

p.291 Power function of x

$x^{3/2}$  ← fixed  
variable

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Exponential fn of x

$a^x$  ← power/exponent change  
↑ fixed

Rules for exponential functions  $y = a^x$ ,

$a \neq 0$  ( $a=1$ ) interpret as  $y=1$

sum of exponents  
"go to products"

$$a^{x+y} = (a^x)(a^y)$$

(not

repeated

$$(a^x)^n = a^{(x \cdot n)}$$

@ Negative

$$a^{-x} = \frac{1}{a^x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^0 &= 1 = a^{x+(-x)} \\ &= a^x (a^{-x}); \end{aligned}$$

differences

$$a^{n-s} = \frac{a^n}{a^s}$$

$$a^{-x} = \frac{1}{a^x}$$

Does one consider  
a negative:

$y = a^x$  is the exponential fn of x with base a

Special "a":  $a = e \equiv \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{N})^N \approx 2.718281828$

(Universal  $e^x$  means this particular) (not repeating!)  
for calculation  $\exp(x)$ ; calculators, typing, etc

Exponential Growth & Decay Functions  
Model: Rate of change of stuff is proportional  
to amount of stuff.

@  $f(x+h) - f(x) = C_h @ f(x)$   
 $C_h$  Positive (h) is growth. Every h multiply by C

(usual variable is  $t = \text{"time"}$ )

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$$f(t+h) - f(t) = C_h f(t) \quad \text{DISCRETE argu}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N f(t+k\frac{h}{N}) - f(t+\frac{k-1}{N}) = C_{\frac{h}{N}}^N f(t)$$

$\lim_{\frac{h}{N} \rightarrow 0} C_{\frac{h}{N}}^N$  exists. (can be more rigorous)

(better when we look at derivative)

$$Q(t) = Q_0 e^{kt} \quad Q_0 \text{ stuff at } t=0 \text{ \& } k$$

$Q_0$ : amount of stuff

$k$  positive grows

$$= Q_0 e^{-kt} \quad (k \text{ assumed})$$

decs

Example 4-1-6 Avg rate ] do later after derivative

$$\text{concentration } C = 3.97 e^{-.9t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{C(t) - C(t+h)}{C(t)} &= \frac{3.97 [e^{-.9(t+h)} - e^{-.9t}]}{3.97 e^{-.9t}} \\ &= [e^{-.9} - 1] \end{aligned}$$

Exponential Growth of Bacteria

$$Q = e^{kt} Q_0 e^{kt} \quad Q(t+h) = Q_0 e^{k(t+h)}$$

$$= e^k (Q_0(t))$$

constant [dependent on  $h$ ]

[Prob 43]

$Q$	$t$ minutes
5000	0
8000	10

Function  $Q = \underbrace{8000}_{\ln 1} \left( \frac{8000}{5000} \right)^{\frac{t}{10}}$  multiplies by constant  $\frac{8000}{5000}$

$$Q(t) = \underbrace{5000}_{\frac{800}{5000} [N.B. > 1]} \underbrace{e^t}_{(= 5000 e^{kt})}$$

$$e^{kt} = a^t = (\cancel{e^k} e^k)^t$$

$a = e^k$  NEED to have a [fixed way] to solve

Use equation

Another example (Sec 4.2)

Want 1000 to grow to 2000. How long at 5%.

$$FV(t) = 1000 e^{.05t}$$

$$\text{Solve } = 2000 = 2(1000)$$

$$\text{Solve for } t \quad e^{.05t} = 2$$

logarithm functions

General Defn " $\log_b$ ": "log base b" "log-sub-b"

$$b \neq 0, b > 0, b \neq 1$$

$\log_b(x)$  is the solution of  $b^? = x$

Most important:  $b=10$  (computation with real numbers) 20090306 4/4

$b=e$   $\log_e(x) \rightarrow \ln(x) \leftarrow$  special.

$\log(x) \leftarrow$  scientific

$\log$  usually means  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \ln \text{ or } \log_e \text{ in scientific} \\ \log_{10} \text{ in computational/} \\ \text{commercial} \end{array} \right.$

(they are related. Fortunately  $\ln$  is "computable")

(Without resorting to 2.71828...)

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Properties

Products good:  $\ln(rs) = \ln(r) + \ln(s)$   
Careful: you are assuming both  $r$  and  $s > 0$

~~Sums not simple~~  
 $\ln(r+s)$  nothing special

Exponents/Powers

$$\ln(x^r) = r \cdot \ln(x)$$

Combines

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(x^{12} y^{-1/2}) \\ = 12 \cdot \ln(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(y) \end{aligned}$$