

Notes: Introduction to Exponential Functions



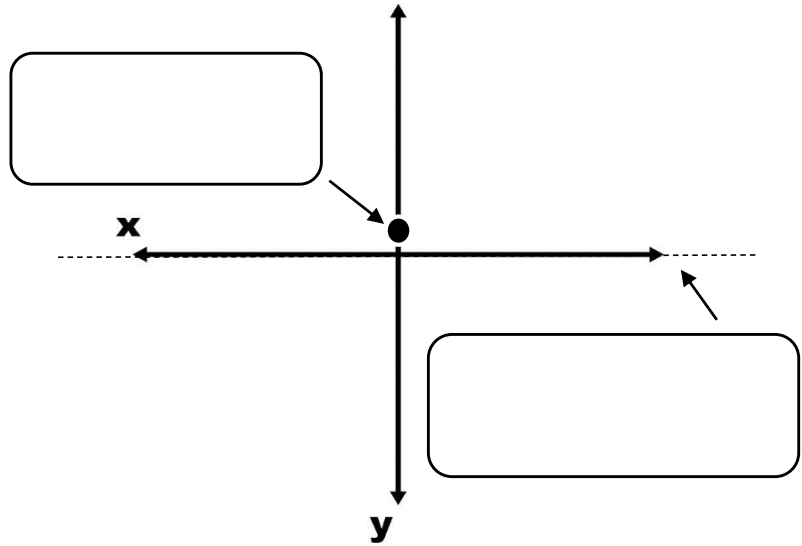
CHARACTERISTICS OF EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Parent Function:

$$f(x) = b^x$$

$$f(x) = 2^x$$

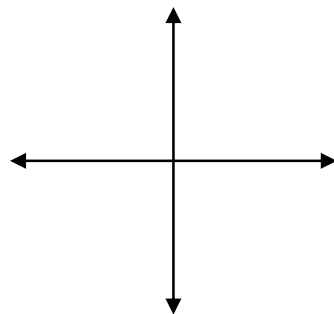
x	f(x)
-2	
-1	
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2	



What is an ASYMPTOTE?

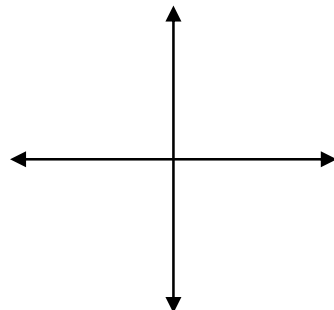
A _____ that a curve _____ as it heads toward _____.

Exponential GROWTH



Quantity may _____ over time
 $b > 1$

Exponential DECAY

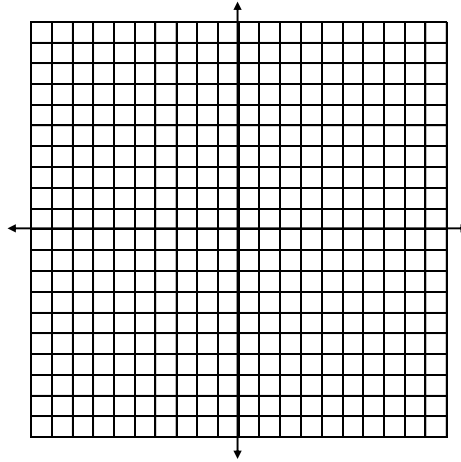


Quantity may _____ over time
 $0 < b < 1$

Create a table of values for the given function. Then graph the function and identify key characteristics.

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Range: _____

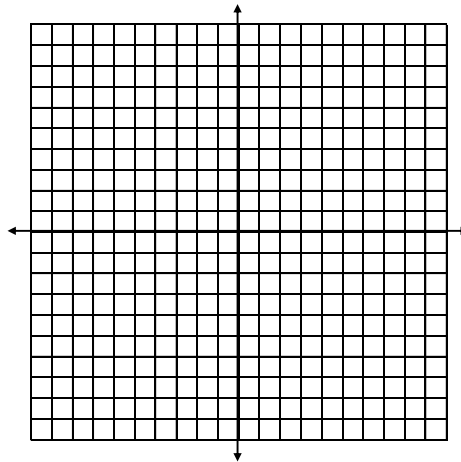
Asymptote: _____

y-intercept: _____

Growth or Decay? _____

2. $f(x) = 3^x$

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2	



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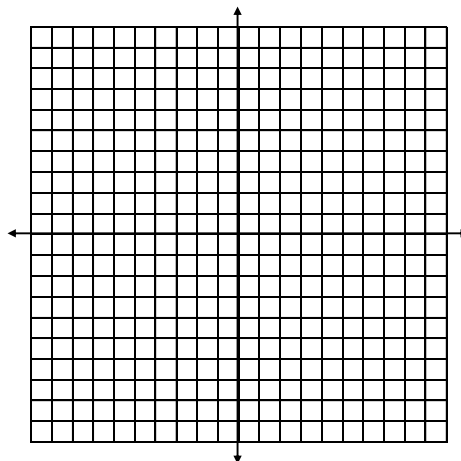
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Growth or Decay? _____

3. $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$

x	f(x)
-2	
-1	
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1	
2	



Domain: _____

Range: _____

Asymptote: _____

y-intercept: _____

Growth or Decay? _____

Recap:

Parent function: $f(x) = b^x$ If $b > 1$, the function is exponential _____
 If $0 < b < 1$, the function is exponential _____

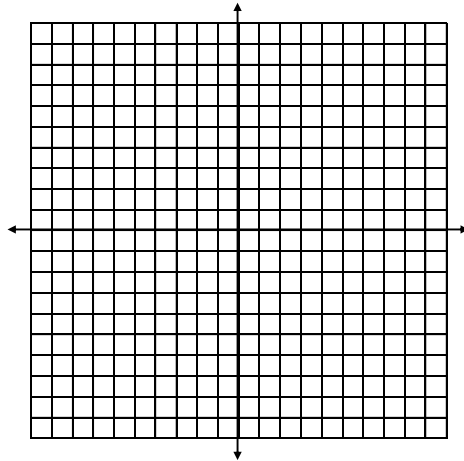
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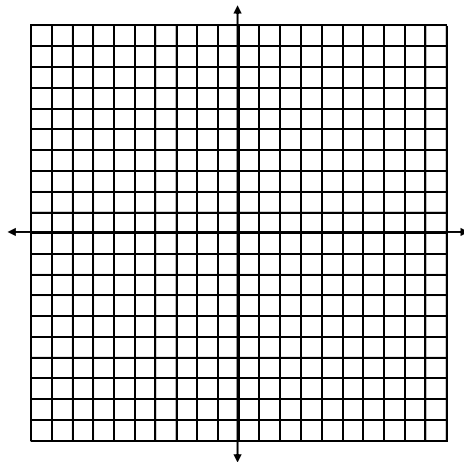
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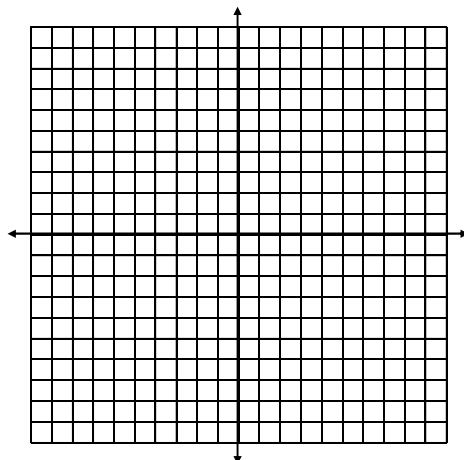
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3. $f(x) = 4^x$

x	f(x)
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-1	
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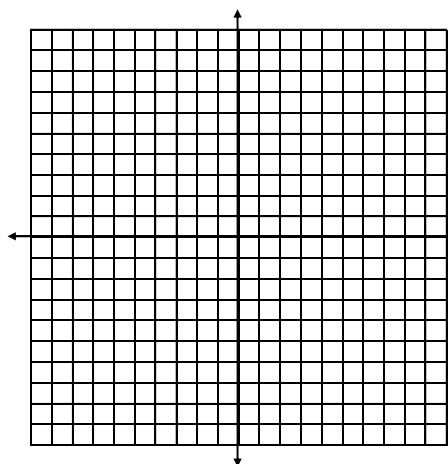
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y-intercept: _____

Growth or Decay? _____

4. $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$

x	f(x)
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-1	
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1	
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Range: _____

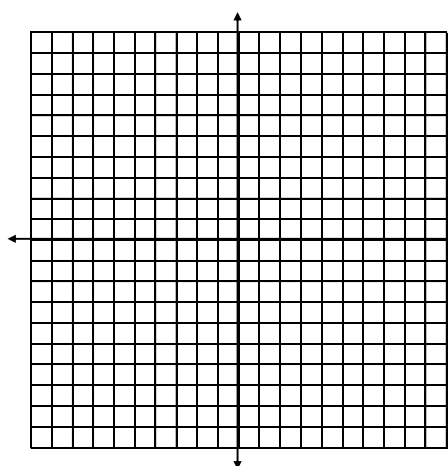
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Growth or Decay? _____

5. $f(x) = 5^x$

x	f(x)
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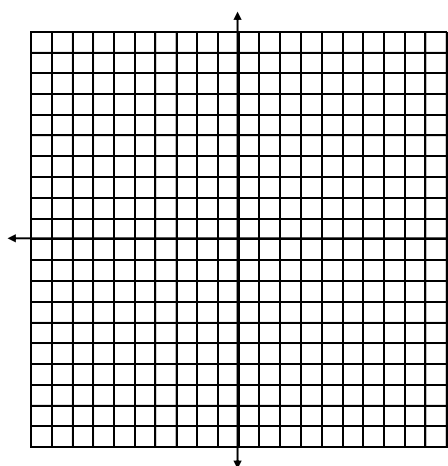
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6. $f(x) = \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^x$

x	f(x)
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-1	
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1	
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y-intercept: _____

Growth or Decay? _____