

Exponential Functions

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

or

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

Example 1

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

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

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

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

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

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 $r = \underline{\underline{5\%}}$ a year.

The money earns from interest after the first year.

$$5\% + 100 = \$5$$

After 1st year : we have totally $100 + 5 = \$105$

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

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

$$t=3 \Rightarrow 110 + 5 = \$115$$

The money grows constantly. The money at year t is

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

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

(2) Compound Interest at 5% a year.

The growing percentage is a constant every year.

$$t=1 : 100 + \underbrace{100 \times 5\%}_{\$5} = \$105$$

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

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

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 years

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

Logarithmic functions

Example : solve for x

$$3^x = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^x = 3^2$$

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

$$2^x = 8 = 2^3$$

$$2^x = 2^3$$

$$\boxed{x = 3}$$

$$4^x = 4^1$$

$$\boxed{x = 1}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 3^x = 27 = 3^3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 3^x = 1 = 3^0$$

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

notice : $(\text{anything})^0 = 1$

positive

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 3^x = 3 = 3^1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = 1}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad 3^x = 2$$

$$3^0 = 1$$

$$3^1 = 3$$

$$3^2 = 9$$

$$3^3 = 27$$

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$$3 = 1.9999346 \dots$$

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 :

$$4^x = 29$$

$$4^1 = 16$$

$$4^2 = 64$$

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

Example :

(1) solve for x

$$2 + 4^x = 2024$$

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

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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 investment¹² grew at an average annual rate of 11.24%.

compound interest

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

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

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

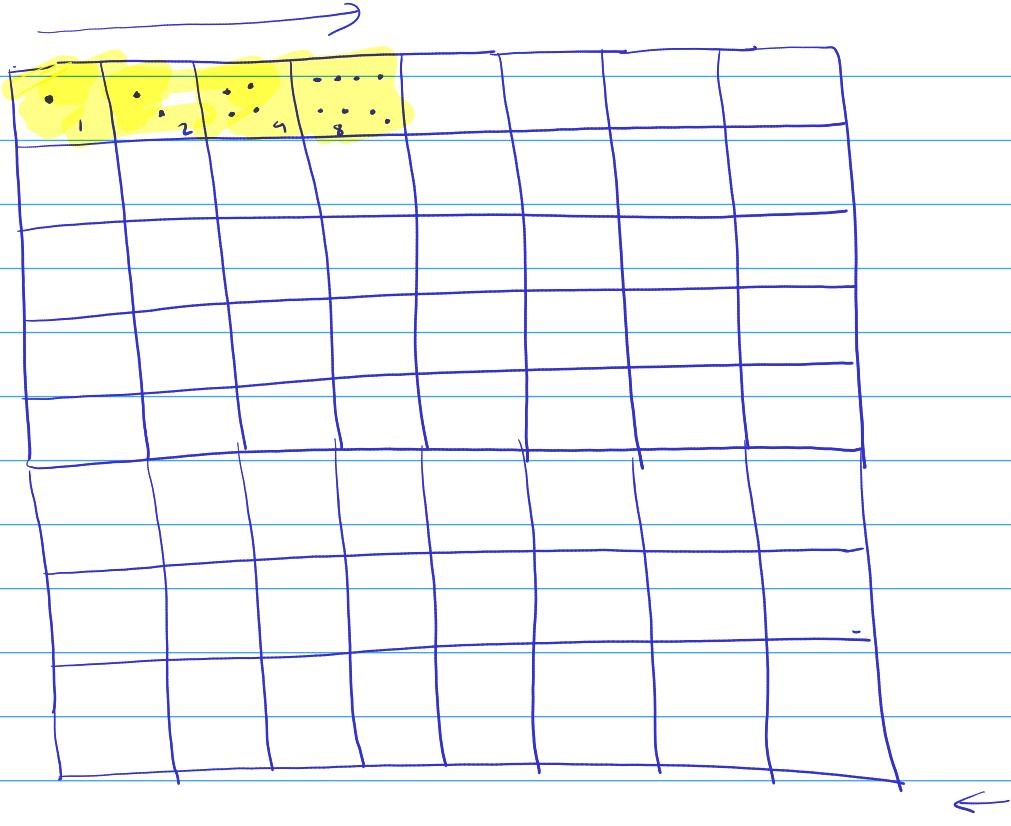
$$M(t) = 13.5 (1.1124)^t$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad \underbrace{13.5}_{\textcircled{1}} (1.1124)^t = 2 * \underbrace{13.5}_{\textcircled{2}}$$

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

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

In year $\textcircled{7}^{\text{th}}$ the money will be (more than) double



Assignment 6

① Solve for x

$$\textcircled{a} \quad 3^x = 10$$

$$\textcircled{d} \quad 7 \cdot 6^x + 1 = 20$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad 4^x = 1$$

$$\textcircled{c} \quad 6 \cdot 10^x = 3$$

$$\textcircled{e} \quad \frac{8^x + 1}{2} = 2024$$

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

\textcircled{a} double

\textcircled{b} Triple

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

this means

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

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

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

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

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