

6-1 Key Features of Exponential Functions

Essential Question: How do graphs and equations reveal key features of exponential growth and decay functions?

Learning Goal:

- Recognize the key features of exponential functions, such as asymptotes, end behavior, domain, range, and intercepts

Standard(s):

MAFS.912.F-IF.2.4: For a function that models a relationship between two quantities, interpret key features of graphs, interpret key features of graphs...and sketch graphs showing key features....intercepts; intervals where function is

➤ Get notes out from the lesson

➤ Get whiteboards ready

What is an exponential function?

X	Y
-2	1/4
-1	1/2
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8

$f(x) =$

$$2^x$$

Exponential

growth

X	Y
-2	9
-1	3
0	1
1	1/3
2	1/9
3	1/27

$f(x) =$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$$

Exponential

decay

$$x^2$$

Which of the following is considered an exponential function?

a. $f(x) = 3x^2$

b. $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4^{-x}$

c. $f(x) = 3x + 8$

d. $f(x) = x^3$

e. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

f. *None of the above*

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

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4}^x$$

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Come up with 1 real world example of an exponential function



Example of an Exponential Function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4^{-x}$$

Growth or decay?

Parent function:

Transformations:

Decay

$$y = 4^x$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-x}$$

Find the parent function of

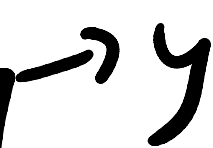
$$f(x) = 4 \cdot 3^{\textcircled{x+1}} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} x' = x + 1 \\ -1 \qquad -1 \\ \hline x' - 1 = x \end{array}$$

Find the parent function of

$$f(x) = 4 \cdot 3^{x+1}$$

Solution: $f(x) = 3^x$

Find the transformations of

$$f(x) = 4 \boxed{3^{x+1}}$$


$$y' = 4y$$

- a. Vertical ~~compression~~ by 4, shift left 1 ✓
- b. Vertical stretch by 4, shift right 1
- c. Shift up 4, Shift right 1
- d. Shift up 4, Shift left 1
- e. Vertical stretch by 4, horizontal stretch by 1
- f. None of the above

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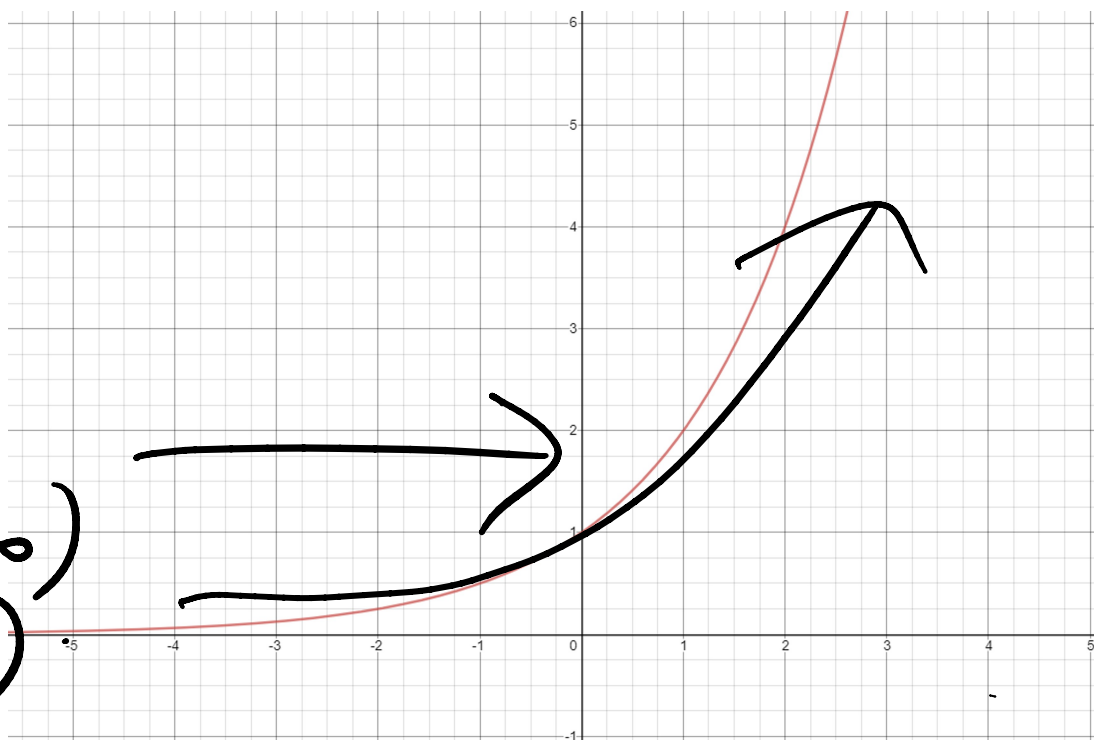
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Graph (Parent Function)

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3	



$$y = 2^x$$

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

Range: $(0, \infty)$

Asymptote: $y = 0$

End Behavior: As $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $y \rightarrow \underline{0}$

As $x \rightarrow \infty$, $y \rightarrow \infty$

Graph (Transformation)

$$y = 3 \cdot 2^{2x-5} - 1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x' = 2x - 5 \\ + 5 \quad \quad + 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{x'}{2} + \frac{5}{2} = x$$

$$x' =$$

x	y = 2 ^x	x' =	y' = 3y - 1
-2	1/4		
-1	1/2		
0	1		
1	2		
2	4		

$$y = 3 \cdot 2^{2x-5} - 1$$

x	$y = 2^x$	$x' = x/2 + 5/2$	$y' = 3y - 1$
-2	1/4	$(-2)/2 + 5/2 = 1.5$	$3(1/4) - 1 = 3/4 - 1 = -0.25$
-1	1/2	$(-1)/2 + 5/2 = 2$	$3(1/2) - 1 = 3/2 - 1 = 0.5$
0	1	$(0)/2 + 5/2 = 2.5$	$3(1) - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2$
1	2	$(1)/2 + 5/2 = 3$	$3(2) - 1 = 6 - 1 = 5$
2	4	$(2)/2 + 5/2 = 3.5$	$3(4) - 1 = 12 - 1 = 11$

(1.5, -0.25)

(2, 0.5)

(2.5, 2)

(3, 5)

(3.5, 11)

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Range:

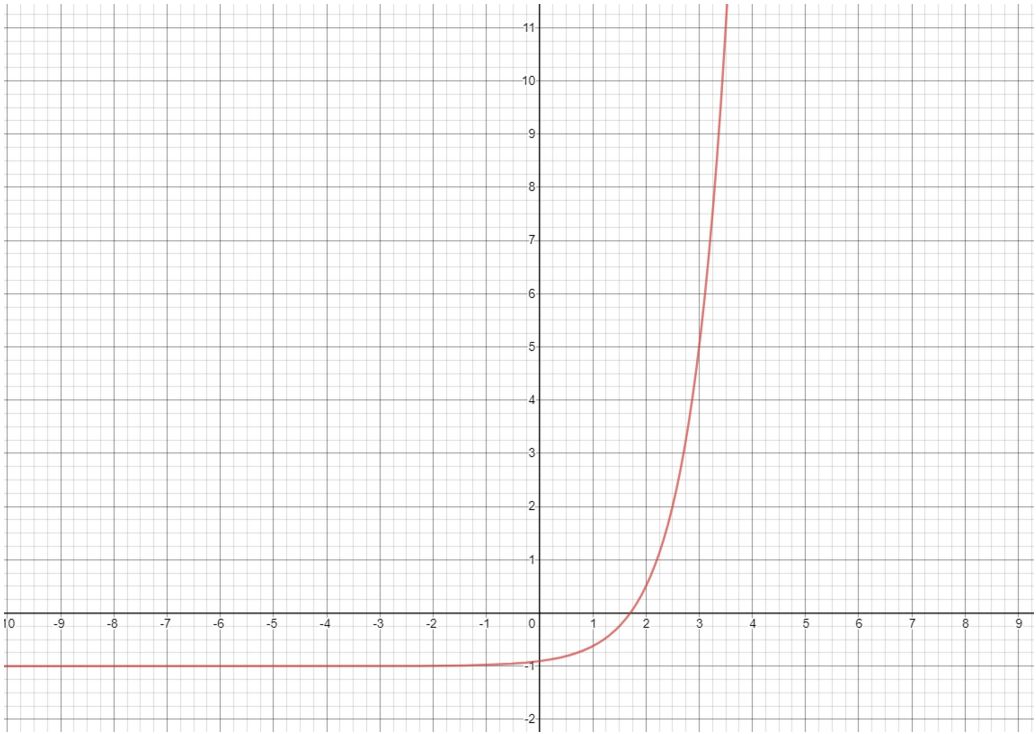
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asymptote : $y = -1$

What is the equation of the horizontal asymptote?



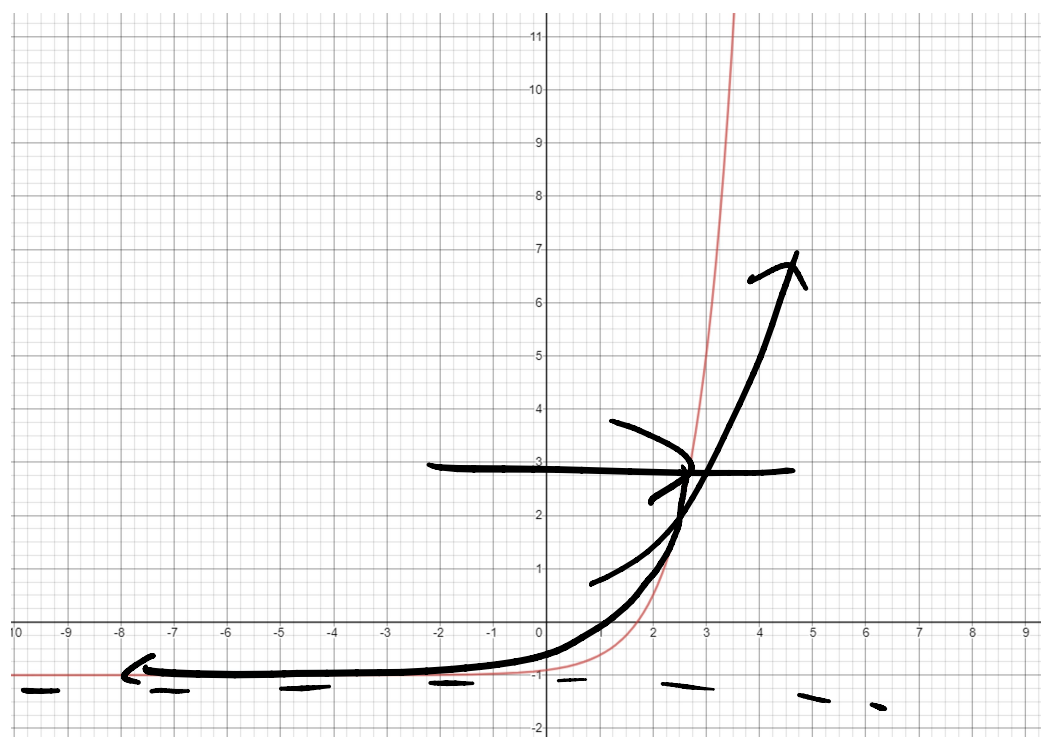
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What is the end behavior?

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow \underline{-1}$$

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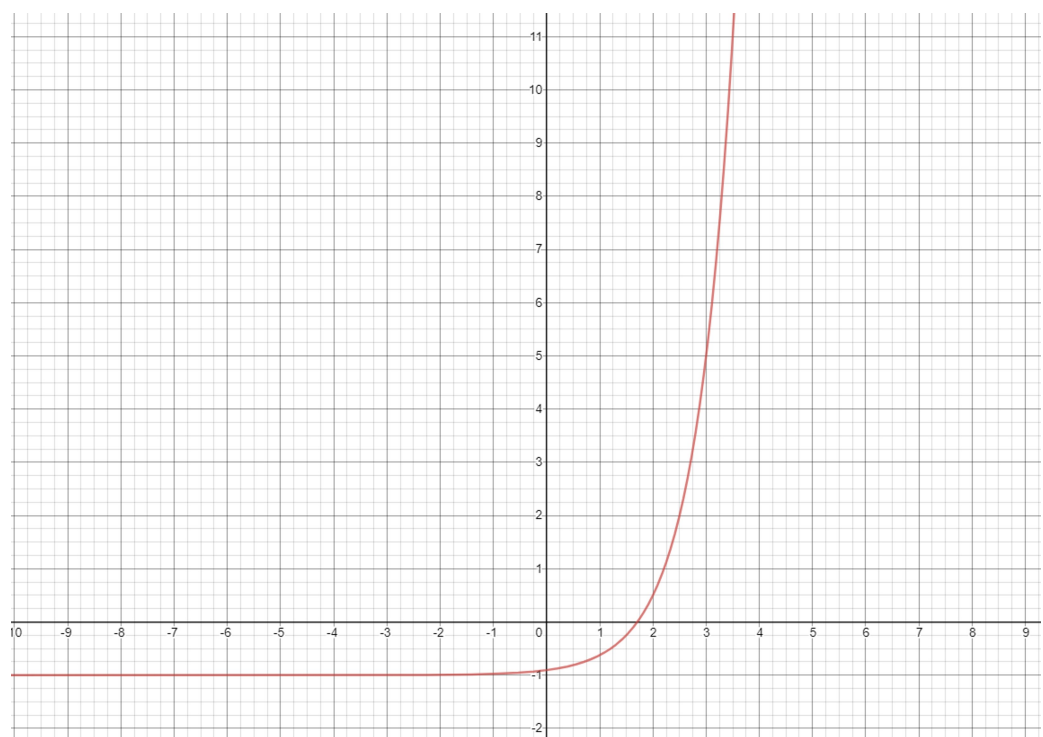
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$$y = 3 \cdot 2^{2x-5} - 1$$

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Fill in the blank.

(Vertical)/Horizontal) (Stretch)/Compression) by 3

(Vertical)/Horizontal) (Stretch)/Compression) by 1/2

Shift _____ by 5/2
(Up/Down/Left/Right)

Shift _____ by 1
(Up/Down/Left/Right)

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Vertical **Stretch** by 3
(Vertical/Horizontal) (Stretch/Compression)

Horizontal **Compression** by 1/2
(Vertical/Horizontal) (Stretch/Compression)

Shift **Right** by 5/2
(Up/Down/Left/Right)

Shift **Down** by 1
(Up/Down/Left/Right)

Graphing Activity

- Every one gets a Graphing Exponential Functions FlipBook
- Each group will go to a station to work the problems in the station on the FlipBook for about 4-5 minutes
- We will rotate through the different stations

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