

Chapter 3 Summary

$f(x) = b^x$ $b > 1$, asymptote: $y = 0$ $f^{-1}(x) = \log_b x$

$D = (-\infty, \infty)$

$D = (0, \infty)$

$R = (0, \infty)$

$R = (-\infty, \infty)$ asymptote: $x = 0$

$e = 2.718...$

$f(x) = (1 + \frac{1}{x})^x$ approaches e as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

• Compound interest

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

A = amount

P = principal

r = rate

t = time in years

n = compounds per year

$f(x) = a^x$ $f^{-1}(x) = \log_a x$

$\log_b 1 = 0$

$\log_b b = 1$

$\log_b b^x = x$

$b^{\log_b x} = x$

$\log_e x = \ln x$ (natural log)

change of base

$\log_a x = \frac{\log x}{\log a} = \frac{\ln x}{\ln a} = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$

$\log_a (uv) = \log_a u + \log_a v$

$\log_a (u/v) = \log_a u - \log_a v$

$\ln (uv) = \ln u + \ln v$

$\ln (u/v) = \ln u - \ln v$

• Continuously compounded interest

$A = P(1 + \frac{r}{x})^{xt}$

$= P(1 + \frac{1}{x})^{xt}$

$= P[(1 + \frac{1}{x})^x]^{rt}$

$= Pe^{rt}$

Determine domain first before solving anything!

$\log_a b^c = c \log_a b$
 $\ln a^b = b \ln a$

$a \log_b c = \log_b c^a$
 $a \ln b = \ln b^a$

$f(x) = e^{\ln x}$, $D: (0, \infty)$

one-to-one property

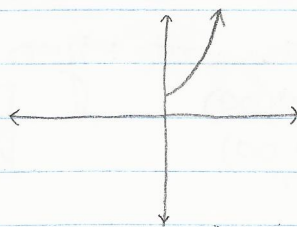
$\square^{2x-3} = \square^{x+4} \rightarrow \log_{\square}$ of both sides $\rightarrow 2x-3 = x+4$

$\log_{\square}(x^2-3) = \log_{\square}(5x) \rightarrow x^2-3 = 5x$

• Exponential Growth

$$y = Be^{kt}$$

$$A(t) = A_0 e^{kt} \quad k > 0$$



$t \geq 0$

horizontal asymptote: $y = 0$

• Radioactive Decay

$$y = Be^{-kt}$$

$$A(t) = A_0 e^{-kt} \quad k < 0$$

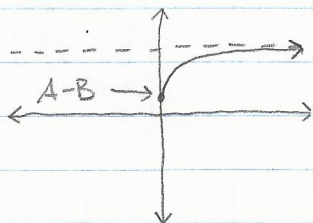


$t \geq 0$

horizontal asymptote:

• Learning curve

$$y = A - Be^{-kt}$$



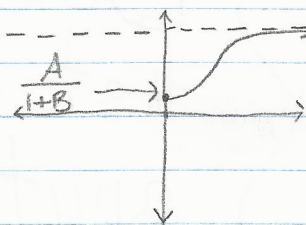
horizontal asymptote: $y = A$

$t \geq 0$

• Logistical growth

$$y = \frac{A}{1 + Be^{-kt}}$$

$$y = \frac{p}{1 + ae^{-kt}}$$



horizontal asymptote: $y = A$

• $f(x) = \log x$

