### functions

J. Alexander Branham

Fall 2015

• Exponents tell you to multiply that thing by its base x times:

- Exponents tell you to multiply that thing by its base x times:
  - \$3^4 = 3*3*3\*3 = \$

- Exponents tell you to multiply that thing by its base x times:
  - \$3^4 = 3*3*3\*3 = \$
- Logarithms ask how many times you must raise the base to get
   x:

- Exponents tell you to multiply that thing by its base x times:
  - \$3^4 = 3*3*3\*3 = \$
- Logarithms ask how many times you must raise the base to get x:
  - $log_3(81) = 4$

- Exponents tell you to multiply that thing by its base x times:
  - \$3^4 = 3*3*3\*3 = \$
- Logarithms ask how many times you must raise the base to get
   x:
  - $log_3(81) = 4$
  - Note that logarithms with negative arguments are undefined

- Exponents tell you to multiply that thing by its base x times:
  - \$3^4 = 3*3*3\*3 = \$
- Logarithms ask how many times you must raise the base to get
   x:
  - $log_3(81) = 4$
  - Note that logarithms with negative arguments are undefined
  - Sometimes log(n) means  $log_{10}(n)$

- Exponents tell you to multiply that thing by its base x times:
  - \$3^4 = 3*3*3\*3 = \$
- Logarithms ask how many times you must raise the base to get
   x:
  - $log_3(81) = 4$
  - Note that logarithms with negative arguments are undefined
  - Sometimes log(n) means  $log_{10}(n)$
  - Othertimes, it means  $log_e(n) = ln(n)$

$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$a^{\frac{a}{n}} = a^{m-n}$$

- $a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$
- $a^{m} = a^{m-n}$

• 
$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

$$\bullet \ (a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

• 
$$a^0 = 1$$

$$\bullet \ a_{-m}^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

$$\bullet \ (a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

• 
$$a^0 = 1$$

• 
$$a^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{a}$$

• 
$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

• 
$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$
  
•  $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$ 

• 
$$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

• 
$$a^0 = 1$$

• 
$$a^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{a}$$

$$\bullet \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n} = a^n b^{-n} \qquad \forall b \neq 0$$

$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

$$\bullet (a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

• 
$$a^0 = 1$$

• 
$$a^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{a}$$

• 
$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n} = a^n b^{-n} \quad \forall b \neq 0$$
  
•  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-n} = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^n \quad \forall a, b \neq 0$ 

• 
$$log_x(ab) = log_x a + log_x b$$

• 
$$log_x(ab) = log_x a + log_x b$$

• 
$$log_X(\frac{a}{b}) = log_X a - log_X b$$

- $log_x(ab) = log_x a + log_x b$
- $log_x(\frac{a}{b}) = log_x a log_x b$
- $log_X a^b = blog_X a$

- $log_x(ab) = log_x a + log_x b$
- $log_x(\frac{a}{b}) = log_x a log_x b$
- $log_x a^b = blog_x a$
- $log_{x}1 = 0$

• 
$$log_x(ab) = log_x a + log_x b$$

• 
$$log_x(\frac{a}{b}) = log_x a - log_x b$$

• 
$$log_x a^b = blog_x a$$

• 
$$log_{x}1 = 0$$

• 
$$m^{\log_m(a)} = a$$

• 
$$log_x(ab) = log_x a + log_x b$$

• 
$$log_x(\frac{a}{b}) = log_x a - log_x b$$

• 
$$log_x a^b = blog_x a$$

• 
$$log_{x}1 = 0$$

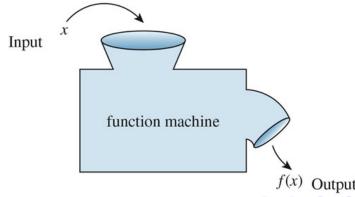
• 
$$m^{log_m(a)} = a$$

• Anything that takes input and gives one output

- Anything that takes input and gives one output
- In math, this usually looks something like f(x, z) = y

- Anything that takes input and gives one output
- In math, this usually looks something like f(x, z) = y
  - x and z are the arguments that the function takes

- Anything that takes input and gives one output
- In math, this usually looks something like f(x, z) = y
  - x and z are the arguments that the function takes
  - *y* is the *output* from the function



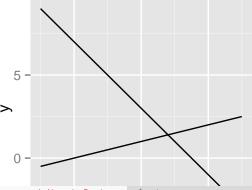
• We can make a function that describes a line pretty easily

- We can make a function that describes a line pretty easily
- $\bullet$  y = mx + b

- We can make a function that describes a line pretty easily
- y = mx + b
  - m is the slope (for every one unit increase in x, y increases m units)

- We can make a function that describes a line pretty easily
- y = mx + b
  - m is the slope (for every one unit increase in x, y increases m units)
  - b is the x-intercept: the value of y when x = 0

```
ggplot(data.frame(x=c(-3, 3)), aes(x)) +
  stat_function(fun=function(x)-2*x+3, geom="line") +
  stat_function(fun=function(x)(1/2)*x+1)
```





### Quadratics

• These lines have one curve

## Quadratics

• These lines have one curve

• 
$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

### Quadratics

```
ggplot(data.frame(x=c(-3,4)), aes(x)) +
  stat_function(fun=function(x)2*x^2, color="red") +
  stat_function(fun=function(x)x^2, color="green") +
  stat_function(fun=function(x)-2*x^2 + 6*x -4) +
  ylim(c(-5, 5))
```

