

Algebra 2 – Unit 7 Learning Guide – Exponentials & Logarithms

Lesson 1: Defining Exponential Expressions & Roots (Exponents Review) (F.IF.8b) – Feb 21/22

_____ Guided Notes – Defining Exponential Expressions & Roots / Video (10 pts)

Khan Academy:

_____ Exponent Rules (10 pts)

_____ Negative Exponents (10 pts)

_____ Fractional Exponents (10 pts)

Lesson 2: Exponential Functions (F.IF.7e, F.IF.8b) – Feb 25/26

_____ Guided Notes – Exponential Functions / Video (10 pts)

Manga High:

_____ Recognize the Graphs of Common Curves (10 pts = Bronze, 15 pts = Silver, 20 pts = Gold)

_____ Define Exponential Functions (10 pts = Bronze, 15 pts = Silver, 20 pts = Gold)

_____ Graphs and Types of Exponential Functions (10 pts = Bronze, 15 pts = Silver, 20 pts = Gold)

Lesson 3: Tables of Exponential Functions (A.CED.1) – Feb 27/28

_____ Guided Notes – Tables of Exponential Functions / Video (10 pts)

Lesson 4: Defining & Evaluating Logarithms (F.LE.4) – Mar 1/4

_____ Guided Notes – Defining and Evaluating Logarithms / Video (10 pts)

Khan Academy:

_____ Simplifying Logarithms

_____ Simplifying Logarithms 2

Lesson 5: Laws of Logarithms (F.LE.4) – Mar 5/6

_____ Guided Notes – Laws of Logarithms / Video (10 pts)

Khan Academy:

_____ Operations with Logarithms

Lesson 6: Solving Exponential and Logarithmic Equations (F.LE.4) – Mar 7/8 and Mar 11/12

_____ Guided Notes – Solving Exponential and Logarithmic Equations / Video (10 pts)

Manga High:

_____ Solve Exponential Equations (10 pts = Bronze, 15 pts = Silver, 20 pts = Gold)

Lesson 7: Applications of Exponentials and Logarithms (F.LE.4) – Mar 13/14

_____ Guided Notes – Applications of Exponentials and Logarithms / Video (10 pts)

Manga High:

_____ Solving Problems with Exponentials (10 pts = Bronze, 15 pts = Silver, 20 pts = Gold)

_____ Solving Problems with Logarithms (10 pts = Bronze, 15 pts = Silver, 20 pts = Gold)

Lesson 8: Review – Mar 25/26

_____ Review (10 pts)

Lesson 9: Test – Mar 27/28

_____ Test (100 pts) – Feb 20th

Khan Academy Goal: (6 components)

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- _____ Fractional Exponents (10 pts)
- _____ Simplifying Logarithms
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Guided Notes - Defining Exponential Expressions and Roots

Recall the Quotient Rule:

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What happens if $m < n$?

Apply the Quotient Rule and the Definition of an Exponent:

$$\frac{x^5}{x^6} =$$

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So, we see that _____ exponents are actually _____ in the denominator.

Negative Exponents: $a^{-n} = \text{---}$ Bottom line for negative exponents:

- If the _____ exponent is in the _____, move the _____ to the denominator and make the exponent _____.
- If the _____ exponent is in the _____, move the _____ to the numerator and make the exponent _____.

Practice:

1) 2^{-5}

2) $(-2)^{-5}$

3) -9^{-2}

4) $\frac{2^{-3}}{3^{-2}}$

Remember, we can apply all the rules of exponents even when dealing with negative exponents.

Practice:

5) $b^{-3}b^5$

6) $-3x^{-3} \cdot 5x^2$

7) $\frac{m^{-6}}{m^{-2}}$

8) $\frac{4x^{-6}y^5}{-12x^{-6}y^{-3}}$

Rational ExponentsWhat do $\sqrt{3^2}$ and $(3^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ have in common?Definition of $a^{m/n}$: $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m}$

- In fact, with every rational exponent: $a^{m/n}$,
 - "a" is the _____
 - "m" is the _____
 - "n" is the _____

Practice: Write each expression using exponent or square root notation.

1) $\sqrt[4]{35}$

2) $\sqrt[4]{xy}$

3) $5^{\frac{1}{2}}$

4) $a^{\frac{1}{5}}$

5) $\sqrt[3]{x^2}$

6) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{m^3}}$

7) $5^{\frac{2}{3}}$

8) $a^{-\frac{2}{5}}$

*** End of Guided Notes for Lesson 1 ****

Guided Notes - Exponential Functions

Consider the function $f(x) = b^x$ or $y = b^x$. We have a base and an exponent still. Only this time, the exponent is a variable.

- These are called exponential functions.
- There are some limits to what values b can take and still be exponential.
 - “ b ” must be _____ than _____, but not equal to _____.
 - “ x ” can be _____.

Examples of Exponential Functions:

Examples of Exponential Function IMPOSTORS!!

Find the outputs and graph the functions:

$$f(x) = 2^x$$

Input	Output
-2	
-1	
0	
1	
2	

$$g(x) = 3^x$$

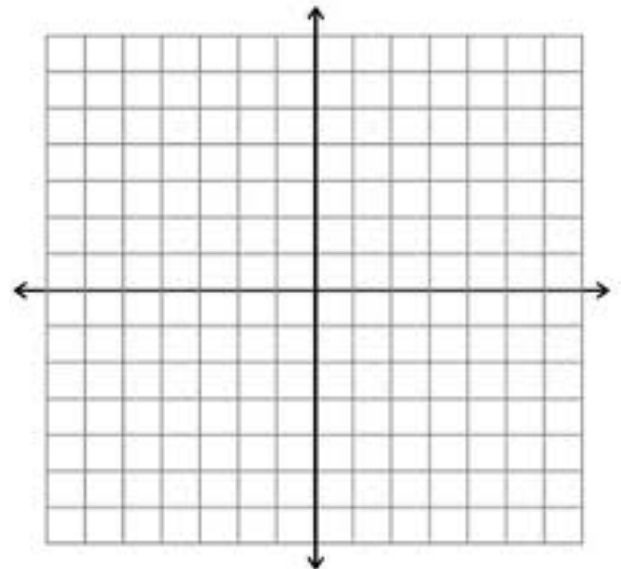
Input	Output
-2	
-1	
0	
1	
2	

$$h(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$$

Input	Output
-2	
-1	
0	
1	
2	

$$j(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$$

Input	Output
-2	
-1	
0	
1	
2	



Examine the differences between the outputs of your two tables. What do you see?

Characteristics of the Exponential Function:

Domain:

Range:

Value of Base and its effect on direction of the function:

The Exponential Function and Transformations: Recall... $g(x) = a f(b(x - c)) + d$

“a” controls vertical stretch/compression. If “a” is ____ than ____, we see stretch. If “a” is ____ than ____ and ____ than ____, we see compression.

Examples:

“b” controls horizontal stretch/compression. If “b” is ____ than ____, we see compression. If “b” is ____ than ____ and ____ than ____, we see stretch.

Examples:

“c” controls horizontal translation. If “c” is ____ than ____, we see movement to the right. If “c” is ____ than ____, we see movement to the left.

Examples:

“d” controls vertical translation. If “d” is ____ than ____, we see movement up. If “d” is ____ than ____, we see movement down.

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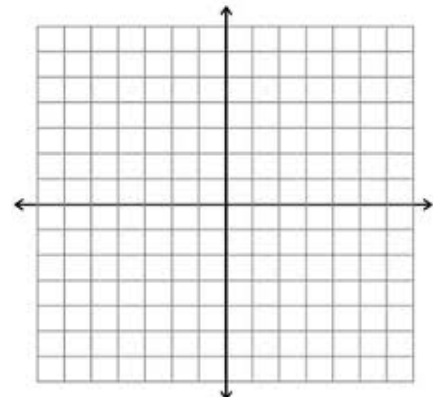
The Natural Base “e”

“e” is an _____ number approximately equal to _____. “e” can be the base of an exponential function, $f(x) = e^x$, called the _____ exponential function. Finding values of “e” to various powers can be done using an “e^x” key on a scientific calculator. “e” is found from the basic function:

$$f(x) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \quad (\text{You don't need to memorize this})$$

$$f(x) = e^x$$

Input	Output
-2	
-1	
0	
1	
2	



Guided Notes - Tables of Exponential Functions

Last time we defined a basic exponential function, but we discovered that exponential functions take other forms as well. Let's give you the FULL definition for the exponential function.

Definition: an exponential function is a function where $f(x) = a \cdot b^x$, where $a \neq 0$, $b \neq 0$ and $b \neq 1$.

We also discovered that if $b > 1$, the graph of the function will _____.

If $b < 0$ and $b < 1$, the graph of the function will _____.

Today we will look at tables of functions. These are a different way to write functions that can be easier.

Remember linear functions with input/output tables. What did the difference column correspond to?

Let's look at some input/output tables for exponential functions:

1) $f(x) = 3^x$

2) $f(x) = 3 \cdot 2^x$

3) $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4^x$

4) $f(x) = 6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$

Input	Output
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	

Input	Output
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	

Input	Output
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	

Input	Output
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	

What pattern do you notice from one output to the next in each table?

With linear functions, we had a _____ column. With exponential functions we need to have a column for _____. This _____ corresponds to _____.

What patterns do you notice about the value of "a" and the outputs for the various functions?

So, the value of "a" is determined by the value of the input for _____.

Practice: Determine the functions for each table.

5)

Input	Output
0	1
1	3
2	9
3	27
4	81

6)

Input	Output
0	$\frac{1}{4}$
1	1
2	4
3	16
4	64

7)

Input	Output
0	$\frac{3}{2}$
1	$\frac{1}{4}$
2	$\frac{1}{24}$
3	$\frac{1}{144}$
4	$\frac{1}{864}$

8)

Input	Output
0	$\frac{3}{5}$
1	$\frac{6}{5}$
2	$\frac{12}{5}$
3	$\frac{24}{5}$
4	$\frac{48}{5}$

Determining an Exponential Equation from two points: (Example on page 439 of text.)

Step 1: Determine your two points.

Step 2: Write an equation $f(x) = a \cdot b^x$ for each point.

Step 3: Divide the two equations.

Step 4: Solve for "b".

Step 5: Solve for "a"

9) (1, 6) and (3, 2/3)

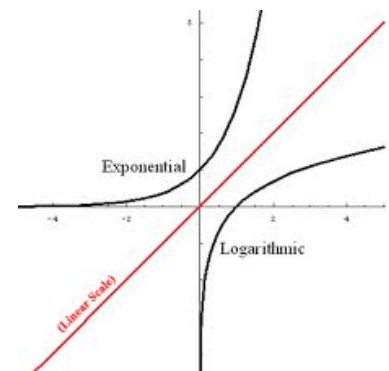
10) (2, 12) and (4, 432)

*** End of Guided Notes for Lesson 3 ****

Guided Notes - Defining and Evaluating Logarithms

What is a Logarithm?

- Logarithms were introduced by [John Napier](#) in the early 17th century as a means to simplify calculations.
- They were rapidly adopted by scientists, engineers, and others to perform computations more easily, using [slide rules](#) and [logarithm tables](#).
- The logarithmic function is the inverse of the exponential function

The Exponential... $y = b^x$ Its Inverse: $x = b^y$ or $y = \log_b x$

It is read as: "y equals the log base b of x"

Parts of a Logarithm: $\log_2 25 = 2$ ← _____

Expressing Logarithms in Exponential Form:

1) $\log_5 25 = 2$

2) $\log_3 27 = 3$

3) $\log_4 64 = 3$

4) $\log_2 32 = 5$

Expressing Exponentials in Logarithmic Form:

5) $2^3 = 8$

6) $5^3 = 125$

7) $4^4 = 256$

8) $5^4 = 625$

Evaluating Logarithms:

9) $x = \log_3 27$

10) $x = \log_2 \sqrt{2}$

11) $x = \log_6 \frac{1}{36}$

12) $x = \log_2 \frac{1}{32}$

Common Logarithms: Logarithms with base 10 are called _____

Common Logs are written without indicating their base – there is an **understood** base of 10
(Instead of the “disappearing 1”, we have a “disappearing 10”)

13) $\log 10$

14) $\log 100$

15) $\log 1000$

Natural Logarithms: Logarithms with base e are called _____

Natural logarithms are written as:

You can rewrite a natural logarithm to be in standard logarithm form, if you desire. Most people do not.

Example: $\ln 5$ is the same as $\log_e 5$

Guided Notes – Laws of Logarithms

Because logarithms represent exponents, it is helpful to review laws of exponents before exploring laws of logarithms.

When _____ like bases, _____ the _____. $a^b a^c = a^{b+c}$

When _____ like bases, _____ the exponents. $\frac{a^b}{a^c} = a^{b-c}$

Product and Quotient Laws of Logarithms/Natural Logarithms:

Product Law: For all $b, c > 0$, $\log(bc) = \log b + \log c$ AND $\ln(bc) = \ln b + \ln c$

For all $v, w > 0$,

Quotient Law: $\log\left(\frac{v}{w}\right) = \log v - \log w$

$$\ln\left(\frac{v}{w}\right) = \ln v - \ln w$$

Using Product and Quotient Laws:

1. Given that $\log 3 = 0.4771$ and $\log 4 = 0.6021$, find $\log 12$.

2. Given that $\log 40 = 1.6021$ and $\log 8 = 0.9031$, find $\log 5$.

Power Law of Logarithms/Natural Logarithms:

For all k and $v > 0$, $\log v^k = k \log v$ AND $\ln v^k = k \ln v$

Example: $\log 9 =$

Using the Power Law:

1. Given that $\log 25 = 1.3979$, find $\log \sqrt[4]{25}$ 2) Given that $\ln 22 = 3.0910$, find $\ln \sqrt{22}$.

Simplifying Expressions:

1. $\log 8x + 3 \log x - \log 2x^2$

2) $\ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{x}\right) + \ln\left(\sqrt[4]{ex^2}\right)$

Guided Notes: Solving Exponential and Logarithmic Equations

Now we can move to solve exponential equations. Remember that exponential and logarithmic functions are _____ functions and have the ability to “_____” each other.

This ability to “undo” means that when we have an _____ equation, we can take the logarithm of each side to set the exponents equal to each other.

Example:

$$3^x = 3^6$$

So, if the _____ are the same, then you can set the _____ equal to each other and _____ for the _____.

Practice:

$$2^{x-3} = 2^5$$

$$e^{2x} = e^4$$

$$5^{3x-2} = 5^4$$

$$6^{\frac{x}{2}} = 6^4$$

Sometimes we have to convert bases on one side, the other, or both to ensure both the bases are the same. Sometimes we have to factor. Sometimes we have to convert square roots to fractional exponents. Here is where it ALL comes together!

Example:

$$3^x = 9^3$$

Practice:

$$2^x = 8^2$$

$$3^{2x-1} = 81^5$$

$$16^{4x} = 2^{32}$$

$$25^3 = 125^{2x-4}$$

$$3^x = \frac{1}{27}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^{2x} = 4^{12}$$

$$2^{x^2-3x} = 2^4$$

$$8^{-2x} = \sqrt[4]{4}$$

Now let's progress to the reverse of solving exponential functions and solve logarithmic functions. When we are dealing with logarithmic equations, we can apply the exponential function with the same base to both sides to solve for the variable.

Consider the following equation: $\log_3 x = \log_3 5$ What must x equal?

Try these: $\log_4 2x = \log_4(3x + 5)$

$$\log_5 x^2 = \log_5(5x - 6)$$

For this, we need to use our Laws of Logs: $2\log_4 x = \log_4 -4 + \log_4(x + 1)$

Remember that the logarithmic function is the inverse of the exponential function.
Therefore, by definition:

$$\log_b b^x = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad b^{\log_b x} = x$$

Example:

$$\log_4 4^x =$$

$$3^{(\log_3 x)} =$$

Remember that a natural logarithm is just the log, base "e", of something.
This means that: $\ln e^x = x$ and $e^{\ln x} = x$

Guided Notes - Applications of Exponents and Logarithms

Exponential Growth/Decay Function: $f(t) = A = A_0e^{kt}$. If $k < 0$, then decay. If $k > 0$, then growth.

Method for Solving Growth/Decay Problems:

- 1) Each problem will give two sets of data. The first is a data set for a general problem. The second is a data set for a specific problem. Figure out which data belongs to which set.
 - a. General data will be missing "k"
 - b. Specific data will give information on a specific instance related to the point of the question.
- 2) Start with the exponential growth/decay function. Substitute in your general data and solve for k by taking the \ln of each side.
- 3) With the value of k known, use the exponential growth/decay function and k to create a specific equation modeling the situation in the problem and solve for the remaining unknown.

Example (Growth): (<http://censusviewer.com/city/KS/Winfield>)

In the 2000 census, the number of school-aged children in Winfield, KS was 2,007. In 2010, there were 2,258 school-aged (5-17) children in Winfield, KS. In what year will the number of school-aged children in Winfield, KS reach 2,500?

Example (Decay):

Carbon-14 has a half-life of 5,715 years. That means that if a sample of a certain amount of Carbon-14 is weighed after 5,568 years, there will be half of it left. Suppose a bone purported to be from the body of King Richard III of England (b.1452, d.1485) was found under a parking lot in England. When tested that bone contained 85% of its original amount of carbon-14. What is the approximate age of this bone?

Exponent/Radical Rules Chart - Save for Use on Test and Final Exam!!!!

Name	Exponents	Radicals
Product Rule	$a^b + a^c = a^{b+c}$	$b^{\sqrt[n]{a}} + c^{\sqrt[n]{a}} = (b+c)^{\sqrt[n]{a}}$
Power Rule	$(a^b)^c = a^{bc}$	$\sqrt[n]{a^b} = a^{\frac{b}{n}} = \left(a^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^b = (a^b)^{\frac{1}{n}}$
Quotient Rule	$\frac{a^b}{a^c} = a^{b-c}$	$\frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}}$
Power of a Product Rule	$(ab)^c = a^c b^c$	$\sqrt[n]{ab} = \sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b}$
Power of a Quotient Rule	$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^c = \frac{a^c}{b^c}$	
Negative Exponents	$a^{-b} = \frac{1}{a^b}$ and $\frac{1}{a^{-b}} = a^b$	
Laws of Logarithms	Exponents	Logarithms (Applies to ln as well)
Definition	$a^b = x$ therefore, $\log_a x = b$	
Identities	$b^0 = 1$ $b^1 = b$	$\log_b 1 = 0$ $\log_b b = 1$
Product Rule	$a^b a^c = a^{b+c}$	$\log_a bc = \log_a b + \log_a c$
Power Rule	$(a^b)^c = a^{bc}$	$\log_a (b)^c = c \log_a b$
Quotient Rule	$\frac{a^b}{a^c} = a^{b-c}$	$\log_a bc = \log_a b - \log_a c$
Fractional Exponents/Roots	$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \left(a^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^m = (a^m)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m}$	

Regular, Common and Natural Logarithm Properties/Formulas

Regular	Common	Natural
$\log_b 1 = 0$	$\log 1 = 0$	$\ln 1 = 0$
$\log_b b = 1$	$\log 10 = 1$	$\ln e = 1$
$\log_b b^x = x$	$\log 10^x = x$	$\ln e^x = x$
$b^{\log_b x} = x$	$10^{\log x} = x$	$e^{\ln x} = x$
Change of Base Formulas		
$\log_b M = \frac{\log_a M}{\log_a b}$	$\log_b M = \frac{\log M}{\log b}$	$\log_b M = \frac{\ln M}{\ln b}$