

Aim: What is Euler's ([Leonhard Euler](#)) Number, e , and what is some of its applications? (Chapter 7.2)

Do Now: Use your calculator to graph $y=2^x$, $y=2^{(x-3)}$, $y=2^{(x+3)}$, $y=3(2^x)$, $y=\frac{1}{3}(2)^x$ Describe what type of effect each graph has on the parent function $y=2^x$?

I- Transformation of the Exponential Parent Function

1) **Essential Understanding** The factor a in $y = ab^x$ can stretch or compress, and possibly reflect the graph of the parent function $y = b^x$.

2) How does the graph of $y = -0.5 \cdot 5^x$ compare to the graph of the parent function?

3) Write the parent function of each function. Describes its transformation


1. $y = 5 \cdot 3^x$

2. $y = 7^{(x-3)}$

3. $y = 6^{(x-2)} + 9$

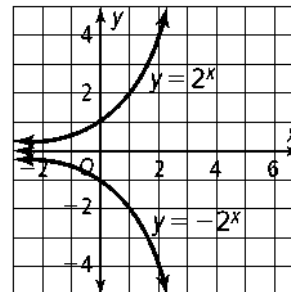
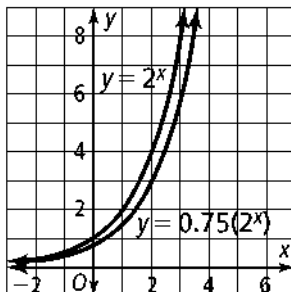
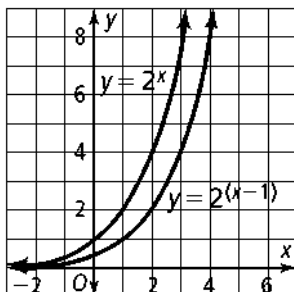
II- Types of Transformations

1)

|  Concept Summary Families of Exponential Functions | |
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| Parent function | $y = b^x$ |
| Stretch ($ a > 1$) | $y = ab^x$ |
| Compression (Shrink) ($0 < a < 1$) | |
| Reflection ($a < 0$) in x -axis | |
| Translations (horizontal by h ; vertical by k) | $y = b^{(x-h)} + k$ |
| All transformations combined | $y = ab^{(x-h)} + k$ |

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2) Identify each function as a compression, a reflection, or a translation of the parent function.



- 3) **Physics** The best temperature to brew coffee is between 195°F and 205°F . Coffee is cool enough to drink at 185°F . The table shows temperature readings from a sample cup of coffee. How long does it take for a cup of coffee to be cool enough to drink? Use an exponential model.

| Time (min) | Temp ($^\circ\text{F}$) |
|------------|---------------------------|
| 0 | 203 |
| 5 | 177 |
| 10 | 153 |
| 15 | 137 |
| 20 | 121 |
| 25 | 111 |
| 30 | 104 |

Step 1

Plot the data to determine if an exponential model is realistic.

Step 2

The graphing calculator exponential model assumes the asymptote is $y = 0$. Since room temperature is about 68°F , subtract 68 from each temperature value. Calculate the third list by letting $L3 = L2 - 68$.

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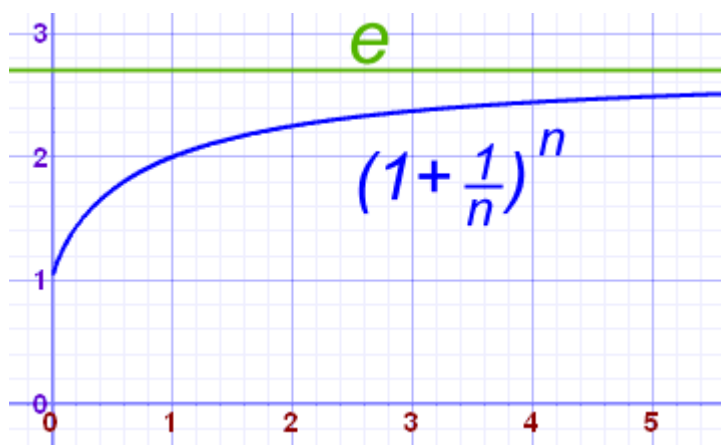
III – Euler's Number

1) **Natural base exponential functions** are exponential functions with base e . These functions are useful for describing continuous growth or decay. Exponential functions with base e have the same properties as other exponential functions.

2) There are many ways of calculating the value of e , but none of them ever give an exact answer, because e is [irrational](#) (not the ratio of two integers).

But it **is** known to over 1 trillion digits of accuracy!

For example, the value of $(1 + 1/n)^n$ approaches e as n gets bigger and bigger:



| n | $(1 + 1/n)^n$ |
|---------|---------------|
| 1 | 2.00000 |
| 2 | 2.25000 |
| 5 | 2.48832 |
| 10 | 2.59374 |
| 100 | 2.70481 |
| 1,000 | 2.71692 |
| 10,000 | 2.71815 |
| 100,000 | 2.71827 |

3) Use the graph of $y = e^x$ to evaluate each expression to four decimal places.

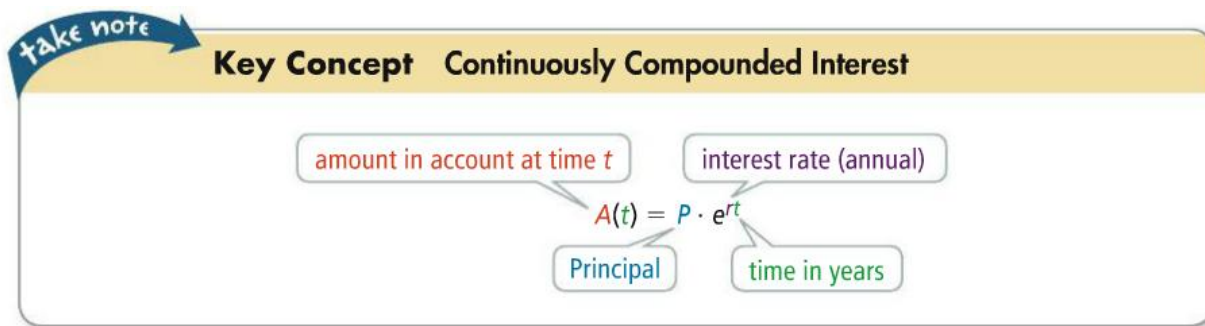
a. e^3

b. $e^{0.5}$

c. e^{-4}

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4)



5) Find the amount in a continuously compounded account for the given conditions.

a. principal: \$300

annual interest rate: 5%

time: 4 yr

$$A(t) = P \cdot e^{rt}$$

$$A(t) = \$300 \cdot e^{(0.05)(4)}$$

$$A(4) =$$

b. principal: \$650

annual interest rate: 6.5%

time: 20 yr

$$A(t) = P \cdot e^{rt}$$

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