

# FUNCTIONS

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##  
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'  
  
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':  
##  
##      filter, lag  
  
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':  
##  
##      intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
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$$2^4$$

$$\log(100)$$

$$a^3 \times a^7$$

$$\log_{10}(10z)$$



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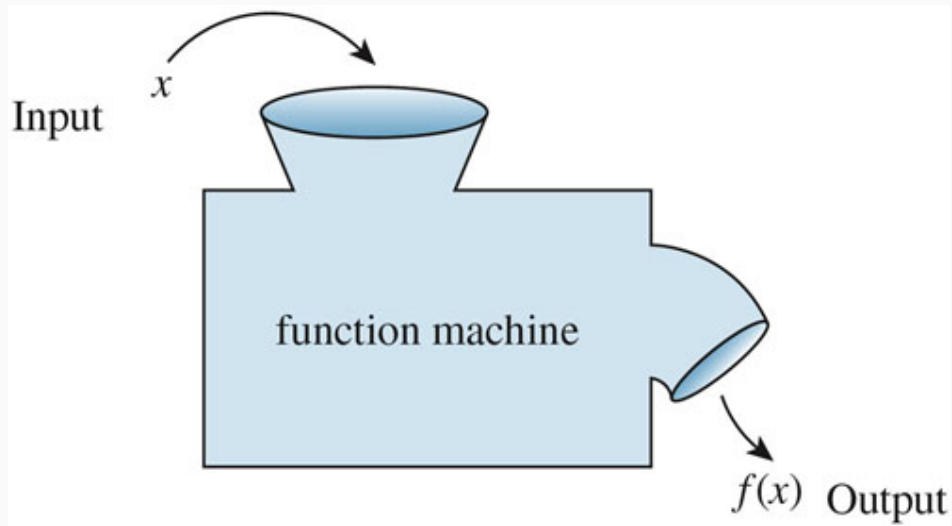


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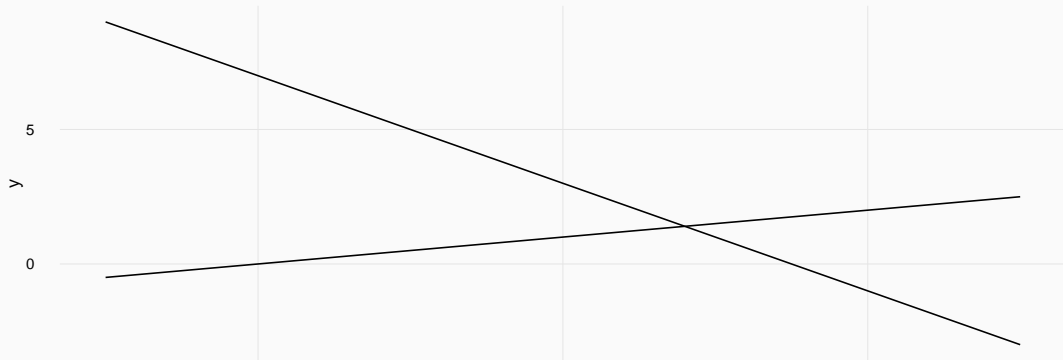


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  - $b$  is the y-intercept: the value of  $y$  when  $x = 0$

# LINEAR FUNCTIONS

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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)
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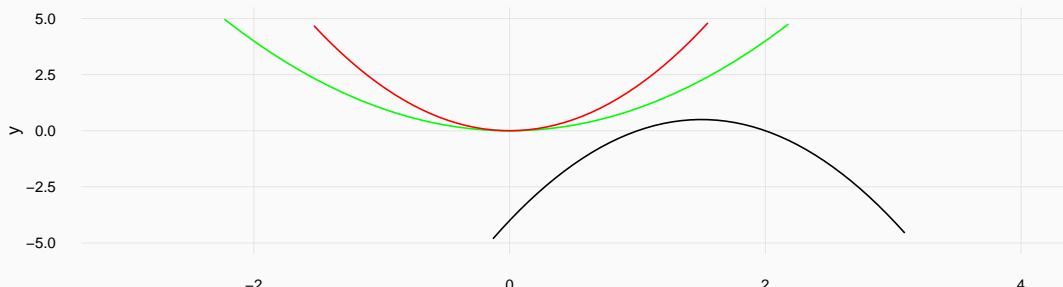


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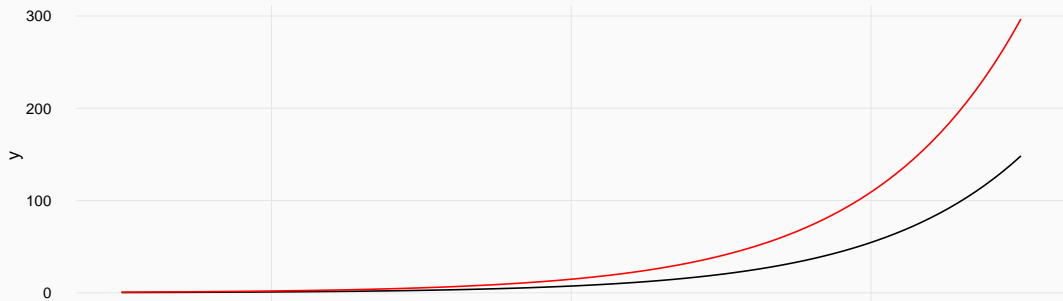
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ggplot(data.frame(x = c(-3, 4)), aes(x)) +  
  stat_function(fun = function(x) x ^ 2, color = "green") +  
  stat_function(fun = function(x) 2 * x ^ 2, color = "red") +  
  stat_function(fun = function(x) -2 * x ^ 2 + 6 * x - 4) +  
  ylim(c(-5, 5))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

- General form:  $y = a * b^{kx} + k$

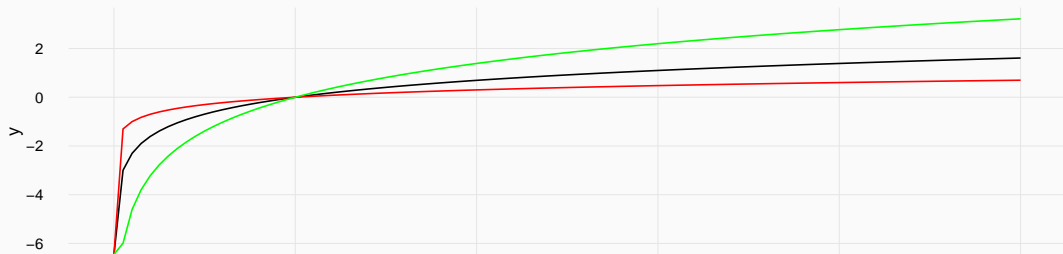
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ggplot(data.frame(x = c(-1, 5)), aes(x)) +  
  stat_function(fun = function(x) exp(x)) +  
  stat_function(fun = function(x) 2 * exp(x), color = "red")
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# LOGS

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ggplot(data.frame(x = c(0, 5)), aes(x)) +  
  stat_function(fun = function(x) log(x)) +  
  stat_function(fun = function(x) log10(x), color = "red") +  
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- Logs have vertical asymptote

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What function describes this line?

