
Explorations in Core Math

1. Simplify $7^0 x^5 x^4$
2. Simplify $\sqrt{81x^8y^3}$
3. Write the radical expression $\sqrt[4]{x^9}$ in rational exponent form.
4. Write the expression $19^{\frac{7}{3}}$ in radical form.
5. Write an explicit rule for the sequence 4, 12, 36, 108, ...
6. The population of a town is currently 1200 people and is expected to quadruple every 3 years. How many people will be living there in 20 years?
7. Graph the function: $f(x) = 2^x$
8. Determine whether f is an exponential function of x of the form $f(x) = ab^x$. If so, find the constant ratio.

x	-1	0	1	2	3
$f(x)$	4/3	4	12	36	108

9. The table shows store sales by year. Which function models the data?

Year	0	1	2	3
Sales	6000	4200	2940	2058

10. The table gives the number of inner tubes, l , sold in a bike shop between 1978 and 1982. Determine which model best fits the data.

Year, t	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Tubes, l	32	46	60	74	88

11. You deposit \$600 in an account that pays 6% interest compounded yearly. How much money is in the account after 6 years?

12. You buy a used truck for \$24,000. It depreciates at the rate of 11% per year. What is the value of the truck after 5 years.

13. A rodent population doubles every 35 minutes. If this situation was represented by a function, what are the variables, and which variable depends on the other?

14. What is the growth rate of the function $A(t) = 3210(1 + 0.13)^t$?

15. From the table, which type of function appears to increase fastest as x gets larger and larger?

x	$a(x)=5x$	$b(x)=5x^2$	$c(x)=5x^3$	$d(x)=5^x$
0	0	0	0	1
1	5	5	5	5
2	10	20	40	25
3	15	45	135	125

16. Solve the equation $3 \cdot 2^x = 96$

17. Solve the equation $\frac{9}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^x = \frac{4}{9}$

20. The table shows the number of folds of a piece of paper (n) compared to its thickness (t). Write a function to represent the situation?

number of folds	thickness (cm)
0	0.001
1	0.002
2	0.004
3	0.008
4	0.016
5	0.032
6	0.064
7	0.128

18. Write three different functions that represent exponential decay function?

19. Write three different functions that have an asymptote at $x=4$?

21. Complete the following

a. Describe the function $f(x) = (0.88)^x$

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c. Describe the function $f(x) = (1.22)^x$

d. Describe the function $f(x) = (1.12)^x$

e. Describe the function $f(x) = (0.08)^x$

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22. The maximum height reached by a bouncing ball is given by $b(x) = 15(0.38)^x$ where b is the height of the ball in feet. Describe the domain of the function and what it means when $x = 0$.

23. The first four terms of a sequence are given.

$10, 2, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{2}{25} \dots$

g. Write the recursive rule

h. Write the explicit rule

i. Write the n th term

24. The number of cellphones at Centennial was initially measured to be C . The number of phones is growing by 3% per day. Write an expression to represent the number of cellphones after d days?

25. Use the table below.

x	0	1	2	3
$F(x)$	222	232	242	252
$G(x)$	123	155	187	219
$H(x)$	222	199.8	179.82	161.838

Which are linear and which are exponential?