

## IM2 Problem Set 5.6 - Working with Exponential Functions

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of this UNIT:

- How can we analyze growth or decay patterns in data sets & contextual problems?
- How can we algebraically & graphically summarize growth or decay patterns?
- How can we compare & contrast linear and exponential models for growth and decay problems.
- How can we extend basic function concepts using exponential functions?

### Part 1 - Skills/Concepts Review

- (CA)** The half-life of a medication is the amount of time for half of the drug to be eliminated from the body. The half-life of *Advil* or ibuprofen is represented by the equation  $R(t) = M\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{T}}$ , where  $R$  is the amount of Advil remaining in the body,  $M$  is the initial dosage, and  $t$  is time in hours since a dose was taken.
  - A 200 milligram dosage of Advil is taken at 11:00 am. How many milligrams of the medication will remain in the body at 5:00 pm?
  - Mr R is taking an Advil every 12 hours and he takes a 200 milligram dosage of Advil at 11:00 am, how many milligrams of the medication will remain in the body 12 hours later.
  - He then takes another dose at 11:00 pm, how many milligrams of the medication will be in his body at that time?
- (CI)** Evaluate the following expressions:
  - $8^{-\frac{2}{3}}$
    - $25^{-\frac{3}{2}}$
    - $16^{-\frac{5}{4}}$
    - $81^{-\frac{3}{4}}$
  - $3^{\frac{4}{3}} \times 3^{\frac{5}{3}}$
    - $(7^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}$
    - $8^{-\frac{5}{3}} \times 8^{\frac{6}{3}}$
- (CI)** Given the function  $g(x) = 16 - 2^{x+2}$ :
  - Evaluate  $g(-3)$ ,  $g(-2)$ ,  $g(-1)$ ,  $g(0)$ ,  $g(1)$ ,  $g(2)$
  - determine the  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercept(s) - if they exist
  - determine the equation of the asymptote of  $g(x)$
  - sketch  $g(x)$ , labelling the data points and intercept(s) and the asymptote.
- (CA)** A tool & die business purchased a piece of equipment of \$250,000. The value of the equipment depreciates at a rate of 12% each year.
  - Write an exponential decay model for the value of equipment.
  - What is the value of equipment after 5 years?
  - Estimate when the equipment will have a value of \$70,000
  - What is the monthly rate of depreciation

5. **(CI)** The expression  $7^{\frac{1}{3}}$  can be rewritten in radical form as  $\sqrt[3]{7}$  and the expression  $7^{\frac{2}{3}}$  is rewritten as either  $(\sqrt[3]{7})^2$  or  $\sqrt[3]{7^2}$ . Rewrite each exponential expression in radical form (and vice versa in Qb).

- a. (i)  $5^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (ii)  $4^{\frac{4}{3}}$  (iii)  $2^{\frac{5}{3}}$  (iv)  $7^{\frac{4}{3}}$   
 b. (i)  $(\sqrt{10})^3$  (ii)  $\sqrt[6]{2}$  (iii)  $\sqrt[4]{2^5}$  (iv)  $(\sqrt[4]{6})^5$

6. **(CA)** Percent Change Analysis of a Data Set. Mr S. gives you this data set and is asking you to analyze patterns in the data set in order to determine an equation in the form of  $f(x) = ab^x$ .

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	$28\frac{4}{9}$	$21\frac{1}{3}$	16	12	9	6.75	5.0625

- a. Determine the “percent change” between each pair of terms:  
 $\% \text{ change} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{y_1}$ ;  $\% \text{ change} = \frac{y_3 - y_2}{y_2}$ ;  $\% \text{ change} = \frac{y_4 - y_3}{y_3}$ ; etc ....
- b. This creates an equation in the form of  $y = a(1 + r)^x$ . Use a data point to find the value of  $a$  and now, what equation models this data set?
- c. Secondly, now determine the “common ratio” between each pair of terms (you do this by dividing the successive  $y$  terms  $\implies$  ratio =  $\frac{y_2}{y_1}$ ; ratio =  $\frac{y_3}{y_2}$ ;  $r = \frac{y_4}{y_3}$ ; etc .....
- d. Finally, what is the equation for this data set?

## **Part 2 - Skills/Concepts Application Problems**

7. **(CA)** From 1990 to 1997, the number of cell phone subscribers  $S$  (in thousands) in the US can be modeled by the equation  $S = 5535.33(1.413)^t$  where  $t$  is number of years since 1990.
- Identify the growth factor and annual percent increase.
  - In order to see this function on your TI-84, you need to set appropriate window settings. Record your window settings that you used to see the graph of this model.
  - In what year was the number of cell phone subscribers about 31 million?
  - According to the model, in what year will the number of cell phone subscribers exceed 90 million?
  - Estimate the number of subscribers in 2020
  - Do you think this model can be used to predict future number of cell phone subscribers? Explain
8. **(CI)** Simplify the following expressions using the appropriate exponent laws and operations.

- a.  $\frac{(6x^3y^{-4})^{-2}}{(3x^2y^5)^{-3}}$  b.  $\frac{(8x^3y^{-4})^{-2}}{(-4x^{-1}y^2)^{-3} \cdot (2x^5y^{-3})^{-2}}$  c.  $\frac{x^{-1} + y^{-1}}{(xy)^{-2}}$

9. **(CA)** In 1990 the cost of attending University of Math was \$15000. During the next 25 years, the cost has increased by an average of 5.2% per year.
- Write a model giving the cost,  $C(t)$ , at University of Math  $t$  years after 1990.
  - In what year did the tuition exceed \$30,000?
  - Estimate the tuition in 2020 - the year you will attend this college!
  - Mr S has set up a college fund for his son Ian. This fund started in 2000 with an initial investment of \$30,000 and has grown at 5.8% every year. If Ian attends a three year program at U of Math, can this college fund pay for these costs? Show your work/reasoning.

10. **(CI)** Solve the following equations and verify your solutions.

a. (i)  $2^{3-x} = 2^4$

(ii)  $2^{x-3} = 2^{3x+1}$

(iii)  $2^{2x+3} = 16$

b. (i)  $2^{1-2x} = 8$

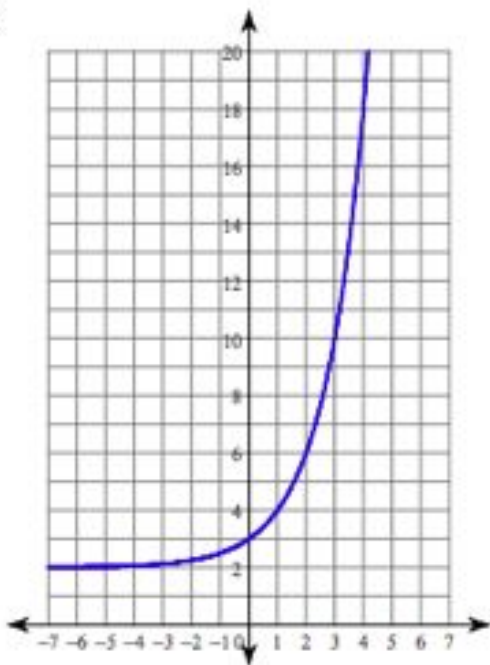
(ii)  $3^{x+2} = \frac{1}{9}$

(iii)  $8^x = 16^{x-1}$

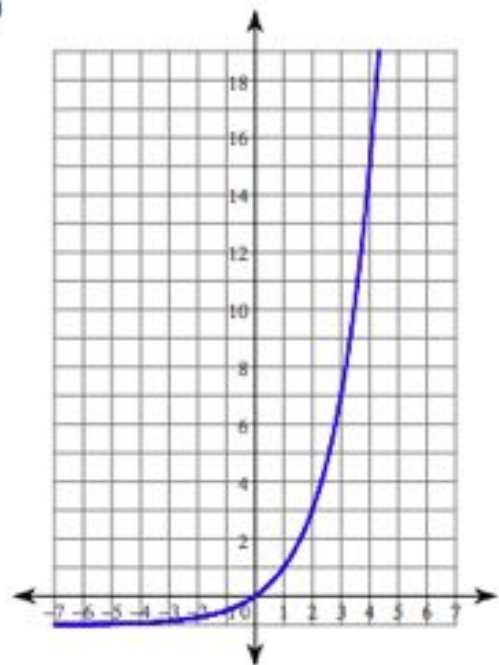
11. **(CA)** Mr. S would like to know the equation of the following exponential functions that have been graphed for you.

**Write an equation for each graph.**

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### **HOMEWORK PROBLEMS:**

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