

7.5 Exponential Decay

$y = a \cdot b^x$

When $0 < b < 1$, the base is called the **decay factor**

a = initial amount

(0, a)
y-intercept

Recall: If $b > 1$, it is an exponential **growth** function.

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Determine if the function is exponential growth and decay. What is the y-intercept?

$y = 3 \cdot 0.34^x$ $0.34 < 1$ <u>decay</u> y-int: (0, 3)	$y = 5 \cdot 1.5^x$ $1.5 > 1$ <u>growth</u> y-int: (0, 5)	$y = (1/5)^x$ $1/5 < 1$ <u>decay</u> y-int: (0, 1)
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Identify the initial amount and decay factor in each exponential function.

a) $y = 5 \cdot (0.5)^x$
 initial amt: 5
 decay factor: .5

b)

x	-1	0	1	2
y	16	4	1	.25

 $\div 4 = 4 \div 4$
 $\times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$
 $b = \frac{1}{4}$ $a = 4$
 $y = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4}^x$

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Graphing Exponential Functions

- make a table with $x = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$

$y = (1/2)^x$

x	y
-2	4
-1	2
0	1
1	1/2
2	1/4

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Graph. Give the domain and range.

$y = 3 \cdot (1/2)^x$

x	y
-2	12
-1	6
0	3
1	1.5
2	.75

D: All real numbers
 R: $y > 0$

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0	-3
1	-1.5
2	-.75

D: All real numbers
 R: $y < 0$

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Graph. Give the domain and range.

$$y = -1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x + 3$$

x	y
-2	-1
-1	1
0	2
1	2.5
2	2.75

D: All real numbers
R: $y < 3$

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How to write an exponential decay model.

1. Identify the initial amount (a)
2. Write the decay factor (b) as (1 - %)
3. Substitute these values into

$$y = a \cdot b^x$$

$5\% = .05$
 $50\% = .50$
 $5.5\% = .055$

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Write an exponential decay model.

A business purchases a computer system for \$3000. The value of the system **decreases** at a rate of 15% per year.

$a = 3000$
 $b = 1 - 15\%$
 $b = 1 - .15$
 $b = .85$
 $y = 3000 \cdot (.85)^x$

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The kilopascal is a unit of measure for atmospheric pressure. **The atmospheric pressure at sea level is 101 kilopascals.** For every 1000 meter increase in altitude, the pressure **decreases about 11.5%.**

A. Write an equation for the scenario

$a = 101$
 $b = 1 - .115 = .885$
 $y = 101 \cdot (.885)^x$

B. What is the approximate atmospheric pressure at 3000 meters? (how many "thousand" meters in 3000?)

$X = 3$
 $y = 101 \cdot (.885)^3$
170 kilopascals

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Classwork: p.473 #4-40 (4's), 48, 50
Copy the questions.

Final Five

The population of a city is 45,000 and decreases 2% each year. Write a model for the population change.

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