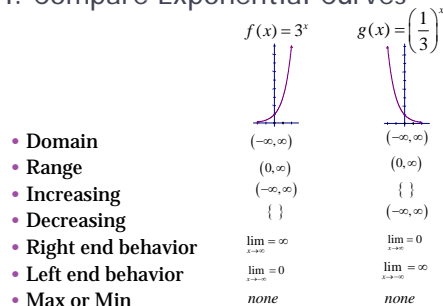


2.7: Analyzing Exponential Functions

I. Compare Exponential Curves



II. Properties

- Definition:** $f(x) = ab^x$ is an **exponential function** (where $a \neq 0$, $b > 0$, $b \neq 1$)
 - a is the initial amount and the y-intercept
 - b is the **growth factor**
 - $b > 1 \rightarrow$ growth
 - $0 < b < 1 \rightarrow$ decay.
 - x = the time period.
- EX 1: Do the following represent exponential growth or decay?
- | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| (a) $y = (.75)^x$ | (b) $y = 3^x$ | (c) $y = 2\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^x$ | (d) $y = .4(1.04)^x$ |
| decay | growth | decay | growth |

III. Euler's Constant

- Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = e \approx 2.71828\dots$
- Continuously compounded interest/growth:
 $A = Pe^{rt}$
- Annual growth: $A = P(1+r)^t$

IV. Examples

EX 1: Suppose that \$8,000 is invested at 4% for 7 years compounded continuously. Find its value.

$$A = 8000 \cdot e^{(0.04)(7)} \approx \boxed{\$10585.04}$$

EX 2: Suppose that \$8000 is invested at 4% for 7 year compounded annually. Find its value.

$$A = 8000(1 + 0.04)^7 \approx \boxed{\$10527.45}$$

Ex. 3: Finding Principal

Suppose you wanted to invest money so that after 10 years, you would have \$10,000 in the account. If the interest rate is 4.2% compounded continuously. How much do you need to invest?

$$10,000 = Pe^{(0.042)(10)}$$

$$P = \frac{10,000}{e^{(0.042)(10)}} \approx \boxed{\$6750.47}$$

Homework

p.121-123 # 1-3, 5, 7-9, 10a, 11, 15-18.

2.8 (part 1): Logistic Growth

Pre Calculus II (CP)

Why logistic growth?

- Exponential growth assumes it goes on forever.
- Realistic for a small period of time, but the growth rate usually decreases over time.

Examples of Logistic Growth

- population of a town
- growth / population of animals in a forest
- selling Homecoming tickets
- infecting a population
- Each of these has a number that is called the carrying capacity or maximum population (M).

Equation for Logistic Growth

- Then if growth is logistic,

$$P = \frac{M}{1 + Ae^{-kt}}$$

P = current population

M = maximum population (carrying capacity)

t = time

EXAMPLE

Round Valley park can support no more than 100 grizzly bears. There are 10 bears in the park now. We model the logistic equation with $k = 0.1$

- Find a logistic model
- When will the population reach 50 bears?
- Graph. Use the window $x [0, 75]$ $y [0, 110]$
- Find $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$