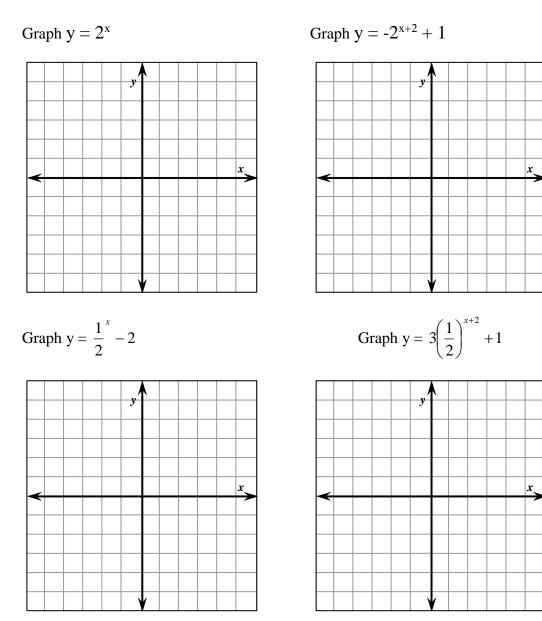
Precalculus Notes Day 1

Exponential Function:

Has the form $y = a^x$, where a > 0, $a \neq 1$, and x is any real number.



The Natural Base *e* (Euler's number):

An irrational number, symbolized by the letter e, appears as the base in many applied exponential functions. This irrational number is approximately equal to 2.72. More accurately, e = 2.71828... The number e is called the natural base. The function $f(x) = e^x$ is called the natural exponential function.

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^x = e$$

Evaluate:

a. e b. e^3 c. e^{-2}

Formulas for Compound Interest:

After t years, the balance A in an account with principal P and annual interest rate r (expressed as a decimal) is given by the following formulas.

For n compoundings per year: $A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$

For continuous compounding: $A = Pe^{rt}$

Continuous is not offered but used to figure the maximum earnings at a given rate.

- Ex: The total invested is \$1750 with an annual interest rate of 2% that is compounded yearly. How much money will be in the account after 7 years?
- Ex: You have \$10,000 to invest at 4% interest compounded quarterly or continuously for 5 years. What is the difference in the investments?
- Ex: Suppose your community has 4512 students this year. The student population is growing 2.5% each year.
- Ex: Technetium-99 has a half-life of 6 hours. Suppose a lab has 80 mg of technetium-99. How much technetium-99 is left after 24 hours?
- Ex: The half-life of ioding-131 is 8 days. Suppose you start with a 50-millicuries sample of iodine-131. How much iodine-131 is left after one half-life? After two half-lives?

Day 2 **Definition of a Logarithmic Function:**

The logarithmic function $y = \log_a x$, where a > 0 and $a \neq 1$, is the inverse of the exponential function $y = a^x$.

Logarithms to Exponential and vice versa:

$$n = b^{p} \qquad \stackrel{<=>}{=} p = \log_{b} n$$

$$n = number$$

$$b = base$$

$$p = power$$
Ex: Express $\log_{2} 8 = 3$ as an exponent
$$Ex: Express 3^{-4} = \frac{1}{81} as a \log p$$

Graphs of Exponential and Logarithm:

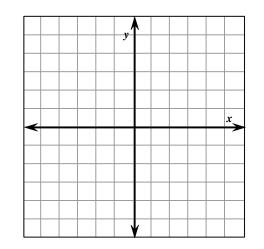
Exponential has	
Horizontal Asymptote	y = 0

Logarithm has Vertical Asymptote x = 0

Composites

 $y = 3^x$

 $\log_3 x$



and

Inverse Properties of Logarithms:

For b > 0, $log_b b^x = x$ The logarithm with base b of b raised to a power equals that power.

 $b^{\log_b x} = x$ b raised to the logarithm with base b of a number equals that number.

Evaluate each:

a. $\log_4 4^x$ b. $\log_7 7^8$ c. $6^{\log_6 9}$ d. 3	log ₈ 17
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Ex: Evaluate
$$\log_3 243 = x$$
 Ex: Evaluate $\log_x 4 = \frac{1}{2}$

Ex: Evaluate
$$\log_b 81 = 2$$
 Ex: Find the $\log_{10} .000001 =$

Ex:
$$\log_8 x = \frac{2}{3}$$
 Ex: $\log_3(4 + y) = \log_3(2y)$

Find the domain of each logarithmic function:

a.
$$f(x) = \log_5(x+4)$$
 b. $f(x) = \log_5(x+6)$ c. $f(x) = \log(2-x)$

Solve for x:

Ex: $\log_b(3x - 6) = \log_b(x + 4)$	Ex: $\log_2(2x + 4) = \log_2(x - 5)$

Properties:

1. $\frac{Exponential}{a^m * a^n = a^{m+n}}$	$\frac{Logs}{1. \ logmn = log m + log n}$	
$2. a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$	2. $\log \frac{m}{n} = \log m - \log n$	
3. $(a^m)^n = a^{m^*n}$	3. $Log m^3 = 3log m$	
4. $a^{x_1} = a^{x_2} \iff x_1 = x_2$	4. $\log x_1 = \log x_2 \iff x_1 = x_2$	
If $b > 0$ and $b \neq 1$ then $log x_1 = log_b x_2 \iff x_1 = x_2$ *make sure x_1 and x_2 does not equal a negative.		
Ex: $\log_3 56 - \log_3 8 = \log_3 x$	Ex: $4\log_{10} x = \log_{10} 16$	

Ex: $\log_{10}(x^2 + 36) = \log_{10} 100$	Ex: $\log_2 3 + \log_2 7 = \log_2 x$

Day 3 **Review Properties:**

Ex: Expand
$$\log_{10} 5x^3y$$
 Ex: Condense $\frac{1}{3}((\ln 2 + \ln 6)) - \ln 4$

Solve:

Ex: $2 \log_6 4 - \frac{1}{3} \log_6 8 = \log_6 x$ Ex: $2 \log_2 x - \log_2 (x + 3) = 2$

Given $\log_2 5 = 2.322$

Find $\log_2 20 = \log_2 25 =$

Given $\log_{12} 9 = .884$ $\log_{12} 18 = 1.163$

Ex: Find $\log_{12}(\frac{3}{4}) =$ Ex: Find $\log_{12}216 =$

Common $\log \rightarrow f(x) = \log_{10} x$ base of 10 Natural $\log \rightarrow f(x) = \log_e x = \ln x$ base of e

All properties of logarithms also hold for natural logarithms.

Graph $f(x) = \log_2(x-5)$

How do we graph logs with different bases?

Change of Base Formula: $\log_a n = \frac{\log_{10} n}{\log_{10} a}$

Ex:
$$\log_4 22 = \frac{\log_{10} 22}{\log_{10} 4}$$
 Ex: $\log_{12} 95 =$

Day 4 **Exponential Equations:**

Ex:
$$7^{x-2} = 5^{3-x}$$
 Ex: $e^x = 72$

Ex:
$$4e^{2x} = 5$$
 Ex: $e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2 = 0$

Ex:
$$5 + 2\ln x = 4$$
 Ex: $2\ln 3x = 4$

Ex: A population of a town increases according to the model

 $P(t) = 2500e^{.0293t}$ with t = 0 corresponding to 1990

What will the population be in 2010?

When will the population increase beyond 8,000 people?

Ex: The number of trees per acre N of a certain species is

 $N(t) = 68(10^{-04x}) \qquad 5 \le x \le 40$

where x is the average diameter of trees 3 feet above the ground. Use the model to approximate the average diameter when N = 21.

Day 5 Exponential and Logarithmic Models

- 1. Exponential Growth and Decay Models $f(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$
- The table shows the growth of the minimum wage from 1970 through 2000. In, 1970, the minimum wage was \$1.60 per hour. By 2000, it had grown to \$5.15 per hour.

1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000
\$1.60	\$2.10	\$3.10	\$3.35	\$3.80	\$4.25	\$5.15

- a. Find the exponential growth function that models the date for 1970 through 2000.
- b. By which year will the minimum wage reach \$7.50 per hour?
- 3. In 1990, the population of Africa was 643 million and by 2000 it had grown to 813 million.
 - a. Use the exponential growth model $A = A_0 e^{kt}$, in which t is the number of years after 1990, to find the exponential growth function that models the data.
 - b. By which year will Africa's population reach 2000 million, or two billion?
- 4. Use the fact that after 5715 years a given amount of carbon-14 will have decayed to half the original amount to find the exponential decay model for carbon-14.
 - a. In 1947, earthenware jars containing what are known as the Dead Sea Scrolls were found by an Arab Bedouin herdsman. Analysis indicated that the scroll wrappings contained 76% of their original carbon-14. Estimate the age of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

5. Gaussian Models

$$y = ae^{-\frac{(x-b)^2}{c}}$$

This type of model is commonly used in probability and statistics to represent populations that are normally distributed. The graph of a Gaussian model is called a bell-shaped curve.

6. Logistic Growth Models This model grows rapidly then has a declining rate of growth (growth slows down).

$$y = \frac{a}{1 + be^{-\gamma x}}$$

- 7. The function $f(t) = \frac{30,000}{1+20e^{-1.5t}}$ describes the number of people, f(t), who have become ill with influenza t weeks after its initial outbreak in a town with 30,000 inhabitants.
 - a. How many people became ill with the flu when the epidemic began?
 - b. How many people were ill by the end of the fourth week?
 - c. What is the limiting size of f(t), the population that becomes ill?

x, Number of Years after 1969	y, Federal Minimum Wage
1	1.60
6	2.10
11	3.10
16	3.35
21	3.80
26	4.25
31	5.15

8. The table represents the federal minimum wages that were not adjusted for inflation from 1970 through 2000.

- a. Use the graphing calculator to find an exponential model for this data.
- b. Use the graphing calculator to find a logarithmic model for this data.
- c. Use the graphing calculator to find a linear model for this data.
- d. Use the graphing calculator to find a power model for this data.
- e. Which model fits the data the best? Use this model to predict which year the minimum wage will reach \$7.50. How does this answer compare to the answer we found in number 1?