

Assignment: Exponential Functions

1. Explain how the graphs of the functions below can be obtained from the graph of $y = 3^x$ (state the transformations).

a) $y = 3^{x+2} - 3$

b) $y = 2 \cdot 3^{2(x-4)} + 4$

c) $y = -\frac{1}{5} \cdot 3^{-x}$

2. Match each exponential function with the correct graph.

a) $y = 4^{-x}$

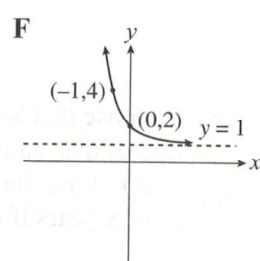
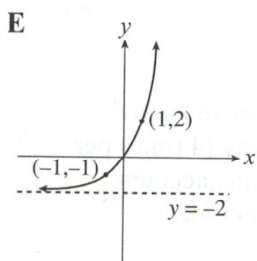
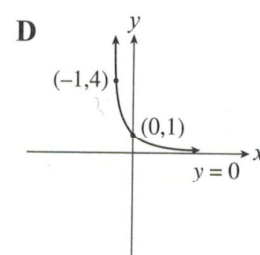
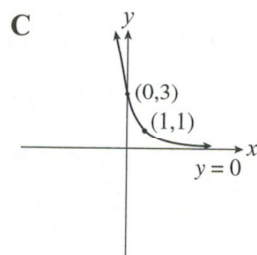
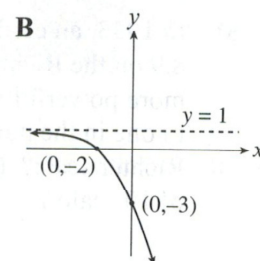
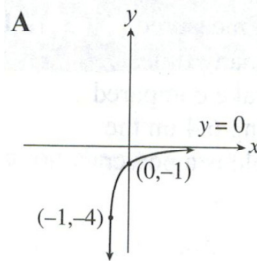
b) $y = 3^{-x+1}$

c) $y = 3^{-x} + 1$

d) $y = -4^{-x}$

e) $y = 2^{x+1} - 2$

f) $y = -2^{x+2} + 1$



3. Sketch each of the following and state the domain, range, intercepts and asymptotes.

a) $y = 2^x + 2$

b) $y = -3^{x-1}$

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

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

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

f) $y = -e^{x+4} + 3$

Answers

1. Explain how the graphs of the functions below can be obtained from the graph of $y = 3^x$ (state the transformations).

a) $y = 3^{x+2} - 3$

- Horizontal translation 2 units left
- Vertical translation 3 units down

b) $y = 2 \cdot 3^{2(x-4)} + 4$

- Vert stretch by 2
- Hor. comp by $\frac{1}{2}$
- Horizontal translation 4 right
- Vertical translation 4 up

c) $y = -\frac{1}{5} \cdot 3^{-x}$

- Reflect over x-axis
- Vert comp by $\frac{1}{5}$
- reflect over y-axis

2. Match each exponential function with the correct graph.

- a) $y = 4^{-x}$
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- b) $y = 3^{-x+1}$
 C switch signs +1 $(0,1) \rightarrow (0,1) \rightarrow (1,1)$
 $(1,3) \rightarrow (-1,3) \rightarrow (0,3)$
- c) $y = 3^{-x} + 1$
 F switch signs $(0,1) \rightarrow (0,2)$
 $(1,3) \rightarrow (-1,4)$ H.A $y=1$
- d) $y = -4^{-x}$
 A $(0,1) \rightarrow (0,-1)$
 $(1,4) \rightarrow (-1,-4)$
- e) $y = 2^{x+1} - 2$
 E $(0,1) \rightarrow (-1,-1)$ H.A $y=-2$
 $(1,2) \rightarrow (0,0)$
- f) $y = -2^{x+2} + 1$
 B $(0,1) \rightarrow (-2,-1) \rightarrow (-2,0)$
 $(1,2) \rightarrow (-1,-2) \rightarrow (-1,-1)$
 H.A $y=1$

