

## Exponential Functions

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$$y = f(x) = p \cdot a^x, \quad y \text{ is an exponential function of } x$$

or

$$y = f(t) = p \cdot a^t, \quad y \text{ is an exponential function of } t$$

### Example 1

$$y = f(x) = \underline{2024} \cdot 6^x$$

$$y = f(x) = \underline{-20} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$$

$$y = f(x) = 100 \cdot x^6 \quad (\text{not exponential!})$$

$$y = f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} \quad (\text{not exponential})$$

$$(*) \quad y = f(t) = p \cdot a^t$$

$p$ : Initial value

$a$ : The base,  $a$  is always bigger than 0

$a > 1$ : The growing factor

$a < 1$ : The decay factor.

## Example 2: Linear Growth vs. Exponential Growth

Consider 2 types of interest when deposit \$100 into a bank.

① Simple interest of  $r = \underline{5\%}$  a year.

The money earns from interest after the first year.

$$5\% \times 100 = \$5$$

After 1<sup>st</sup> year: we have totally  $100 + 5 = \$105$

$$t=1 \Rightarrow f(t) = \$105$$

$$t=2 \Rightarrow 105 + 5 = \$110$$

$$t=3 \Rightarrow 105 + 5 = \$115$$

The money grows constantly. The money at year  $t$  is

$$f(t) = 100 + 100 \times 5\% \cdot t$$

$$\boxed{f(t) = 100 + 5t} \quad (\text{linear function of } t)$$

② Compound Interest at 5% a year.

The growing percentage is a constant every year.

$$t=1: \quad \underline{100} + \underline{100 \times 5\%} = \$105$$

$$t=2: 105 + 105 \times 5\% = \$110.25$$

$$t=3: 110.25 + 110.25 \times 5\% = \$115.76$$

After year  $t$ , the money is

$$100 \cdot (1.05)^t$$

Formulas:

$P$ : Principal (Initial amount of money)

$r$ : Interest

$t$ : time

$M(t)$ : the total money at year  $t$

Simple Interest

$$M(t) = P(1 + rt)$$

Compound Interest

$$M(t) = P(1 + r)^t$$

Assignment 5.

(1) Give some examples of exponential functions and non-exponential functions.

(2) Given: you deposit \$1 to the bank.

In Excel, make a table for the money in 100 year

for 2 cases simple interest and compound interest with  $r = 7\%$

## logarithmic functions

Example: solve for  $x$

$3^x = 9$	$2^x = 8 = 2^3$	$4^x = 4^1$
$\Rightarrow 3^x = 3^2$	$2^x = 2^3$	$\boxed{y = 1}$
$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = 2}$	$\boxed{x = 2}$	

①  $3^x = 27 = 3^3$

$\Rightarrow x = 3$

②  $3^x = 1 = 3^0$

$3^x = 3^0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 0}$

notice: (anything)<sup>0</sup> = 1  
↑  
positive

③  $3^x = 3 = 3^1$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = 1}$

④  $3^x = 2$

$3^0 = 1$

$3^1 = 3$

$3^2 = 9$

$3^3 = 27$

$3^{.6309} = 1.9999346...$   
not 2

In decimal form, it is impossible to write down the exact solution in this case.

$$3^x = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \log_3 2}$$

Example :

$$4^x = 29$$

$$4^2 = 16$$

$$4^3 = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \log_4 29}$$

Example :

① solve for x

$$2 \cdot 4^x = 2024$$

$$\Rightarrow 4^x = \frac{2024}{2} = 1012$$

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$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \log_4 1012}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{6^x}{3} + 10 = 121$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6^x}{3} = 111 \rightarrow 6^x = 333$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \log_6 333$$

**U.S. Investment Abroad** In 1980, direct U.S. business investment abroad was about 13.5 billion dollars. From 1980 through 2010, that investment<sup>12</sup> grew at an average annual rate of 11.24%.

compound interest

- Make an exponential model that shows the U.S. direct investment abroad  $A$ , in billions of dollars,  $t$  years after 1980.
- From 1980, how long did it take for U.S. investments abroad to double?

$$\textcircled{a} \quad M(t) = P \cdot (1 + r)^t$$

$$= 13.5 (1 + .1124)^t$$

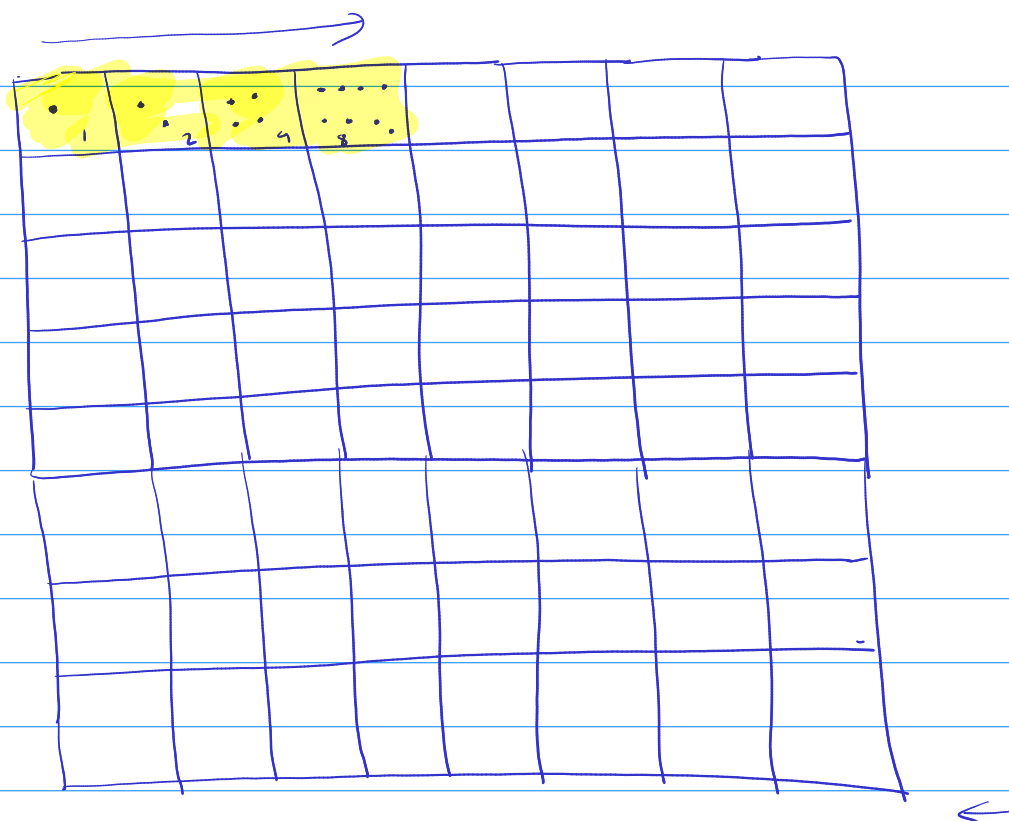
$$M(t) = 13.5 (1.1124)^t$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad \underline{13.5} (1.1124)^t = 2 \times \underline{13.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1.1124)^t = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{t = \log_{1.1124} 2} = \boxed{6.507}$$

In year 7<sup>th</sup> the money will be (more than) double



### Assignment 6

① Solve for x

Ⓐ  $3^x = 10$

Ⓑ  $4^x = 1$

Ⓒ  $6 \cdot 10^x = 3$

Ⓓ  $7 \cdot 6^x + 1 = 20$

Ⓔ  $\frac{8^x + 1}{2} = 2024$

② How long does it take for the investment of \$100 with interest rate 6% compounded annually to

Ⓐ double

Ⓑ Triple

③ Starting from 1 cent (\$.01), doubling it every day

this means

$$\text{day 1} : .01$$

$$\text{day 2} : .01 \times 2 = .02$$

$$\text{day 3} : .02 \times 2 = .04$$

$$\text{day 4} : .04 \times 2 = .08$$

⋮

now how long does it take to take to be the  
richest person in the world ?