

### Problem 1: Function $ab^x$

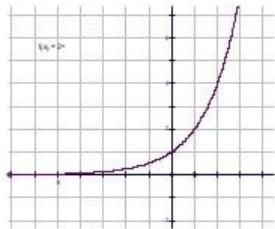
This exponential function  $ab^x$  means  $y$  increases exponentially as raising  $x$ . The initial quantity is given by the value that is easy to see (let  $x=0$  and  $y=a$  left). Here value  $b$  is the growth factor.

If we limit  $b$  to  $0 < b < 1$ , the function will decline (depicted below) and if  $b > 1$ , the function will increase.

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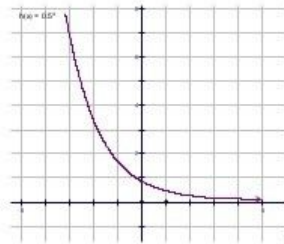
Exponential Growth

$$y = a \cdot b^x$$

$$b > 1$$

$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$$

getting bigger



Exponential Decay

$$y = a \cdot b^x$$

$$b < 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

getting smaller

Domain:  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$

Range:  $(0, \infty)$

### References:-

1. <https://www.quora.com/In-the-equation-y-ab-x-what-does-each-symbol-mean-Which-is-the-initial-amount-and-which-is-the-growth-factor> [Accessed 6 Jul. 2019].