

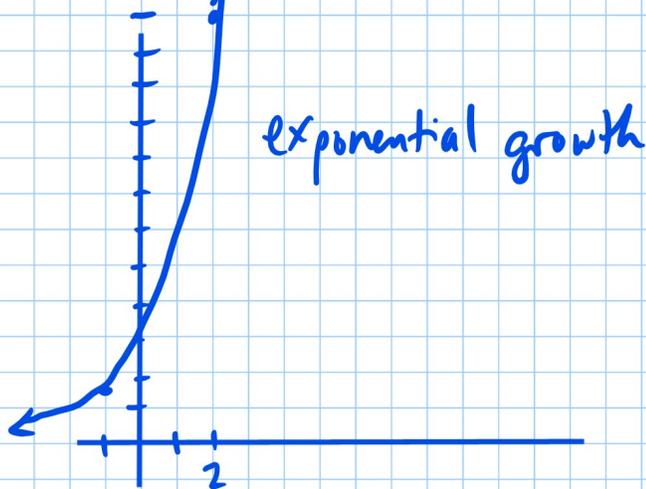
## WARMUP

1) Calculate each of the following if  $f(x) = 3 \cdot 2^x$

a)  $f(2) = 3 \cdot 2^2 = 3 \cdot 4 = 12 \quad (2, 12)$

b)  $f(-1) = 3 \cdot 2^{-1} = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \quad (-1, \frac{3}{2})$

2) Graph  $f(x) = 3 \cdot 2^x$



## Section 1.2 Exponential Functions

Radioactive decay, compound interest, and population growth are exponential functions.

$P = P_0 a^t$  is an exponential function

$P_0$  is initial amount

$a > 0, a \neq 1$

If  $a > 1$  we exponential growth

growth rate is  $a - 1$

$$f(x) = 3 \cdot 1.05^x$$

initial amount

growth rate is .05 or 5%

$$f(x) = 100 \cdot 0.75^x$$

↑  
Decay rate  
is  $1 - 0.75 = 0.25$  or  $25\%$

If  $0 < a < 1$  we have exponential decay. Decay rate is  $1 - a$

Alternate Form  $P = P_0 e^{kt}$   $k > 0$  for exponential growth  
 $k$  is the continuous growth rate.

ex 2.72

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

$Q = Q_0 e^{-kt}$   $k > 0$  for exponential decay  
 $k$  is the continuous decay rate.

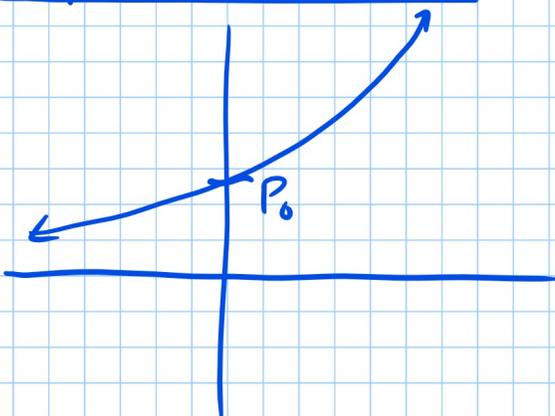
Euler

ex:  $Q = 2e^{-0.5t} \Rightarrow Q = Q_0 a^t = 2 \cdot 0.61^t$

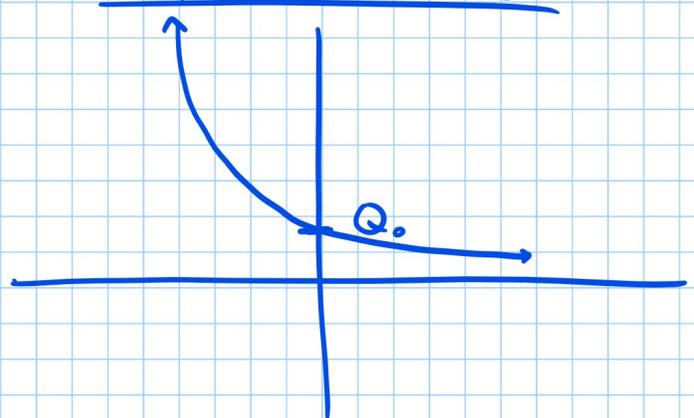
continuous decay rate =  $50\%$

decay rate =  $39\%$

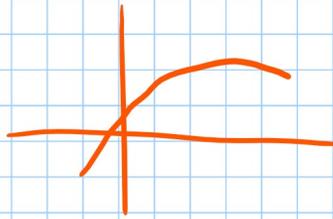
Exponential Growth



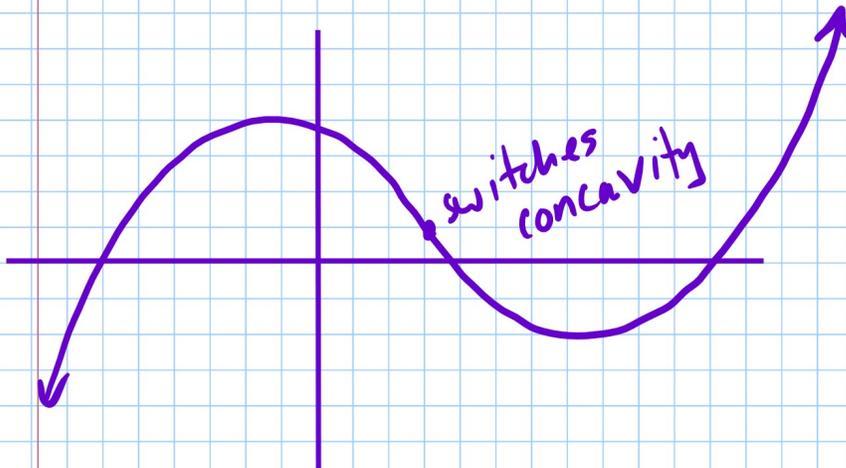
Exponential Decay



These graphs are concave up - bends upward



concave down - bends downward



ex 10 p 15

$t, Q$   
 $(0, 30)$

a) decrease of 2 grams per day

t	Q
0	30
1	28
2	26
3	24

} linear  
m = -2  
b = 30

$$Q = -2t + 30$$

b) decrease 12% per day

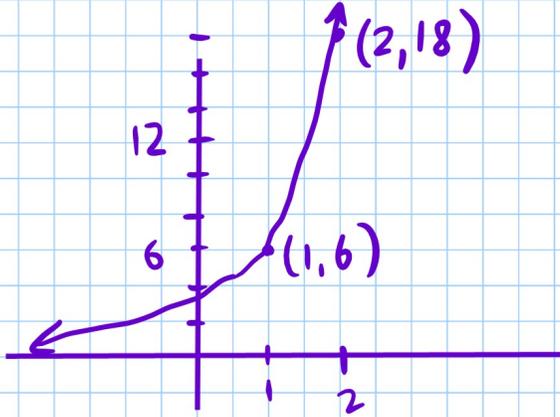
t	Q
0	30
1	26.4
2	23.232

} exp. decay

$$Q = 30 \cdot 0.88^t$$

$1 - 0.88 = 0.12$

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

$$6 = a \cdot b^1$$

$$18 = a \cdot b^2$$

Divide equations:

$$\frac{ab^2}{ab} = \frac{18}{6}$$

$$b = 3$$

$$y = a \cdot 3^x$$

$$6 = a \cdot 3^1$$

$$6 = 3a$$

$$2 = a$$

$$y = 2 \cdot 3^x$$

p14-16 1-5, 11, 18, 19, 33