

1.4 Exponential Functions

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1. Consider the graph of $y = e^x$.
(a) Find the equation of the graph that results from reflecting about the line $y = 3$.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= e^x \\ \text{put on zero} \\ &= e^x - 3 \\ \text{now we reflect the graph} & \qquad \qquad \qquad (1) \\ &= -e^x + 3 \\ \text{then, we move it back to its place (3 positions)} \\ &= -e^x + 6\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find the equation of the graph that results from reflecting about the line $x = 5$.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= e^x \\ \text{reflect } x \text{ and put it on zero} \\ &= e^{x-5} \\ \text{now we reflect the graph} & \qquad \qquad \qquad (2) \\ &= e^{-x+5} \\ \text{then, we move it back to its place (5 positions)} \\ &= e^{-x+10}\end{aligned}$$

2. Find the domain of each function. (Enter your answer using interval notation.)
(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \frac{64 - e^{x^2}}{1 - e^{64-x^2}} \\
D_f : \mathbb{R}, (1 - e^{64-x^2}) &\neq 0 \\
1 - e^{64-x^2} &= 0 \\
e^{64-x^2} &= 1 \mid (\ln) \\
\ln(e^{64-x^2}) &= \ln(1) \\
64 - x^2 &= 0 \\
x^2 &= -64 \\
x &= \sqrt{64} \\
\text{we must consider } -8 \text{ and } 8, &\text{ because of the sqrt.} \\
(-\infty, -8) \cup (-8, 8) \cup (8, \infty)
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \frac{3+x}{e^{\cos(x)}} \\
\text{exponential functions are always positive} \\
\therefore \\
(-\infty, \infty)
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

3. Find the exponential function $f(x) = Cb^x$ whose graph is given.

$$15 = Cb^x$$

$$C = \frac{15}{b^1}$$

$$135 = Cb^3 \text{ switch } C \text{ and the fraction above}$$

$$135 = \frac{15b^3}{b}$$

$$135 = 15b^2$$

$$\frac{135}{15} = b^2 \tag{5}$$

$$b = \sqrt{9}$$

$$b = 3$$

$$15 = C \times 3^1$$

$$C = 3$$

The equation is $5(3^x)$

4. If 6^x , show that:

$$\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h} = 6^x \left(\frac{6^h-1}{h} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{f(x+h) - 6^x}{h} \\ &= \frac{6^{x+h} - 6^x}{h} \\ &= \frac{6^x(6^h) - 6^x}{h} \\ &= \frac{6^x(6^h - 1)}{h} \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

5. A bacteria culture starts with 300 bacteria and doubles in size every half hour.

(a) How many bacteria are there after 2 hours?

$$\begin{aligned} &300 \times 2^4 \\ &300 \times 16 \\ &4800 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

(b) How many bacteria are there after t hours?

$$300 \times 2^{2t} \text{ each hour is worth } 2. \tag{8}$$

(c) How many bacteria are there after 40 minutes? (Round your answer to the nearest whole number.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 300 \text{ times } 2^{\frac{3}{4}} \\
 & 300 \sqrt[3]{2^4} \\
 & 300 \sqrt[3]{2^3 \times 2} \\
 & 600 \sqrt[3]{2} \\
 & \approx 756
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

(e) Estimate the time for the population to reach 40,000. (Round your answer to one decimal place.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 300 \times 2^{2t} &= 40000 \\
 2^{2t} &= \frac{40000}{300} \\
 2^{2t} &= \frac{400}{3} \\
 \log_2(2^{2t}) &= \log_2\left(\frac{400}{3}\right) \\
 2t &= \log_2(400) - \log(3) \\
 t &= \frac{8.642356 - 1.584963}{2} \\
 &\approx 3.5
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$