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$$(2m + 1)(5m - 8)$$

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$$\frac{n - 3}{2}$$

3) $\frac{10m + 60}{m + 6}$

$$10$$

4) $\frac{p^2 - 13p + 42}{10p - 60}$

$$\frac{p - 7}{10}$$

Unit 5

Exponents & Logarithms

5-1: Growth & Decay

Integral Exponents

Learning Targets:

- I can define and apply integral exponents

Suppose that the cost of a hamburger has been increasing at the rate of 9% per year. Then, each year the cost is 1.09 times the cost in the previous year.

Suppose that the cost now is \$4. Some projected future costs are given in the table below.

Time (years from now)	0	1	2	3	t
Cost (dollars)	4	$4(1.09)$	$4(1.09)^2$	$4(1.09)^3$	$4(1.09)^t$

The table suggests that the cost is a function of time t . Since the variable t occurs as an exponent, the cost is said to be an *exponential function* of time:

$$C(t) = 4(1.09)^t$$

When $t > 0$, the function gives future costs, and when $t < 0$, the function gives costs in the past.

Example 1

Use the cost function $C(t) = 4(1.09)^t$ to find the cost of a hamburger:

a) 5 years from now

$$C(5) = 4(1.09)^5$$

$$\approx 4(1.54)$$

$$\approx 6.15 \quad \rightarrow \quad \approx \$6.15$$

b) 5 years ago

$$C(5) = 4(1.09)^{-5}$$

$$\approx 4(0.65)$$

$$\approx 2.6 \quad \rightarrow \quad \approx \$2.60$$



Fun fact: The world's most expensive hamburger

Cost: \$5000.00

Location: Fleur restaurant, inside Mandalay Bay Casino in Las Vegas

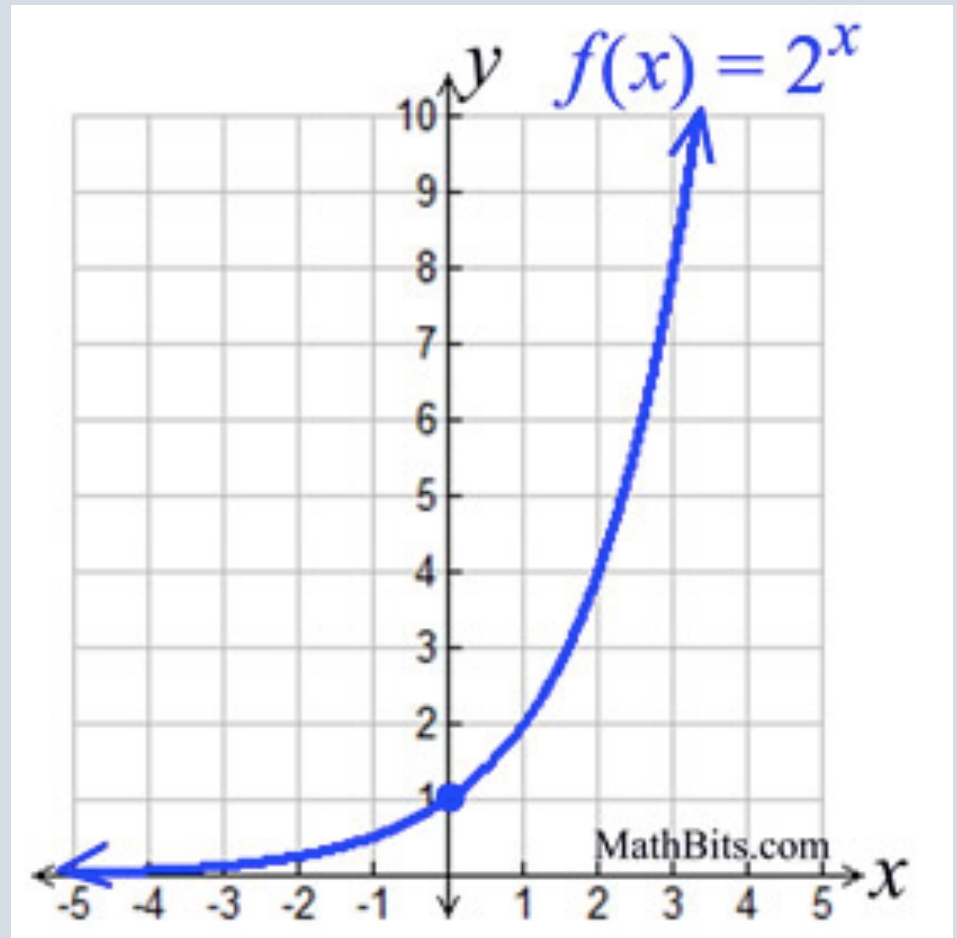


Exponential Growth

$$f(x) = ab^x$$

$$a \neq 0$$

$$b > 1$$

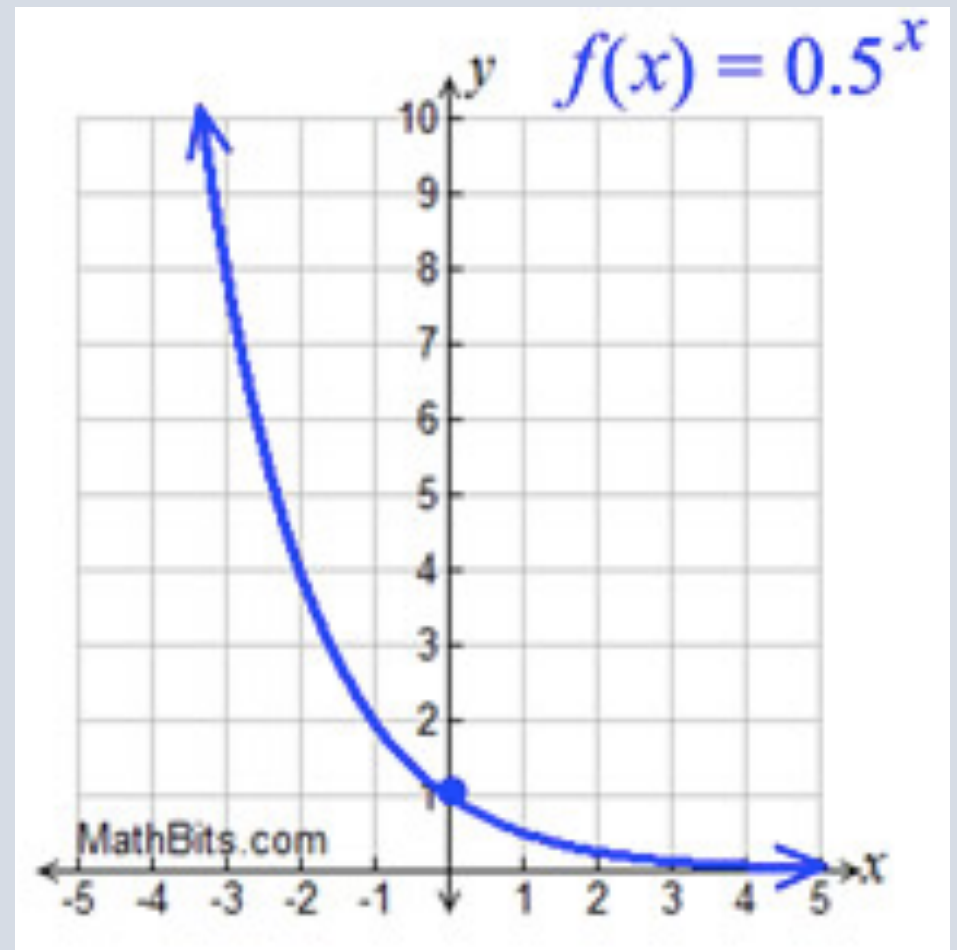


Exponential Decay

$$f(x) = ab^x$$

$$a \neq 0$$

$$0 < b < 1$$



Example 2

Suppose that a radioactive isotope decays so that the radioactivity present decreases by 15% per day. If 40 kg are present now, find the amount present:



a) 6 days from now

$$\begin{aligned}A(t) &= A_0(1 + r)^t \\ &\approx 40(1 - 0.15)^6 \\ &\approx 15.1 \text{ kg}\end{aligned}$$

b) 6 days ago

$$\begin{aligned}&\approx 40(1 - 0.15)^{-6} \\ &\approx 106.1 \text{ kg}\end{aligned}$$

Radioactive Decay: Chernobyl disaster

What happened: Massive explosion at a nuclear power plant.



Radioactive Decay: Chernobyl disaster

Where is Chernobyl: Ukraine

When: 1986

Explosions are bad, but why is this one such a big deal?

The nuclear radiation levels released from the explosion were enormous. Workers were exposed to lethal doses in just one minute.



Radioactive Decay: Chernobyl disaster

Why is it still uninhabited?

The model represents the amount of plutonium P that remains after t years after an initial amount i :

$$P = i \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{t/24,360}$$

When will P be 0? Never...

Experts believe that, at the actual explosion site, it will be safe for humans in 20,000 years.



Rules of Exponents or Laws of Exponents

Multiplication Rule	$a^x \times a^y = a^{x+y}$
Division Rule	$a^x \div a^y = a^{x-y}$
Power of a Power Rule	$(a^x)^y = a^{xy}$
Power of a Product Rule	$(ab)^x = a^x b^x$
Power of a Fraction Rule	$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^x = \frac{a^x}{b^x}$
Zero Exponent	$a^0 = 1$
Negative Exponent	$a^{-x} = \frac{1}{a^x}$
Fractional Exponent	$a^{\frac{x}{y}} = \sqrt[y]{a^x}$

Examples: Simplify.

$$1) 2m^{-3}n^{-1}p^3 \cdot 4nm^3p^2 = 8p^5$$

$$2) 2x^{-1}y^{-1} \cdot yx^4z^{-4} = \frac{2x^3}{z^4}$$

Examples: Simplify.

$$3) (2a^{-3}b^{-2}c^4)^4 = \frac{16c^{16}}{a^{12}b^8}$$

$$4) (2x^{-2}z^3)^{-3} = \frac{x^6}{8z^9}$$

Examples: Simplify.

$$5) \frac{2m^{-4}p^2}{mp^4q^2} = \frac{2}{m^5p^2q^2}$$

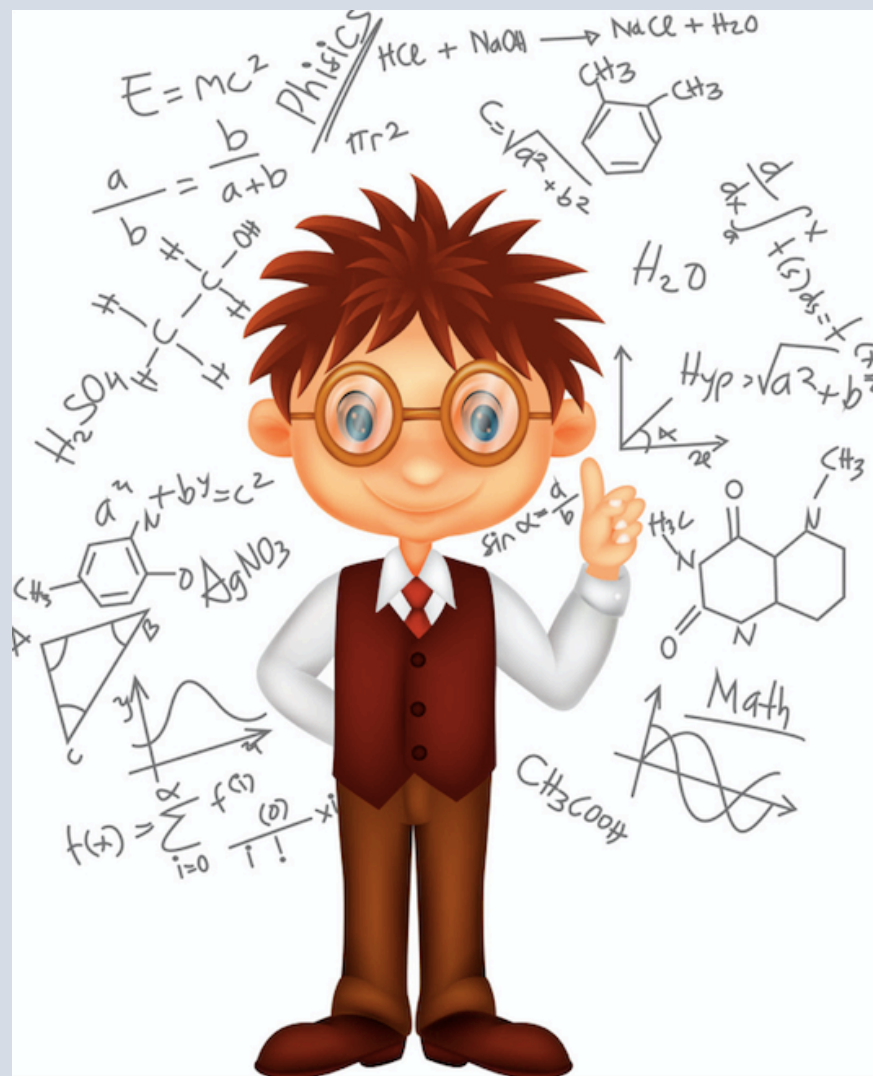
$$6) \frac{2r^{-3}}{4p^4q^{-4}} = \frac{q^4}{2r^3p^4}$$

Examples: Simplify.

$$7) (2x^{-4}y^{-2}z^3)^{-4} \cdot y^2z^3 = \frac{x^{16}y^{10}}{16z^9}$$

$$8) \left(\frac{x^3y^{-1}z^4}{(2z^3)^2} \right)^4 = \frac{x^{12}}{256y^4z^8}$$

You try...



Examples: Simplify.

$$9) \frac{x^5 + x^{-2}}{x^{-3}} = \frac{x^5}{x^{-3}} + \frac{x^{-2}}{x^{-3}} = x^8 + x$$

$$10) \frac{x^5 \cdot x^{-2}}{x^{-3}} = \frac{x^3}{x^{-3}} = x^6$$

Practice Problems

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