

L1 – 6.3 Transformations of Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

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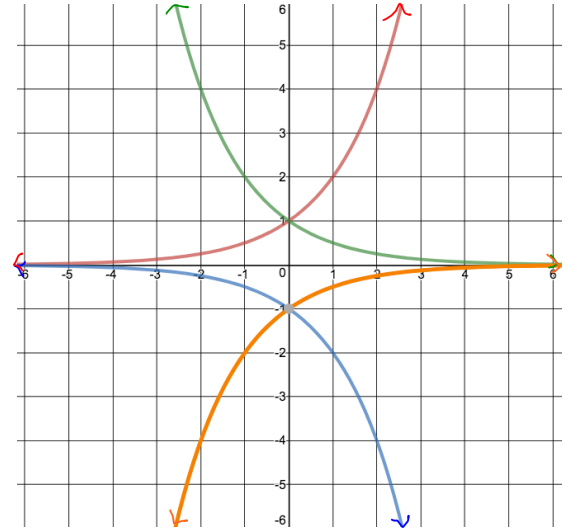
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Part 1: Properties of Exponential Functions

General Equation: $y = a(b)^{k(x-d)} + c$ where the base function is $y = b^x$

There are 4 possible shapes for an exponential function

- 1) $a > 0$ and $b > 1$ (ex. $y = 2^x$)
- 2) $a > 0$ and $0 < b < 1$ (ex. $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$)
- 3) $a < 0$ and $b > 1$ (ex. $y = -1(2)^x$)
- 4) $a < 0$ and $0 < b < 1$ (ex. $y = -1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$)



To graph the base function $y = b^x$, Find the following key features:

- Horizontal asymptote
 - Starts at $y = 0$ and can be shifted by c
- y – *intercept*
 - set $x = 0$ and solve
- At least one other point to be sure of shape
 - Common to choose $x = 1$ and solve for y

You can then use transformational properties of a , k , d , and c to graph a transformed function

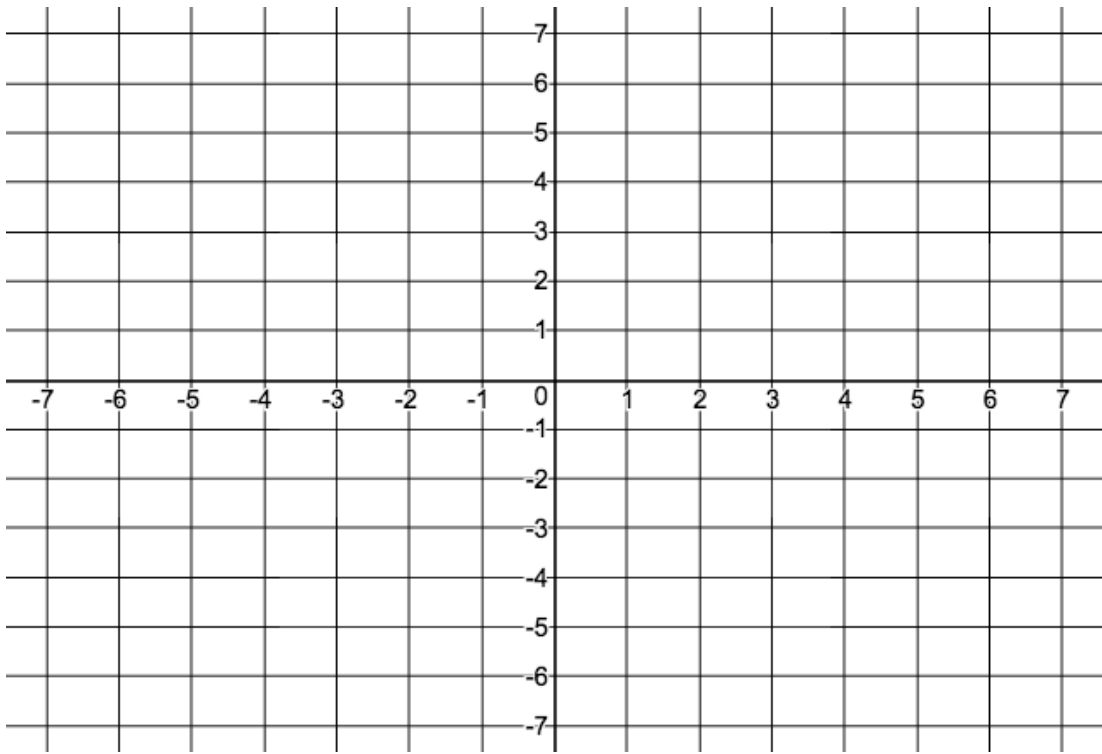
Part 2: Transformations of Exponential Functions

Example 1: Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 2(3)^{x+4} - 5$ and $g(x) = -3\frac{1}{2}^x + 4$ using transformations

$y = 3^x$	
x	y

$f(x) = 2(3)^{x+4} - 5$	

$g(x) = -3\frac{1}{2}^x + 4$	



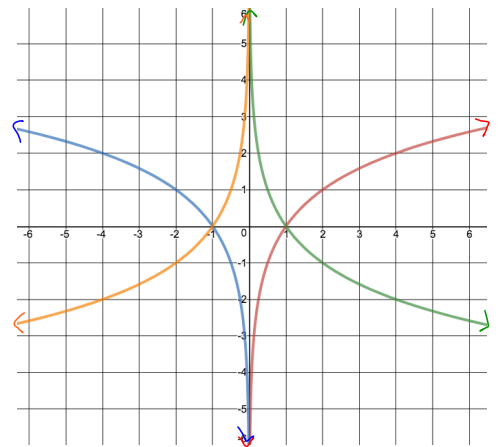
Part 3: Properties of Logarithmic Functions

General Equation: $y = a \log_b [k(x - d)] + c$ where the base function is $y = \log_b x$

Remember that $y = \log_b x$ is the inverse of the exponential function $y = b^x$

There are 4 possible shapes for a logarithmic function

- 1) $k > 0$ and $b > 1$ (ex. $y = \log_2(x)$)
- 2) $k > 0$ and $0 < b < 1$ (ex. $y = \log_{0.5}(x)$)
- 3) $k < 0$ and $b > 1$ (ex. $y = \log_2(-x)$)
- 4) $k < 0$ and $0 < b < 1$ (ex. $y = \log_{0.5}(-x)$)



To graph the base function $y = \log_b x$, Find the following key features:

- Vertical asymptote
 - Starts at $x = 0$ and can be shifted by d
- x - *intercept*
 - set $y = 0$ and solve
- At least one other point to be sure of shape
 - Common to choose $y = 1$ and solve for x

Part 4: Transformations of Logarithmic Functions

Example 2: Sketch the graph of $f(x) = -4\log_3(x) + 2$ and $g(x) = \log_3[-(x + 2)] - 4$ using transformations

$y = \log_3(x)$	
x	y

$f(x) = -4\log_3(x) + 2$	

$g(x) = \log_3[-(x + 2)] - 4$	

