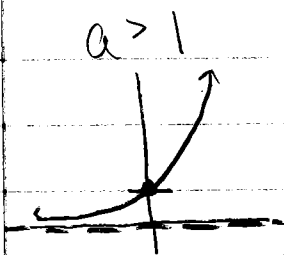


## 5.1 Exponential Functions and Their Graphs

$$f(x) = a^x$$



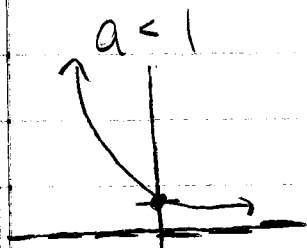
Increasing

Domain:  $\mathbb{R}$

Range:  $(0, \infty)$

Horizontal asymptote:  $x = 0$

y-intercept:  $(0, 1)$



Decreasing

Domain:  $\mathbb{R}$

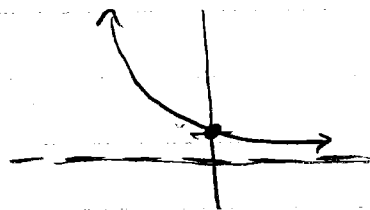
Range  $(0, \infty)$

Horizontal asymptote:  $x = 0$

y-intercept:  $(0, 1)$

Example 1 Use a grapher to construct a table of values and sketch a graph

(A)  $f(x) = 3^{-x}$   
 $= \frac{1}{3}^x$



Calculator:  $y = 3^{-x}$

2nd Table Set Tblstart = -3

$\Delta$ Tbl = 1

Indep. Auto

Dep. Auto

\* Indep Ask

⊕ plug in values

Example 2 Describe the transformation of the graph of  $g(x)$

Ⓐ  $f(x) = 5^x$

$g(x) = -5^{x+1}$

Reflection in x-axis

left 2

Ⓑ  $f(x) = 3^x$

$g(x) = 1 + 3^{-x}$

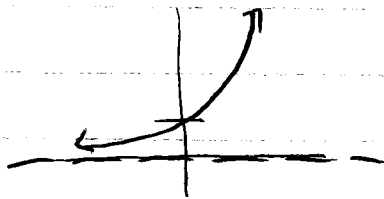
Reflection in y-axis

up 1

Natural base e

$e \approx 2.718281828\dots$

$f(x) = e^x$



One-to-one property If  $a^x = a^y$ , then  $x = y$

Example 3 Solve using the one-to-one property

Ⓐ  $5^{x-2} = \frac{1}{125}$

$5^{x-2} = 5^{-3}$

$x-2 = -3$

$x = -1$

Ⓑ  $e^{x^2+6} = e^{5x}$

$x^2+6 = 5x$

$x^2-5x+6 = 0$

$(x-3)(x-2) = 0$

$x = 3$

$x = 2$

5.1 cont'd

## Compound Interest

$$\text{Annual: } A = P(1+tr)^t$$

$$\text{Monthly: } A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{12}\right)^{12t}$$

$$\text{Quarterly: } A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{4}\right)^{4t}$$

$$\text{Daily: } A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{365}\right)^{365t}$$

$A$  = final balance  
 $P$  = Principal  
 $r$  = rate (as decimal)  
 $2\% = .02$   
 $t$  = time in years

\* exponent = total compounding each year

### Example 4

Ⓐ What is the final balance after 2.5 years on a \$1000 loan if 6.2% interest is charged and compounded monthly?

$$\begin{aligned} A &= P\left(1 + \frac{r}{12}\right)^{12t} \\ &= 1000\left(1 + \frac{.062}{12}\right)^{12 \cdot 2.5} \\ &= \underline{\underline{\$1167.192}} \end{aligned}$$

Ⓑ How much needs to be invested for 5 years at 7.3% compounded quarterly to have \$3000 at the end of 5 years?

$$\begin{aligned} 3000 &= P\left(1 + \frac{.073}{4}\right)^{4 \cdot 5} \\ 3000 &= P(1.436...) \\ \frac{3000}{1.436} &= P \end{aligned}$$

\* Don't round until the end. Divide by answer in the calculator \*

Compounding continuously  $A = Pe^{rt}$

A = final balance    P = Principal  
r = rate as decimal    t = time

Example 5 Upon graduation you invest  
\$ 2000 compounded continuously at 5.3%.  
What is the balance after:

(A) 5 years

$$A = 2000e^{.053 \cdot 5}$$
$$= \boxed{2606.862}$$

(B) 10 years

$$A = 2000e^{.053 \cdot 10}$$
$$= \boxed{3397.865}$$

Grew  $\approx$  600 in 5 years  
 $\approx$  1400 in 10 years