

Math-1010 Lesson 3-3 (Textbook 3.3 and 3.4) (National Debt and Population Growth)

Year	Total National Debt as of 30 Sept (in trillions of \$)	“this year’s debt” ÷ “last year’s debt”
2005	8.50	n/a
2006	9.52	1.12
2007	10.66	1.12
2008	11.94	1.12
2009	13.37	1.12
2010	14.98	1.12
2011	16.78	1.12

Linear data: $\frac{\Delta \text{output}}{\Delta \text{input}} = \text{constant}$

Exponential data: $\frac{\text{output}_{\text{next}}}{\text{output}_{\text{previous}}} = \text{constant}$

Is the data linear or is it exponential?

How can you tell the difference between linear data and exponential data?

What is the growth factor?

$$\frac{\text{output}_{\text{next}}}{\text{output}_{\text{previous}}} = \text{growth factor}$$

How would you change the input values so that the relation is easier to graph?

Replace “year” with “years since 2005”

Graph the following data

Years since 2005	Total National Debt as of 30 Sept (in trillions of \$)	"this year's debt" ÷ "last year's debt"
0	8.50	n/a
1	9.52	1.12
2	10.66	1.12
3	11.94	1.12
4	11.37	1.12
5	14.98	1.12
6	16.78	1.12

Exponential data:

$$\frac{\text{output}_{\text{next}}}{\text{output}_{\text{previous}}} = \text{constant}$$
$$= \text{growth factor}$$
$$= 1.12$$

Does the following equation pass through the data?

$$D(t) = 1.12^x$$

Why not?

The y-intercept for the equation is (0, 1) and the y-intercept for the data is (0, 8.5).

Complete the following table.

t	CALCULATION OF THE NATIONAL DEBT	EXPONENTIAL FORM	NATIONAL DEBT (in trillions of dollars)
0	8.50	$8.50(1.12)^0$	8.50
1	$(8.50)1.12$	$8.50(1.12)^1$	9.52
2	$9.52(1.12)$	$8.50(1.12)^2$	10.66
3	$10.66(1.12)$	$8.50(1.12)^3$	11.94

Use the pattern in the table to adjust the following equation so that it “fits” the data.

$$D(t) = 1.12^x$$

$$D(t) = 8.50(1.12)^x$$

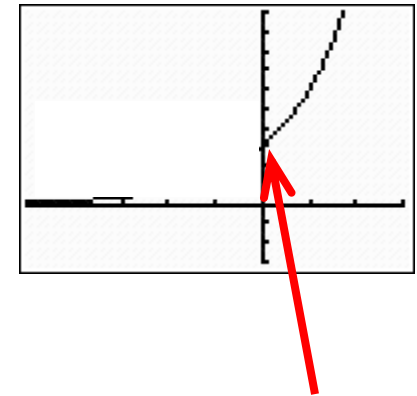
In general, what do we call the coefficient of the exponential function?

Vocabulary

Initial Value: (of the exponential) is the vertical stretch factor.



If in input is time (“stopwatch time”) the initial value occurs when $t = 0$.



$$f(t) = 3(2)^t \quad \text{Domain: } x = [0, \infty)$$

$$f(0) = 3(2)^0 = ?$$

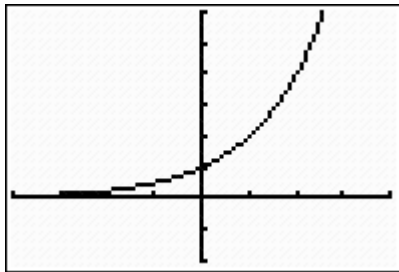
$$f(0) = 3$$

General Form of an “any base”
exponential function:

$$f(x) = ab^x$$

Initial value of
the function

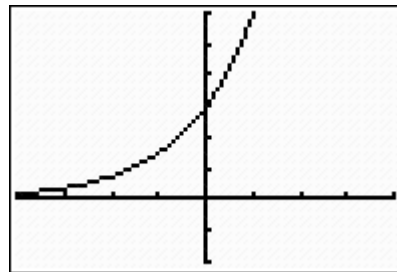
Growth
factor



$$f(0) = ? = 1$$

y-intercept

$$f(x) = 1(b)^x$$



$$f(0) = ? = 3$$

y-intercept

$$f(x) = 3(b)^x$$

Exponential Growth

'b' > 1

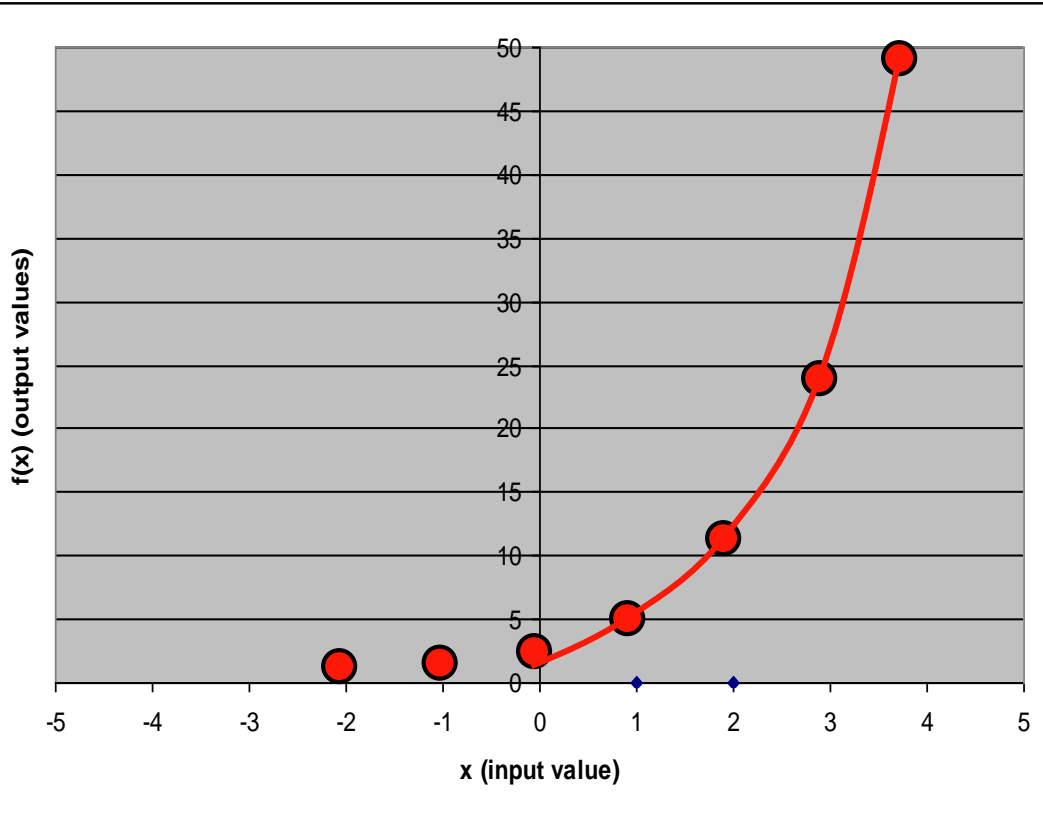
$$f(x) = ab^x$$

$$f(x) = 3(2)^x$$

Table of values

x	$3(2)^x$	f(x)
-2	$3(2)^{-2}$	0.75
-1	$3(2)^{-1}$	1.5
0	$3(2)^0$	3
1	$3(2)^1$	6
2	$3(2)^2$	12
3	$3(2)^3$	24
4	$3(2)^4$	48

Annotations: Red arrows on the right indicate a constant multiplier of 2 between consecutive f(x) values. A blue oval highlights the row for x=0, where f(x)=3.

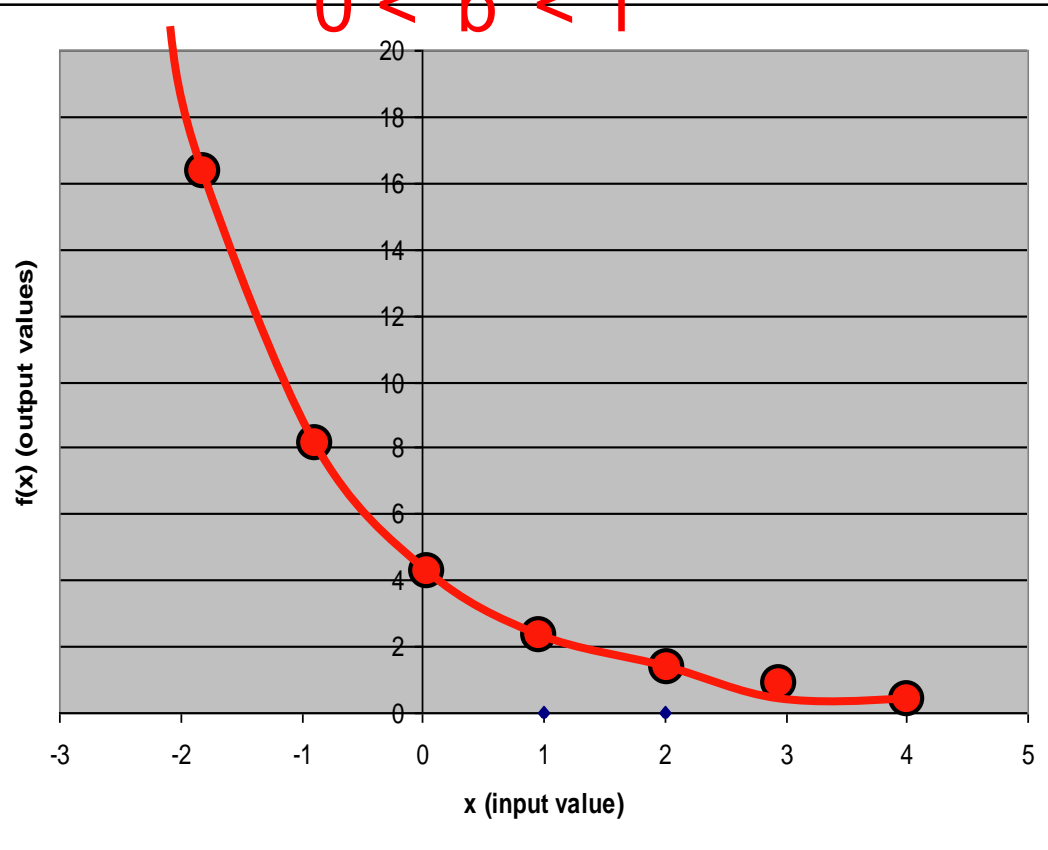


'a' is the initial value $\rightarrow f(0) = 'a'$

'b' is called the growth factor

Exponential Decay

$$0 < 'b' < 1$$



'a' is the initial value $\rightarrow f(0) = 'a'$

'b' is called the growth factor

$$f(x) = ab^x$$
$$f(x) = 4(0.5)^x$$

Table of values

x	$4(0.5)^x$	f(x)
-2	$4(0.5)^{-2}$	16
-1	$4(0.5)^{-1}$	8
0	$4(0.5)^0$	4
1	$4(0.5)^1$	2
2	$4(0.5)^2$	1
3	$4(0.5)^3$	0.5
4	$4(0.5)^4$	0.25

Red arrows on the right side of the table indicate a halving of the output value for each step: 16 to 8 (multiplier 2), 8 to 4 (multiplier 2), 4 to 2 (multiplier 1/2), 2 to 1 (multiplier 1/2), 1 to 0.5 (multiplier 1/2), and 0.5 to 0.25 (multiplier 1/2).

Exponential Data: what is the equation? $f(x) = ab^x$

x	$g(x)$	$h(x)$
-2	4/9	128
-1	4/3	32
0	4	8
1	12	2
2	36	1/2

Diagram illustrating exponential data for two functions, $g(x)$ and $h(x)$, plotted against x .

The x -values are: -2, -1, 0, 1, 2.

The $g(x)$ values are: 4/9, 4/3, 4, 12, 36.

The $h(x)$ values are: 128, 32, 8, 2, 1/2.

For $g(x)$, the values increase by a factor of 3 from one x -value to the next (e.g., $4/9 \times 3 = 4/3$, $4/3 \times 3 = 4$, etc.).

For $h(x)$, the values decrease by a factor of 1/4 from one x -value to the next (e.g., $128 \times 1/4 = 32$, $32 \times 1/4 = 8$, etc.).

x-values increment by one each time.

y-values increment by the same factor each time.

This number is the
“growth factor”
(base of the exponential)

Find the function for this data.

x	$g(x)$	$h(x)$
-2	4/9	128
-1	4/3	32
0	4	8
1	12	2
2	36	1/2

Diagram illustrating the relationship between $g(x)$ and $h(x)$. The values of $g(x)$ are shown to be multiplied by 3 to get the next value, and the values of $h(x)$ are shown to be multiplied by $\frac{1}{4}$ to get the next value. A red box highlights the value 4 in the $g(x)$ column at $x=0$.

“ $g(x)$ ” is exponential $\rightarrow g(x) = ab^x$

\rightarrow growth factor = 3 $b = 3$

\rightarrow initial value = 4 $a = 4$

$$g(x) = 4(3)^x$$

x	$g(x)$	$h(x)$
-2	4/9	128
-1	4/3	32
0	4	8
1	12	2
2	36	1/2

The table shows a sequence of values for $g(x)$ and $h(x)$. Green arrows and labels indicate that $g(x)$ increases by a factor of 3 between consecutive x values, while $h(x)$ decreases by a factor of 1/4. A red box highlights the row for $x=0$ and the column for $h(x)$.

Find $h(x)$

$h(x)$ ' is exponential $\rightarrow h(x) = ab^x$

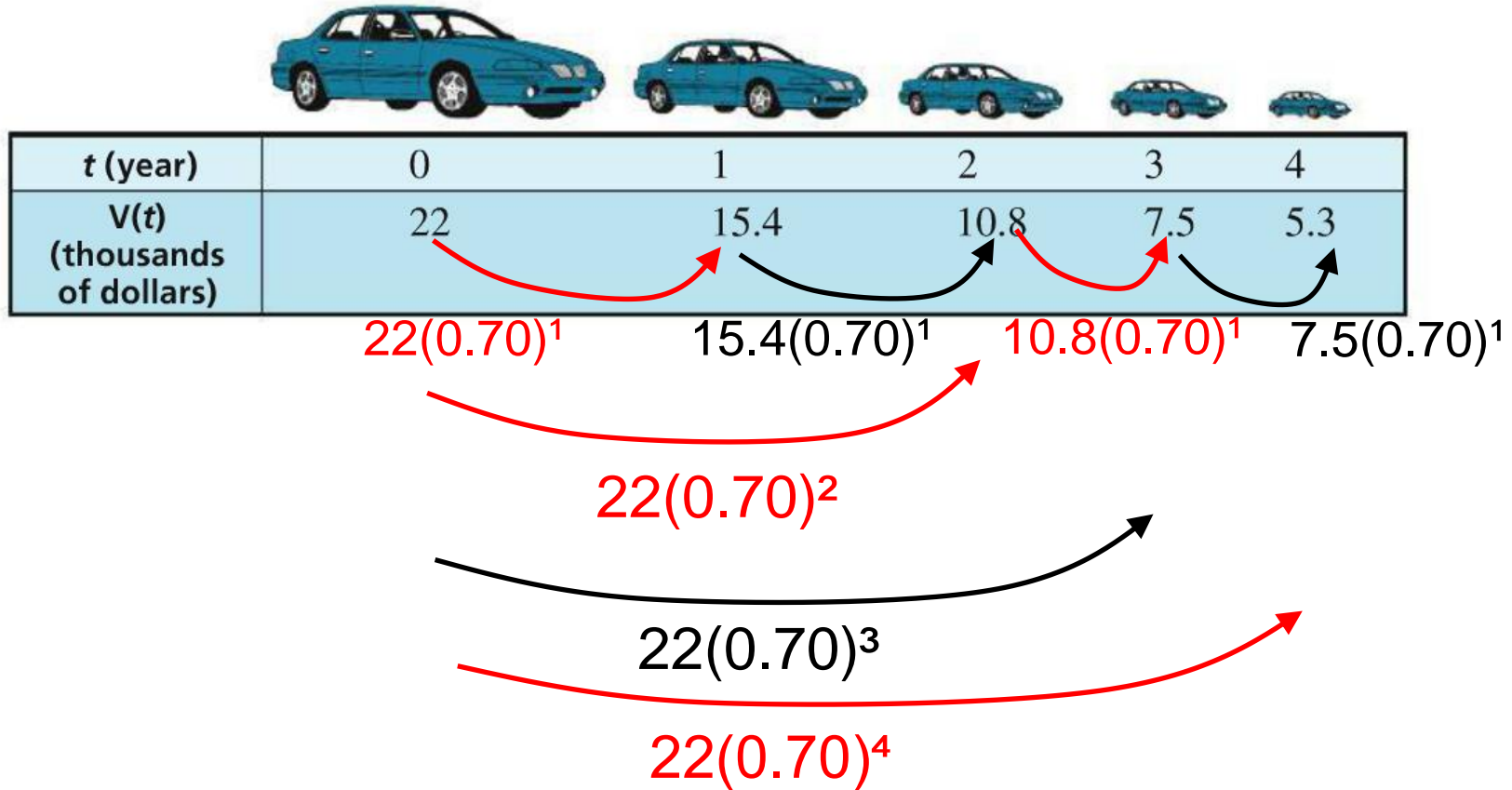
\rightarrow growth factor = 1/4 $b = 1/4$

\rightarrow initial value = 8 $a = 8$

$$h(x) = 8 \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^x$$

$$h(x) \neq \left(\frac{8}{4} \right)^x \rightarrow \text{Why?}$$

You buy a new car for \$22,000 (ouch). Unfortunately your car will depreciate by 30% each year. **What will the car be worth in 4 years?**



If it depreciates 30% in 1 year, what percentage of the original amount is it worth?

70% of the original amount after one year

You deposit \$100 money into an account that pays 3.5% interest per year. How much money will be in the account at the end of the 1st year?

$$A(1) = \$100 + \$100(0.035)$$

Original amount
(\$100) will still be
in the account.

There will be a
small amount of
growth (3% of \$100)

Factor out the common factor \$100

$$A(1) = \$100(1 + 0.035) = \$100(1.035)$$

$$A(2) = \$100(1.035)^2$$

$$A(3) = \$100(1.035)^3$$

$$A(t) = \$100(1.035)^t$$

$$A(t) = A_0(1 + r)^t$$

A bank pays 3% interest per year, and they pay you each month, what is the monthly interest rate?

$$\frac{0.03}{\cancel{\text{year}}} * \frac{\cancel{\text{year}}}{12 \text{ months}} \rightarrow \frac{0.03}{12 \text{ month}} \rightarrow \frac{0.03}{12} \text{ per month}$$
$$\rightarrow 0.0025 \text{ per month}$$

A bank pays 5% interest per year, and they pay you each month, what is the monthly interest rate?

$$0.05 \text{ per year} \rightarrow \frac{0.05}{12} \text{ per month} \rightarrow 0.0042 \text{ per month}$$

The exponential growth equation for money in a bank for account where the bank pays you more frequently than at the end of the year is:

Amount of \$\$ in the account as a function of time

$$A(t) = A_0(1 + r/k)^{k*t}$$

Initial value

Annual interest rate

Years after the deposit

of times the bank pays you each year

“Compounding period” → the number of times the bank pays you each year.

“A bank pays 3% per year compounded monthly.”

$$A(t) = A_0(1 + 0.03/12)^{12*t}$$

Values of “k”	
Words to look for	K
Annually	1
Semi-annually	2
Quarterly	4
Monthly	12
Daily	365

You deposit \$100 money into an account that pays 3.5% interest per year. The interest is “compounded” monthly. How much money will be in the account at the end of the 5th year?

$$A(t) = A_0(1 + r/k)^{k*t}$$

$$A(5) = 100 \left(1 + \frac{0.035}{12} \right)^{12*5}$$

$$A(5) = \$119.09$$

Interest paid at the
end of each month

$$A(t) = A_0(1 + r)^t$$

$$A(5) = 100(1 + 0.035)^{(5)}$$

$$A(5) = \$118.77$$

Interest paid at the
end of each year

You deposit \$200 money into an account that pays 5.5% interest per year. How much money will be in the account at the end of the 20th year?

$$A(t) = A_0 (1 + r)^t$$

$$A(20) = \$200(1 + 0.055)^{(20)}$$

$$A(20) = \$583.55$$

You buy a car for \$18,500. It depreciates at 15% per year. What is the value of the car (what you could sell it for) after 7 years?

$$V(t) = V_0(1 - r)^t$$

$$V(t) = 18,500(1 - 0.15)^{(t)}$$

$$V(t) = 18,500(0.85)^{(t)}$$

What is the growth factor? Is it “growth” or “decay”?

$$V(7) = 18,500(0.85)^{(7)}$$

$$V(7) = \$5930.68$$

The population of a town grows at 5%. In 1990 the population was 750. What will be the population if 2020?

$$P(t) = P_0(1 + r)^t$$

$$P(t) = 750(1.05)^{(t)}$$

$$P(30) = 750(1.05)^{(30)}$$

What is the growth factor? Is it “growth” or “decay”?

$$P(30) = 3241$$