

Solution

Section 3.2 - Exponential Functions

Exercise

Evaluate to four decimal places using a calculator $2^{3.4}$

Solution

$$2^{3.4} = 10.5561$$

Exercise

Evaluate to four decimal places using a calculator $5^{\sqrt{3}}$

Solution

$$5^{\sqrt{3}} = 16.2425$$

Exercise

Evaluate to four decimal places using a calculator $6^{-1.2}$

Solution

$$6^{-1.2} = 0.1165$$

Exercise

Evaluate to four decimal places using a calculator: $e^{-0.75}$

Solution

$$e^{-0.75} = .4724$$

Exercise

Evaluate to four decimal places using a calculator: $e^{2.3}$

Solution

$$e^{2.3} = 9.9742$$

Exercise

Evaluate to four decimal places using a calculator: $e^{-0.95}$

Solution

$$\underline{e^{-0.95} = 0.3867}$$

Exercise

Evaluate to four decimal places using a calculator: $\pi^{\sqrt{\pi}}$

Solution

$$\underline{\pi^{\sqrt{\pi}} = 7.6063}$$

Exercise

Evaluate to four decimal places using a calculator: $e^{\sqrt{2}}$

Solution

$$\underline{e^{\sqrt{2}} = 4.1133}$$

Exercise

Sketch the graph: $f(x) = 2^x + 3$

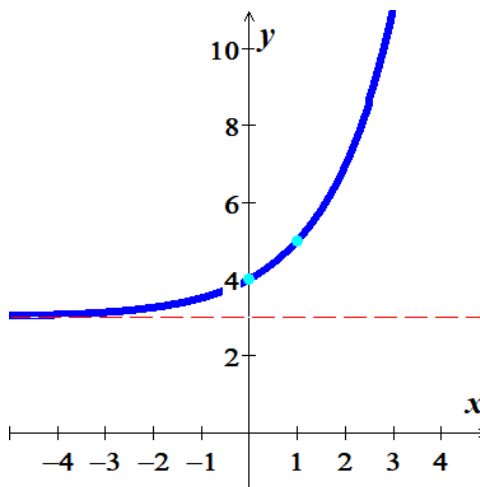
Solution

Asymptote: $y = 3$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(3, \infty)$

x	$f(x)$
-1	3.5
0	4
1	5
2	7



Exercise

Sketch the graph: $f(x) = 2^{3-x}$

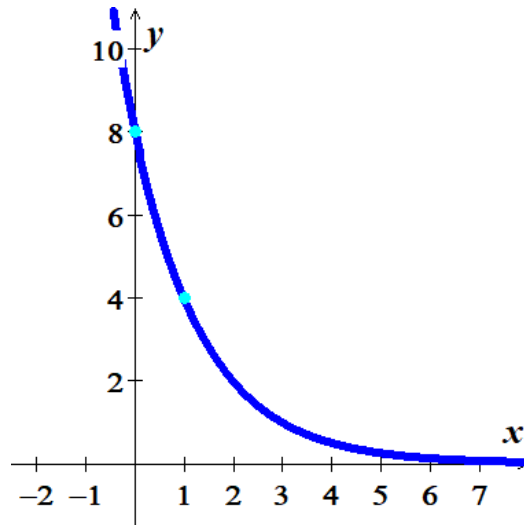
Solution

Asymptote: $y = 0$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(0, \infty)$

x	$f(x)$
1	4
2	2
0	8



Exercise

Sketch the graph: $f(x) = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{-x}$

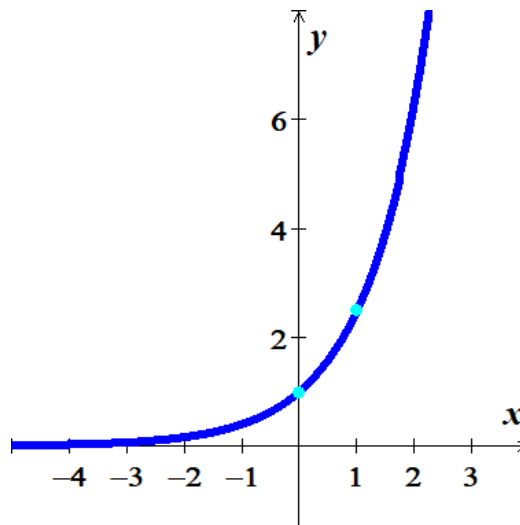
Solution

Asymptote: $y = 0$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(0, \infty)$

x	$f(x)$
-1	0.4
0	1
1	2.5



Exercise

Sketch the graph: $f(x) = -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x + 4$

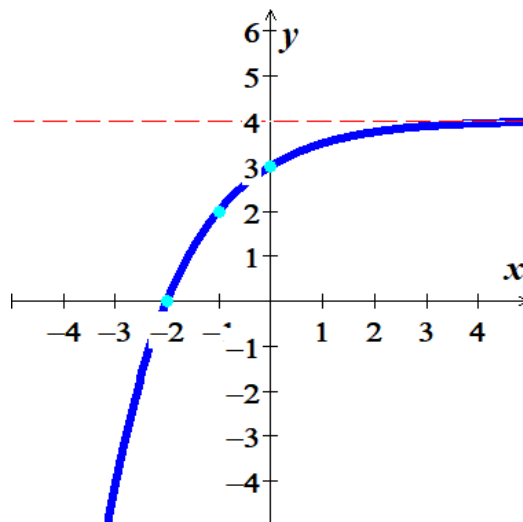
Solution

Asymptote: $y = 4$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(-\infty, 4)$

x	$f(x)$
-2	0
-1	2
0	3



Exercise

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 4^x$

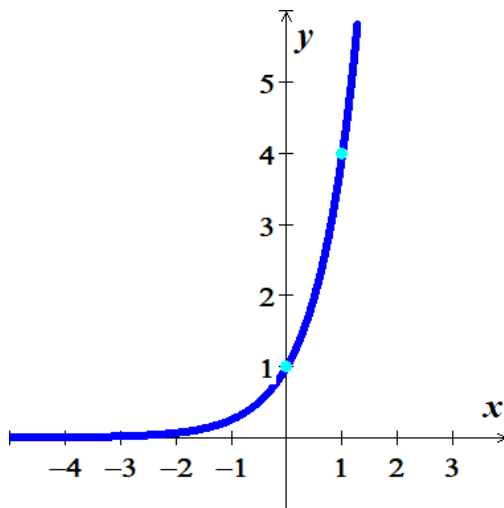
Solution

Asymptote: $y = 0$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(0, \infty)$

x	$f(x)$
0	1
1	4



Exercise

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 2 - 4^x$

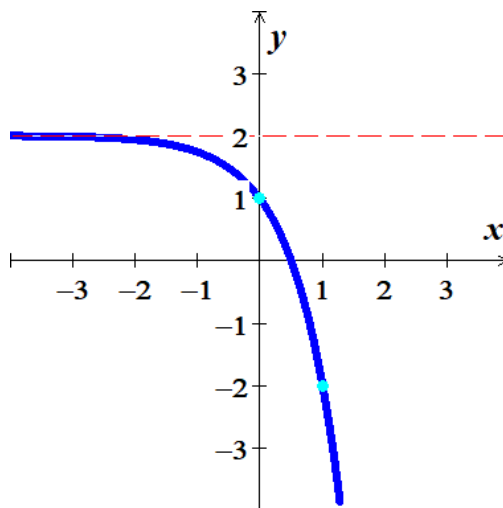
Solution

Asymptote: $y = 2$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(-\infty, 2)$

x	$f(x)$
0	1
1	-2



Exercise

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = -3 + 4^{x-1}$

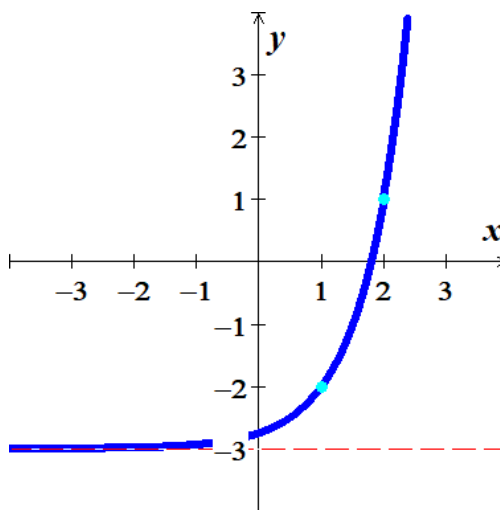
Solution

Asymptote: $y = -3$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(-3, \infty)$

x	$f(x)$
1	-2
2	1



Exercise

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{x+1}$

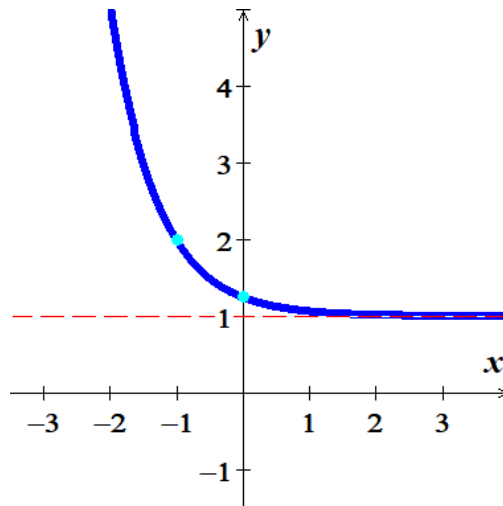
Solution

Asymptote: $y = 1$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(1, \infty)$

x	$f(x)$
-1	2
0	$\frac{5}{4}$



Exercise

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = e^{x-2}$

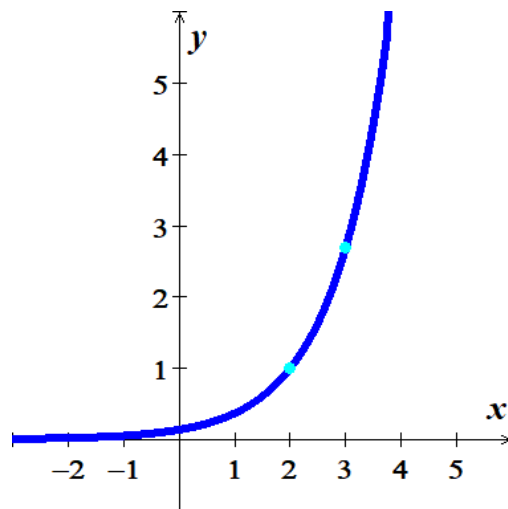
Solution

Asymptote: $y = 0$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(0, \infty)$

x	$f(x)$
2	1
3	2.7



Exercise

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 3 - e^{x-2}$

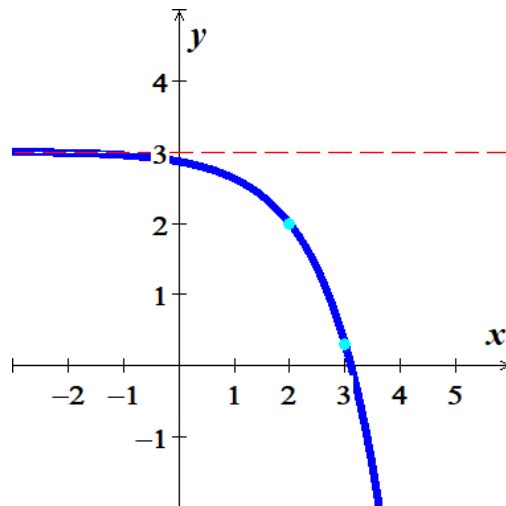
Solution

Asymptote: $y = 3$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(-\infty, 3)$

x	$f(x)$
2	2
3	.3



Exercise

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = e^{x+4}$

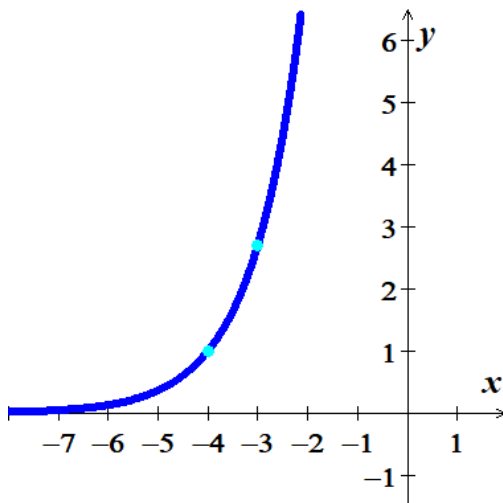
Solution

Asymptote: $y = 0$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(0, \infty)$

x	$f(x)$
-4	1
-3	2.7



Exercise

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 2 + e^{x-1}$

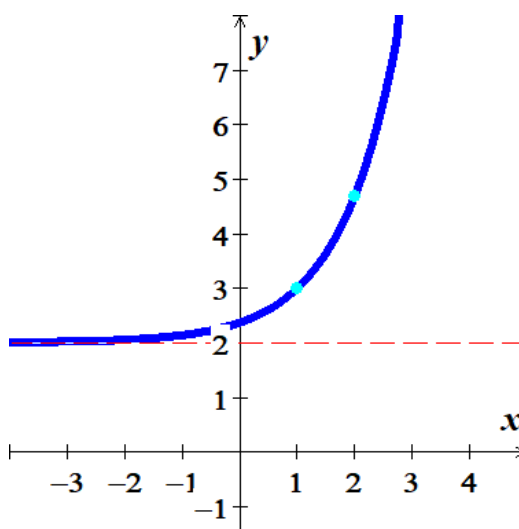
Solution

Asymptote: $y = 2$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(2, \infty)$

x	$f(x)$
1	3
2	4.7



Exercise

The exponential function $f(x) = 1066e^{0.042x}$ models the gray wolf population of the Western Great Lakes, $f(x)$, in *billions*, x years after 1978. Project the gray population in the recovery area in 2012.

Solution

$$x = 2012 - 1978 = 34$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x = 34) &= 1066e^{0.042(34)} \\ &= 4445.6 \\ &\approx 4446 \text{ billions} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise

The function $f(x) = 6.4e^{0.0123x}$ describes world population, $f(x)$, in billions, x years after 2004 subject to a growth rate of 1.23% annually. Use the function to predict world population in 2050.

Solution

$$x = 2050 - 2004 = 46$$

$$f(x = 46) = 6.4e^{0.0123(46)} \\ \approx 11.27 \text{ billion}$$

Exercise

A cup of coffee is heated to $160^\circ F$ and placed in a room that maintains a temperature of $70^\circ F$. The temperature T of the coffee, in degree Fahrenheit, after t minutes is given by

$$T(t) = 70 + 90e^{-0.0485t}$$

- a) Find the temperature of the coffee 20 minutes after it is placed in the room
- b) Determine when the temperature of the coffee will reach $90^\circ F$

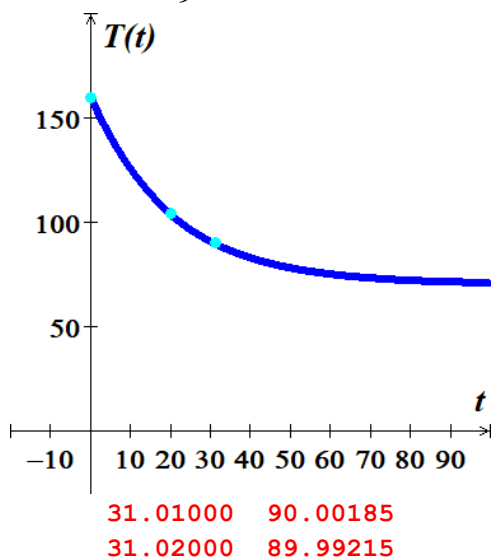
Solution

$$a) \quad T(20) = 70 + 90e^{-0.0485(20)} \\ \approx 104^\circ F$$

$$b) \quad T(t) = 70 + 90e^{-0.0485t} = 90$$

$$90e^{-0.0485t} = 20$$

$$e^{-0.0485t} = \frac{2}{9}$$



\therefore The temperature of the coffee will reach $90^\circ F$ in about 31.01 minutes.

Exercise

A cup of coffee is heated to $180^{\circ}F$ and placed in a room that maintains a temperature of $65^{\circ}F$. The temperature T of the coffee, in *degree Fahrenheit*, after t minutes is given by

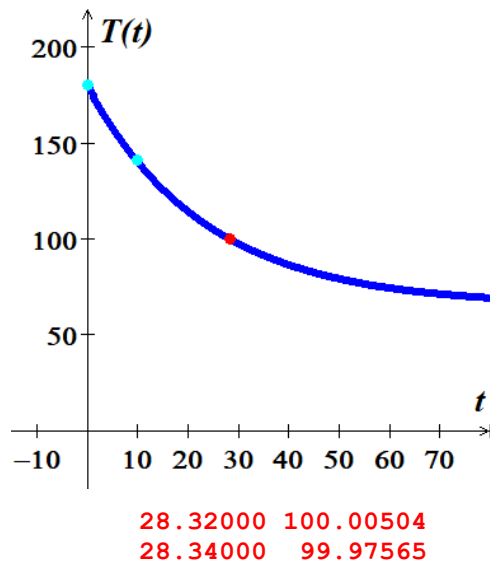
$$T(t) = 65 + 115e^{-0.042t}$$

- a) Find the temperature of the coffee 10 *minutes* after it is placed in the room
- b) Determine when the temperature of the coffee will reach $100^{\circ}F$

Solution

a) $T(10) = 65 + 115e^{-0.042(10)}$
 $\approx 141^{\circ}F$

b) $T(t) = 65 + 115e^{-0.042t} = 100$
 $115e^{-0.042t} = 35$
 $e^{-0.042t} = \frac{7}{23}$



\therefore The temperature of the coffee will reach $100^{\circ}F$ in about **31.01** *minutes*.

Exercise

The percent $I(x)$ of the original intensity of light striking the surface of a lake that is available x *feet* below the surface of the lake is given by the equation

$$I(x) = 100e^{-.95x}$$

- a) What percentage of the light is available 2 *feet* below the surface of the lake?
- b) At what depth is the intensity of the light one-half the intensity at the surface?

Solution

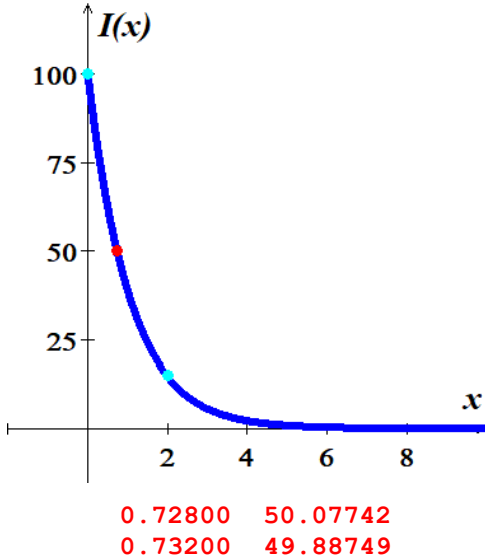
a) $I(2) = 100e^{-.95(2)}$

$$\approx 14.96$$

\therefore The percentage of the light is available 2 feet below the surface of the lake is **15%**

$$b) I(x) = 100e^{-.95x} = \frac{1}{2}(100)$$

$$e^{-.95x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

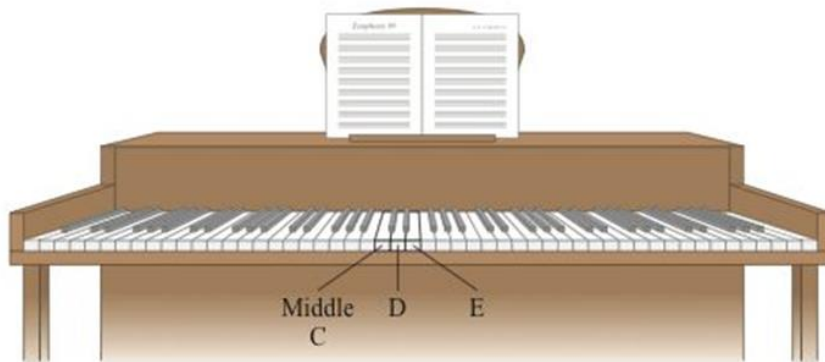


\therefore The depth is **0.73 feet** when the intensity of the light one-half the intensity at the surface

Exercise

Starting on the left side of a standard 88-key piano, the frequency, in vibrations per second, of the n th note is given by

$$f(n) = (2.75)^{\frac{n-1}{12}}$$



- Determine the frequency of middle C, key number 40 on an 88-key piano.
- Is the difference in frequency between middle C (key number 40) and D (key number 42) the same as the difference in frequency between D (key number 42) and E (key number 44)?

Solution

$$a) f(40) = (2.75)^{\frac{40-1}{12}}$$

$$\approx 26.16 \mid$$

the frequency of middle *C* is ≈ 26 vibrations per second.

$$\begin{aligned} b) \quad f(42) &= (2.75)^{2^{(41/12)}} \\ &\approx 29.37 \mid \end{aligned}$$

The difference between the frequency of middle *C* and *D* is:

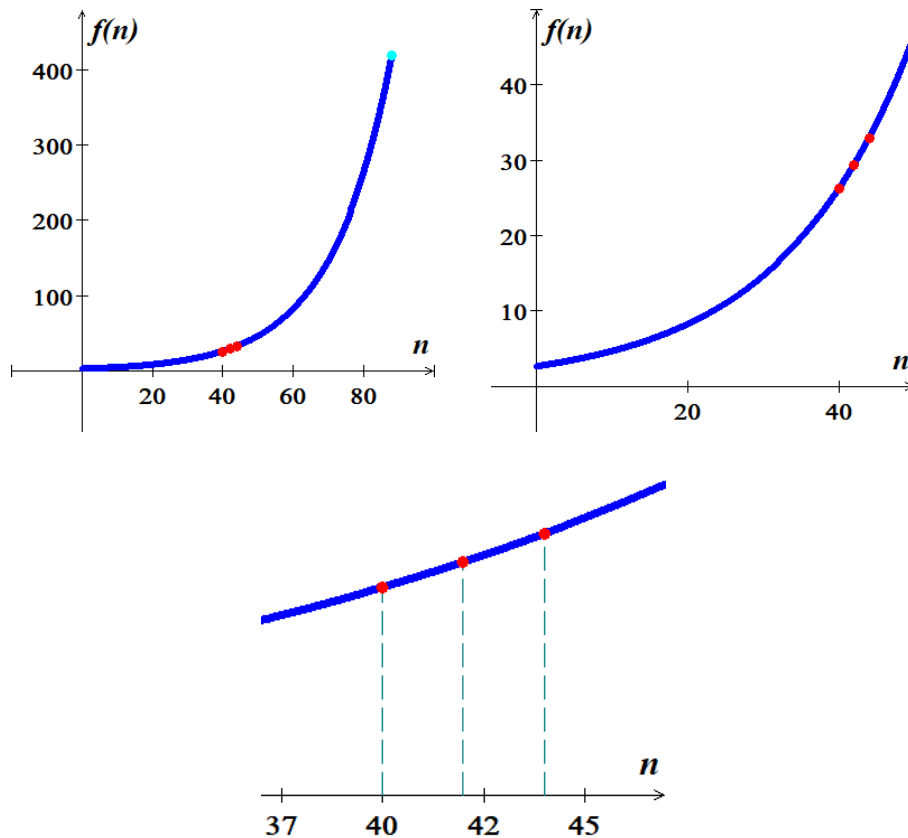
$$29.37 - 26.16 \approx 3.21$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(44) &= (2.75)^{2^{(43/12)}} \\ &\approx 32.96 \mid \end{aligned}$$

The difference between the frequency of middle *D* and *E* is:

$$32.96 - 29.37 \approx 3.59$$

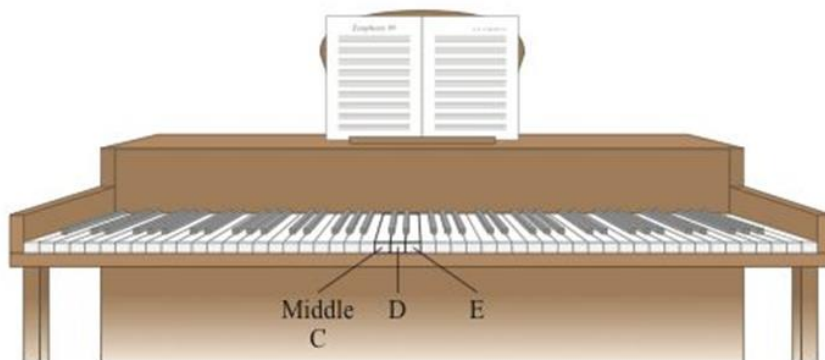
\therefore the differences are **not** the same since the function is *not* linear function



Exercise

Starting on the left side of a standard 88-key piano, the frequency, in *vibrations per second*, of the n th note is given by

$$f(n) = (27.5) 2^{\frac{n-1}{12}}$$



- c) Determine the frequency of middle C, key number 40 on an 88-key piano.
- d) Is the difference in frequency between middle C (key number 40) and D (key number 42) the same as the difference in frequency between D (key number 42) and E (key number 44)?

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } f(40) &= (27.5) 2^{\frac{40-1}{12}} \\ &\approx 261.63 \end{aligned}$$

the frequency of middle C is ≈ 262 vibrations per second.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } f(42) &= (27.5) 2^{(41/12)} \\ &\approx 293.66 \end{aligned}$$

The difference between the frequency of middle C and D is: $293.66 - 261.66 \approx 32$

$$\begin{aligned} f(44) &= (27.5) 2^{(43/12)} \\ &\approx 329.63 \end{aligned}$$

The difference between the frequency of middle D and E is: $329.63 - 293.66 \approx 36$

\therefore The differences are **not** the same since the function is *not* linear function.

