.

Option B: You start with \$0.01 on Day 0, and your allowance doubles every day:

Which one do you choose and why?

Speak Like A Mathematician:

exponential function: a function in which the _____ variable is an _____.

exponential growth: happens when a quantity _____ in proportion to its _____ size, meaning the _____ it becomes, the _____ it grows.

exponential decay: happens when a quantity _____ in proportion to its _____ size, meaning the _____ it becomes, the _____ it declines.

asymptote: a line that a graph _____ as it heads toward _____.

How can I meet today's standards?

*I can **graph exponential functions** and **identify key features** of the graph*

Example 1: Identify Exponential Behavior

- A) The Richter Scale measures the energy that an earthquake releases and assigns a magnitude to it. These orders of magnitude can be approximated by comparing them to the explosive power of TNT. Determine whether the set of data displays exponential behavior.
- B) After World War II, the television became a major consumer product in the United States. The percentage of households with a TV for each year in the 1950's is provided in the table. Determine whether the set of data displays exponential behavior.
- C) In the 19th century, psychologist Hermann Ebbinghaus created a formula to approximate how quickly people forget information over time. The approximate percentage of the newly learned information a person retains over time is shown on the table. Determine whether the data displays exponential behavior.

Magnitude	TNT (tons)
1	0.6
2	6
3	60
4	600
5	6000
6	60,000
7	600,000
8	6,000,000

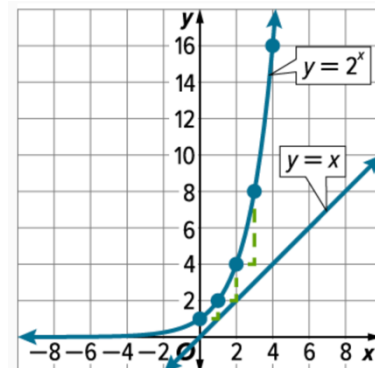
Year	% of Households with a TV
1950	9
1951	24
1952	34
1953	45
1954	56
1955	65
1956	72
1957	79

Time (days)	% Retained
0	100
1	80
2	64
3	51.2
4	40.96
5	32.768

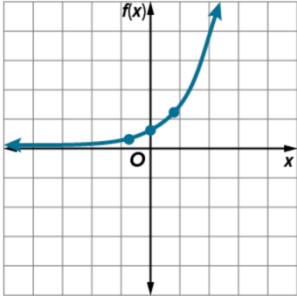
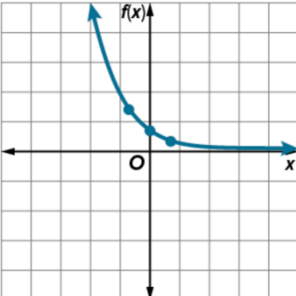
Source: Indiana University

Key Concept: Exponential Function

$$y = a(b)^x$$



Key Concept: Types of Exponential Functions

Exponential Growth	Exponential Decay
Equation	
Domain and Range	
Intercepts	
End Behavior	
Graph	
	

Example 2: Exponential Growth

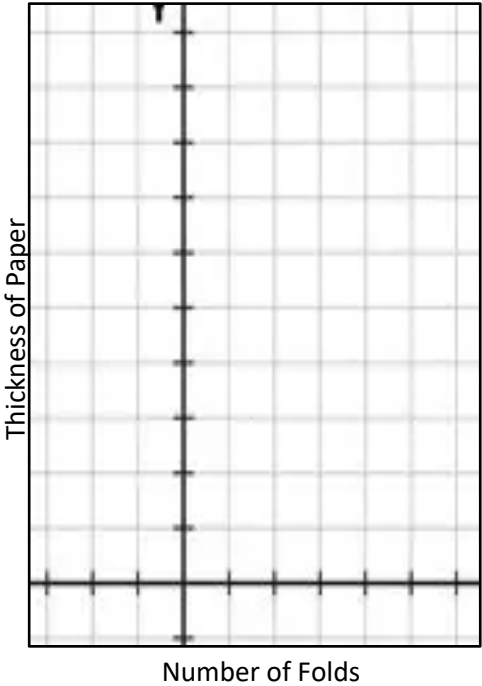
Each time you fold a piece of paper in half, it doubles in thickness. If a piece of paper is 0.05 millimeter thick, then you can determine the thickness y of a piece of paper given the number of folds x with the function $y = 0.05(2)^x$. Identify the key features of the function, graph it, and then identify the relevant domain and range in the context of the situation.

- A) Key Features:
- Domain and Range:
 - y-intercept:
 - End Behavior:

B) Graph the function:

x	$y = 0.05(2)^x$	y
-2	$y = 0.05(2)^{-2}$	
-1	$y = 0.05(2)^{-1}$	
0	$y = 0.05(2)^0$	
1	$y = 0.05(2)^1$	
2	$y = 0.05(2)^2$	
3	$y = 0.05(2)^3$	
4	$y = 0.05(2)^4$	

C) Identify the relevant domain and range in context.



Let’s Sweeten the Deal: Which allowance would you rather have?

- Option A:** You get \$1,000,000 total over the next **30** days paid out any way you’d like.
- Option B:** You start with \$0.01 on Day 0, and your allowance doubles every day for 30 days:

Which one do you choose now and why?

Example 3: Exponential Decay

The half-life of a substance describes how long it takes for the substance to deplete by half. The half-life of caffeine in the body of a typical 14 year old is approximately 5 hours, meaning that it takes 5 hours for the body to break down half of the caffeine. Suppose an energy drink contains 160 milligrams of caffeine. The amount of caffeine y left in your system after x hours is modeled by the function $y = 160 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{x}{5}}$. Identify the key features of the function, graph it, and then identify the relevant domain and range in the context of the situation.

- A) Key Features:
- Domain and Range:
 - y-intercept:
 - End Behavior:

B) Graph the function:

x	$y = 160 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{x}{5}}$	y
-2	$y = 160 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-\frac{2}{5}}$	
-1	$y = 160 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{5}}$	
0	$y = 160 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0$	
1	$y = 160 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$	
2	$y = 160 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{5}}$	
3	$y = 160 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{5}}$	

C) Identify the relevant domain and range in context.

