

# Graphing and Transformations of Exponential Functions

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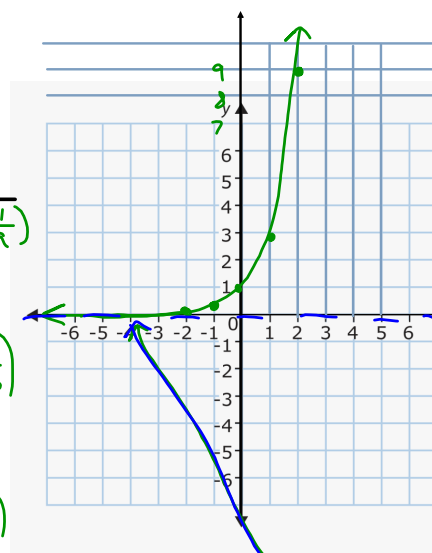
Notes

Graphing Exponential Functions Via XY Table

The Parent Function

**Graph  $y = 3^x$**

| x   | f(x) = 3 <sup>(x)</sup>                          | (x, y)              |
|-----|--|---------------------|
| -2  | $f(-2) = 3^{(-2)} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}$ | $(-2, \frac{1}{9})$ |
| -1  | $f(-1) = 3^{(-1)} = \frac{1}{3}$                 | $(-1, \frac{1}{3})$ |
| ★ 0 | $f(0) = 3^{(0)} = 1$                             | (0, 1)              |
| 1   | $f(1) = 3^{(1)} = 3$                             | (1, 3)              |
| 2   | $f(2) = 3^{(2)} = 9$                             | (2, 9)              |



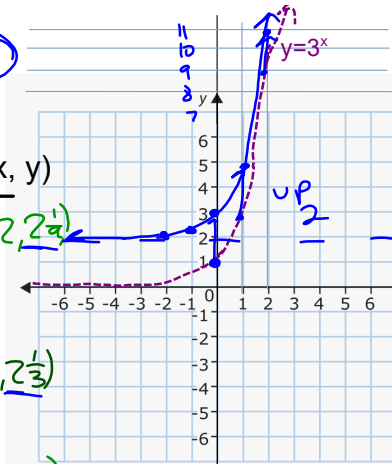
Where is the Asymptote?  
invisible line that the function approaches

Where is the y-intercept?  
when  $x=0$   
(0, 1)

Graphing  
**Vertical Shifts in**  
 Exponential Functions Via XY Table

**Graph  $y = 3^x + 2$**

| x  | $f(x) = 3^x + 2$                                      | (x, y)               |
|----|---|----------------------|
| -2 | $f(-2) = 3^{-2} + 2 = \frac{1}{9} + 2 = 2\frac{1}{9}$ | $(-2, 2\frac{1}{9})$ |
| -1 | $f(-1) = 3^{-1} + 2 = \frac{1}{3} + 2 = 2\frac{1}{3}$ | $(-1, 2\frac{1}{3})$ |
| 0  | $f(0) = 3^0 + 2 = 1 + 2 = 3$                          | $(0, 3)$             |
| 1  | $f(1) = 3^1 + 2 = 5$                                  | $(1, 5)$             |
| 2  | $f(2) = 3^2 + 2 = 9 + 2 = 11$                         | $(2, 11)$            |



Describe the Shift

Vertical shift up 2

Where is the Asymptote?

$y = 2$

look at what was added after  $b^x$

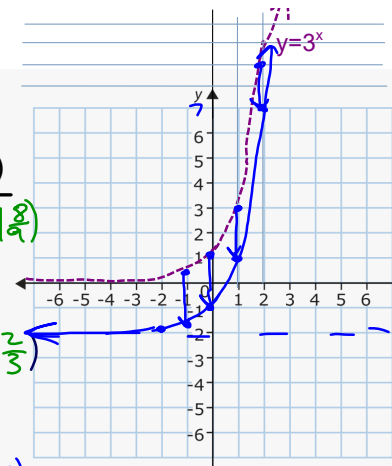
Where is the y-intercept?

$(0, 3)$

$(x, y + 2) \rightarrow (0, 1 + 2)$

**Graph  $y = 3^x - 2$**

| x  | $f(x) = 3^x - 2$                               | (x, y)                |
|----|--|-----------------------|
| -2 | $3^{-2} - 2 = \frac{1}{9} - 2 = -1\frac{8}{9}$ | $(-2, -1\frac{8}{9})$ |
| -1 | $3^{-1} - 2 = \frac{1}{3} - 2 = -1\frac{2}{3}$ | $(-1, -1\frac{2}{3})$ |
| 0  | $3^0 - 2 = 1 - 2 = -1$                         | $(0, -1)$             |
| 1  | $3^1 - 2 = 1$                                  | $(1, 1)$              |
| 2  | $3^2 - 2 = 9 - 2 = 7$                          | $(2, 7)$              |



Describe the Shift

Vertical shift down 2

Where is the Asymptote?

$y = -2$

Where is the y-intercept?

$(0, -1)$

$(x, y - 2) \rightarrow (0, 1 - 2)$

Graphing  
**Horizontal Shifts in**  
 Exponential Functions Via XY Table

Graph  $y = 3^{x+2}$  in exponent  
 negative direction

| x | $f(x) = 3^{x+2}$ | (x, y) |
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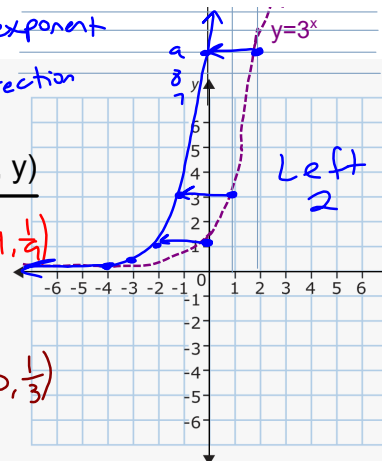
|    |   |                     |
|----|---|---------------------|
| -4 | $f(-4) = 3^{-4+2} = 3^{-2} = \frac{1}{9}$ | $(-4, \frac{1}{9})$ |
|----|---|---------------------|

|    |   |                     |
|----|---|---------------------|
| -3 | $f(-3) = 3^{-3+2} = 3^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}$ | $(-3, \frac{1}{3})$ |
|----|---|---------------------|

|    |                              |           |
|----|------------------------------|-----------|
| -2 | $f(-2) = 3^{-2+2} = 3^0 = 1$ | $(-2, 1)$ |
|----|------------------------------|-----------|

|    |                              |           |
|----|------------------------------|-----------|
| -1 | $f(-1) = 3^{-1+2} = 3^1 = 3$ | $(-1, 3)$ |
|----|------------------------------|-----------|

|     |                            |          |
|-----|----------------------------|----------|
| ★ 0 | $f(0) = 3^{0+2} = 3^2 = 9$ | $(0, 9)$ |
|-----|----------------------------|----------|



Describe the Transformations

Horizontal shift left + 2

Where is the Asymptote?

$y = 0$

Where is the y-intercept?

$(0, 9)$

$(x-2, y) \rightarrow (2-2, 9)$

Graph  $y = 3^{x-2} + 0$   
 positive direction

| x | $f(x) = 3^{x-2}$ | (x, y) |
|---|------------------|--------|
|---|------------------|--------|

|    |  |                      |
|----|--|----------------------|
| -2 | $f(-2) = 3^{-2-2} = 3^{-4} = \frac{1}{3^4} = \frac{1}{81}$ | $(-2, \frac{1}{81})$ |
|----|--|----------------------|

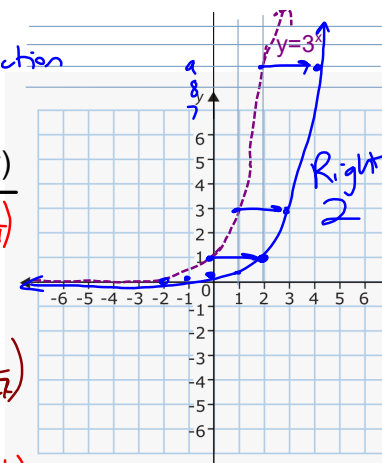
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|----|--|----------------------|
| -1 | $f(-1) = 3^{-1-2} = 3^{-3} = \frac{1}{3^3} = \frac{1}{27}$ | $(-1, \frac{1}{27})$ |
|----|--|----------------------|

|     |   |                    |
|-----|---|--------------------|
| ★ 0 | $f(0) = 3^{0-2} = 3^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}$ | $(0, \frac{1}{9})$ |
|-----|---|--------------------|

|   |                            |          |
|---|----------------------------|----------|
| 2 | $f(2) = 3^{2-2} = 3^0 = 1$ | $(2, 1)$ |
|---|----------------------------|----------|

|   |                            |          |
|---|----------------------------|----------|
| 3 | $f(3) = 3^{3-2} = 3^1 = 3$ | $(3, 3)$ |
|---|----------------------------|----------|

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|---|----------------------------|----------|
| 4 | $f(4) = 3^{4-2} = 3^2 = 9$ | $(4, 9)$ |
|---|----------------------------|----------|



Describe the Transformations

Horiz. shift right 2

Where is the Asymptote?

$y = 0$

Where is the y-intercept?

$(0, \frac{1}{9})$

$(x+2, y) \rightarrow (-2+2, \frac{1}{9})$

Summarize and Sketch a picture:

$$y = a \cdot b^{x-h} + k$$

The function shifts Vertically Up  
when the k value is positive

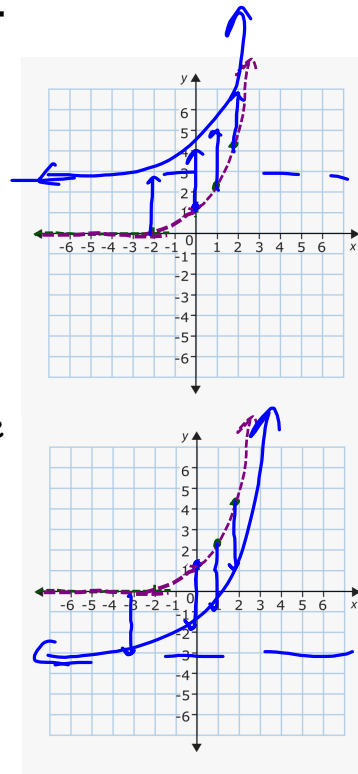
and looks like  $2^x + k$

So I am adding to each y value

The function shifts Vertically Down  
when the k value is negative

and looks like  $2^x - k$

So I am subtracting from each y value



Summarize and Sketch a picture:

$$y = a \cdot b^{x-h} + k$$

The function Horizontally shifts Right  
when the h value is positive

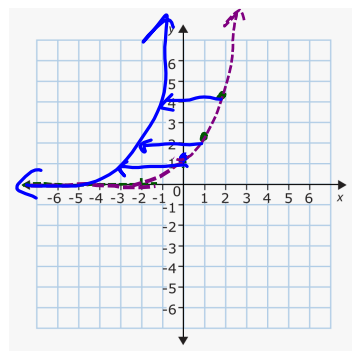
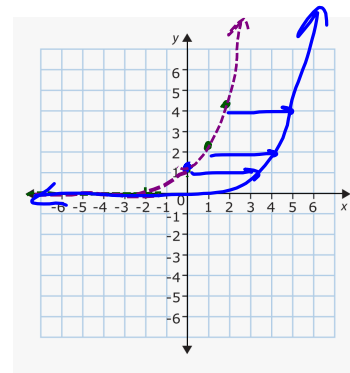
BUT it looks like  $2^{x-h}$

and I am subtracting from each x value

The function Horizontally shifts Left  
when the h value is negative

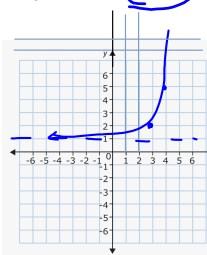
BUT it looks like  $2^{x+h}$

and I am adding to each x value



**Level 1** Given the graphs and functions, answer the questions below each.

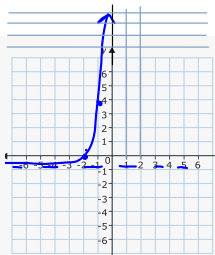
1.  $y = 4^{x-3} + 1$



Is this growth or decay?

growth

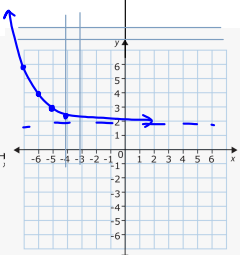
2.  $y = (5)^{x+2} - 1$



growth or decay?

growth  
base = 5 > 1

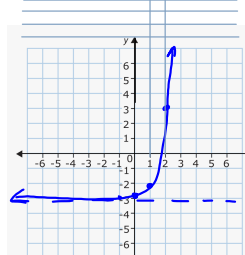
3.  $y = (1/2)^{x+4} + 2$



growth or decay?

decay  
base = 1/2 < 1

4.  $y = (5/2)^{x-1} - 3$



growth or decay?

growth  
base = 2.5 > 1

Describe the Shift

shift right 3  
up 1

Describe the Shift

left 2  
down 1

Describe the Shift

left 4  
up 2

Describe the Shift

right 1  
down 3