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Solve problems involving exponential growth +

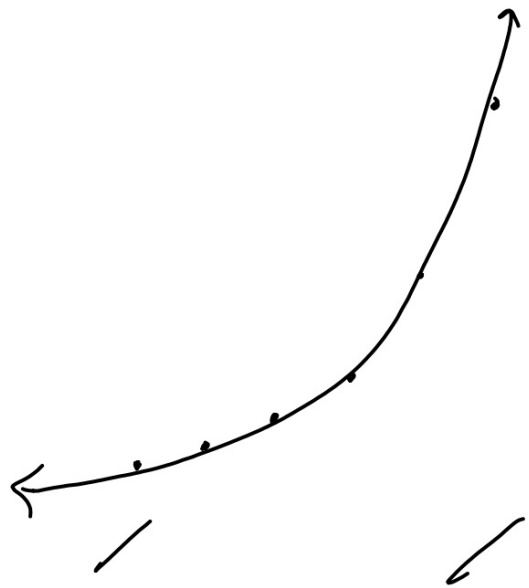
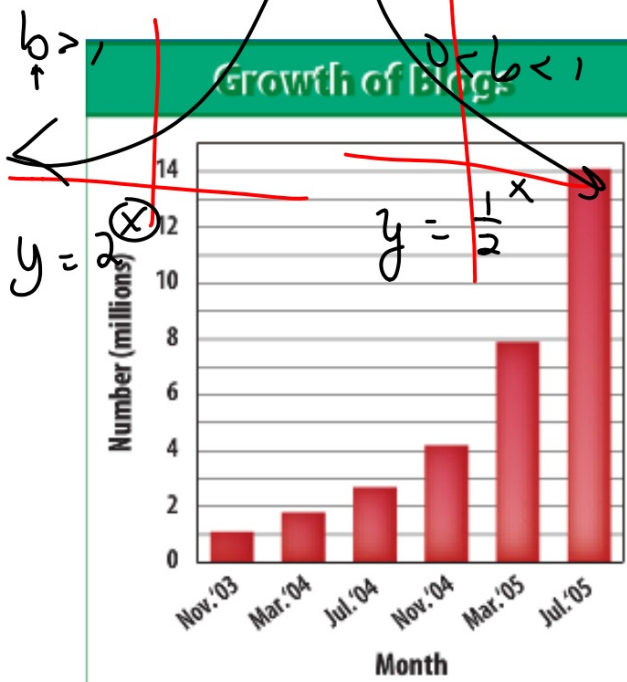
Solve problems involving exponential decay -

exponent

base

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decrease



1 Exponential Growth The equation for the number of blogs is in the form $y = a(1 + r)^t$. This is the general equation for exponential growth.

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KeyConcept Equation for Exponential Growth

a is the initial amount.

t is time.

$$y = a(1 + r)^t$$

y is the final amount.

r is the rate of change expressed as a decimal, $r > 0$.

What is the unit for time? (Can vary...need to know what it is for each problem)

Guided Practice

1. **TUITION** A college's tuition has risen 5% each year since 2000. If the tuition in 2000 was \$10,850, write an equation for the amount of the tuition t years after 2000. Predict the cost of tuition for this college in 2015.

$r = 0.05$

1) $y = 10,850(1 + 0.05)^t$

1. Write equation (must have a variable)
2. Use the equation (answer the question)

2) $= 10,850(1.05)^{15}$
\$22,556.37

"**Compound interest** is interest earned or paid on both the initial investment and previously earned interest. It is an application of exponential growth."

KeyConcept Equation for Compound Interest

A is the current amount.

n is the number of times the interest is compounded each year, and t is time in years.

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$

P is the principal or initial amount.

r is the annual interest rate expressed as a decimal, $r > 0$.

Will give this formula on quiz/test if needed
(but you have to know what to do with it). Time is always in YEARS for CI.

If $n = 12$:

They get $1/12$ of their interest 12 times per year.

If $n = 4$:

They get $1/4$ of their interest 4 times per year.

etc.

	$n =$	
monthly	12	Semi-annual 2
annually	1	
quarterly	4	
etc.		
daily	365	

Real-World Example 2 Compound Interest



FINANCE Maria's parents invested \$14,000 at 6% per year compounded monthly. How much money will there be in the account after 10 years?

$$\begin{aligned} &= 14,000 \left(1 + \frac{.06}{12} \right)^{12 \cdot t} \\ &= 14,000 (1.005)^{12 \cdot 10} \\ &= \$25,471.55 \end{aligned}$$


Guided Practice

2. **FINANCE** Determine the amount of an investment if \$300 is invested at an interest rate of 3.5% compounded monthly for 22 years.

$$r = 0.035$$

$$n = 12 \quad t$$

$$= 300 \left(1 + \frac{0.035}{12} \right)^{12 \cdot 22}$$
$$= 300 (2.157 \dots)$$

 **KeyConcept** Equation for Exponential Decay (decrease)

a is the initial amount

t is time.

$$y = a(1 - r)^t$$

y is the final amount.

r is the rate of decay expressed as a decimal, $0 < r < 1$.

How is this formula different from the exponential increase formula?
Time unit can vary...

Equation for Exponential Growth

a is the initial amount.

t is time.

$$y = a(1 + r)^t$$

y is the final amount.

r is the rate of change expressed as a decimal, $r > 0$.

Equation for Exponential Decay

a is the initial amount.

t is time.

$$y = a(1 - r)^t$$

y is the final amount.

r is the rate of decay expressed as a decimal, $0 < r < 1$.

Is it getting more (growth) or less (decay)?

$$r = 0.066$$



Real-World Example 3 Exponential Decay

SWIMMING A fully inflated child's raft for a pool is losing 6.6% of its air every day. The raft originally contained 4500 cubic inches of air.

a. Write an equation to represent the loss of air.

Must have a variable!

$$y = 4500(1 - 0.066)^t$$

b. Estimate the amount of air in the raft after 7 days.

$$= 4500(1 - 0.066)^7 = 2790.23 \dots \approx 2790 \text{ in}^3$$

Is it increasing (+) or decreasing (-)?

Guided Practice

3. **POPULATION** The population of Campbell County, Kentucky, has been decreasing at an average rate of about 0.3% per year. In 2000, its population was 88,647. Write an equation to represent the population since 2000. If the trend continues, predict the population in 2010.

Equations need a variable!

 **Real-World Example 1** Exponential Growth



CONTEST The prize for a radio station contest begins with a \$100 gift card. Once a day, a name is announced. The person has 15 minutes to call or the prize increases by 2.5% for the next day.

- a. Write an equation to represent the amount of the gift card in dollars after t days with no winners.

must have a variable