

Advanced Math

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(Day 1)

Exponential Functions and Their Graphs

Exponential Function - the exponential function f with base a is
 $f(x) = a^x$
 where $a > 0$, and x is any real number.

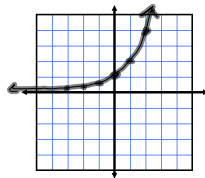
Euler's Number - $e = 2.718281828\dots$
nonrepeating, nonterminating

Natural Exponential Function - $f(x) = e^x$

Graph $f(x) = 2^x$

Domain: \mathbb{R}
 Range: $(0, \infty)$
 Asymptotes: $y = 0$

x	y
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8
-1	1/2
-2	1/4
-3	1/8

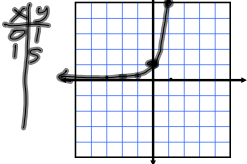


Use properties of exponents to determine which functions (if any) are the same.

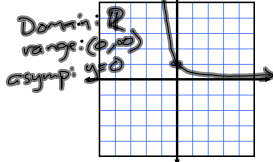
11) $f(x) = 3^{x-2}$
 $g(x) = 3^x - 9 = 3^x - 3^2$
 $h(x) = \frac{1}{9}(3^x) = 3^{-2}(3^x) = 3^{x-2}$

Graph the exponential function. Label domain, range, asymptotes, mins, maxs.

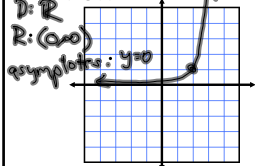
19) $g(x) = 5^x$



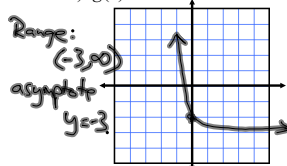
21) $g(x) = 5^{-x}$



23) $g(x) = 5^{x-2}$

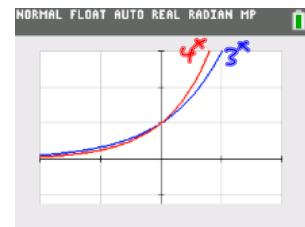


25) $g(x) = 5^{-x} - 3$



Graph the functions $y = 3^x$ and $y = 4^x$ and use the graphs to solve the following inequalities:

- a) $4^x > 3^x$
 $x > 0$
 b) $4^x < 3^x$
 $x < 0$



Assignment:

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2-14 even,

15-18 all,

20-38 even