

SADLER MATHEMATICS METHODS

UNIT 2

WORKED SOLUTIONS

Chapter 2 Exponential functions

Exercise 2A

Question 1

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
y	1	3	9	27	81	243

Question 2

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
y	1	7	49	343	2401	16 807

Question 3

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
y	1.5	3	6	12	24	48

Question 4

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
y	1.75	14	112	896	7168	57 344

Question 5

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
y	2	4	8	16	32	64

Question 6

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
y	10	40	160	640	2560	10 240

Question 7

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	1	2	5	10	17
		1	3	5	7
		2	2	2	

A constant second difference of 2 indicates a quadratic relationship with $a = 1 \Rightarrow y = x^2 + bx + c$

When $x = 0, y = 1 \Rightarrow c = 1$

When $x = 1$

$$y = 1(1)^2 + b(1) + 1 = 2$$

$$2 + b = 2$$

$$b = 0$$

Required equation $y = x^2 + 1$

Question 8

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	1	4	16	64	256
		$\times 4$	$\times 4$	$\times 4$	$\times 4$

A constant ratio of 4 indicates the relationship is exponential, base 4. $\Rightarrow y = a \times 4^x$

When $x = 0$,

$$y = a \cdot (4^0) = 1$$

$$a = 1$$

Required equation $y = 4^x$

Question 9

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	3	5	7	9	11
		2	2	2	2

A constant first difference of 2 indicates a linear relationship with a gradient of 2. $\Rightarrow y = 2x + c$

When $x = 0, y = 3 \Rightarrow c = 3$

Required equation $y = 2x + 3$

Question 10

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	0	2	8	18	32
		2	6	10	14
		4	4	4	

A constant second difference of 4 indicates a quadratic relationship with $a = 2$. $\Rightarrow y = 2x^2 + bx + c$

When $x = 0, y = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$

When $x = 1,$

$$y = 2(1)^2 + b(1) = 2$$

$$2 + b = 2$$

$$b = 0$$

Required equation $y = 2x^2$

Question 11

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	1.5	12	96	768	6144
		$\times 8$	$\times 8$	$\times 8$	$\times 8$

A constant ratio of 8 indicates the relationship is exponential, base 8. $\Rightarrow y = a \times 8^x$

When $x = 0,$

$$y = a.(8^0) = 1.5$$

$$a = 1.5$$

Required equation $y = 1.5 \times 8^x$

Question 12

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	1	5	25	125	625
		$\times 5$	$\times 5$	$\times 5$	$\times 5$

A constant ratio of 5 indicates the relationship is exponential, base 5. $\Rightarrow y = a \times 5^x$

When $x = 0$,

$$y = a.(5^0) = 1$$

$$a = 1$$

Required equation $y = 5^x$

Question 13

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	0	2	6	12	20
		2	4	6	8
			2	2	2

A constant second difference of 2 indicates a quadratic relationship with $a = 1$. $\Rightarrow y = x^2 + bx + c$

When $x = 0, y = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$

When $x = 1$,

$$y = 1(1)^2 + b(1) = 2$$

$$1 + b = 2$$

$$b = 1$$

Required equation $y = x^2 + x$

Question 14

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	1	6	36	216	1296
		$\times 6$	$\times 6$	$\times 6$	$\times 6$

A constant ratio of 6 indicates the relationship is exponential, base 6. $\Rightarrow y = a \times 6^x$

When $x = 0$,

$$y = a.(6^0) = 1$$

$$a = 1$$

Required equation $y = 6^x$

Question 15

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	3	6	12	24	48
		$\times 2$	$\times 2$	$\times 2$	$\times 2$

A constant ratio of 2 indicates the relationship is exponential, base 2. $\Rightarrow y = a \times 2^x$

When $x = 0$,

$$y = a.(2^0) = 3$$

$$a = 3$$

Required equation $y = 3 \times 2^x$

Question 16

x	1	2	3	4	5
y	60	30	20	15	12

No constant differences or ratios present. A reciprocal relationship exists $\Rightarrow xy = 60$.

Question 17

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	1	2	9	28	65
		1	7	19	37
			6	12	18
				6	6

A constant third difference of 6 indicates a cubic relationship with $a = 1$. $\Rightarrow y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.
(See Miscellaneous Exercise 1 Question 1)

When $x = 0, y = 1 \Rightarrow d = 1$

We currently have $y = x^3 + bx^2 + cx + 1$

When $x = 1$,

$$y = 1 + b + c + 1 = 2$$

$$b + c = 0$$

When $x = 2$,

$$y = 8 + 4b + 2c + 1 = 9$$

$$4b + 2c = 0$$

By simultaneous equations or CP,

$$b = 0, c = 0$$

Required equation $y = x^3 + 1$

Alternatively students may have noticed the numbers are all one more than the cubic numbers 1, 8, 27, 64...

Question 18

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	20	17	14	11	8

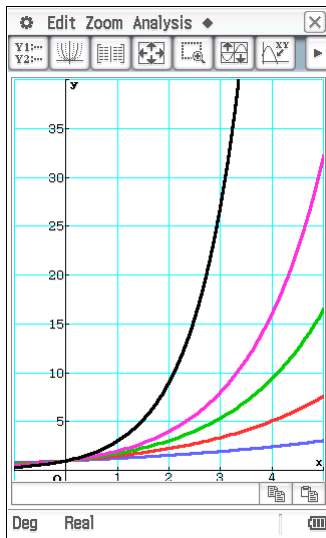
	-3	-3	-3	-3
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A constant first difference decreasing by 3 indicates a linear relationship with a gradient of -3.
 $\Rightarrow y = -3x + c$

When $x = 0, y = 20 \Rightarrow c = 20$

Required equation $y = -3x + 20$

Question 19



All graphs pass through $(0, 1)$.

The graphs share the same basic shape.

As the x values increase, so do the y values without limit.

As the x values decrease so do the y values, approaching but never touching the x -axis.

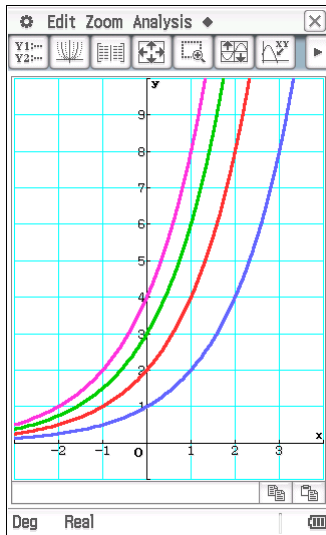
We say it is asymptotic to the x -axis.

The values are always positive.

As the value of a increases, so does the rate at which the y values increase.

The graph becomes steeper as a increases.

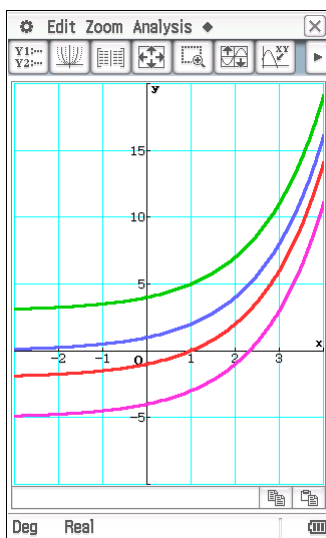
Question 20



Changing the value of a changes the y -intercept of the function to $(0, a)$.

It appears to stretch or vertically dilate the original function.

Question 21



The value of k translates the graph vertically.

Graphs of the form $y = a^x + k$ translate $y = a^x$ k units upwards.

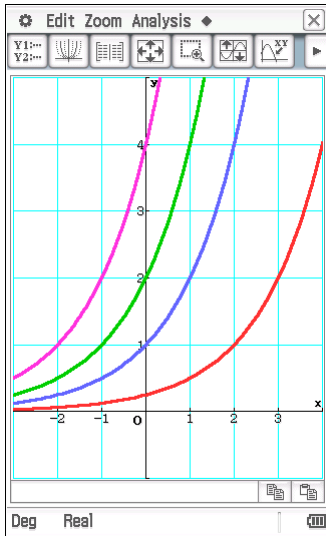
Graphs of the form $y = a^x - k$ translate $y = a^x$ k units downwards.

The distance of the y -intercept from $(0, 1)$ indicates the value of k .

Similarly the distance of the horizontal asymptote from x -axis will indicate the value of k .

It is possible for these graphs to have an x -intercept.

Question 22



Changing the value of k translates the graph horizontally.

Graphs of the form $y = a^{x+k}$ translate $y = a^x$ k units left.

Graphs of the form $y = a^{x-k}$ translate $y = a^x$ k units right.

Question 23

a

x	0	1	2	3
y	1	2	4	8

The y values are doubling $\Rightarrow y = 2^x$

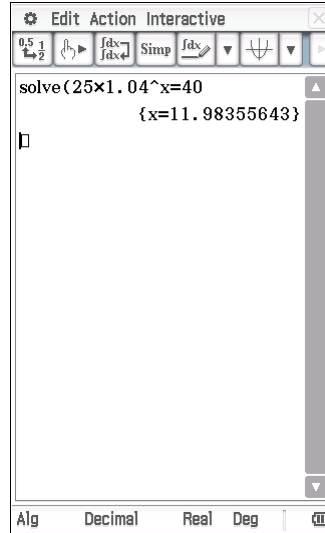
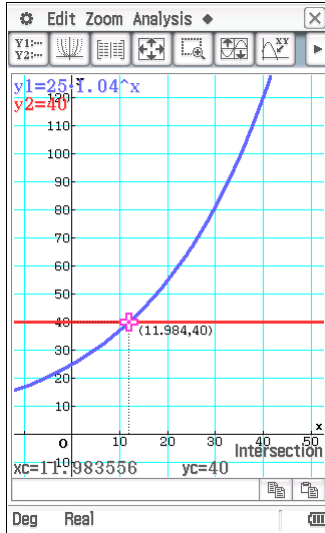
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x	0	1	2
y	1	3	9

The y values are tripling $\Rightarrow y = 3^x$

Question 24

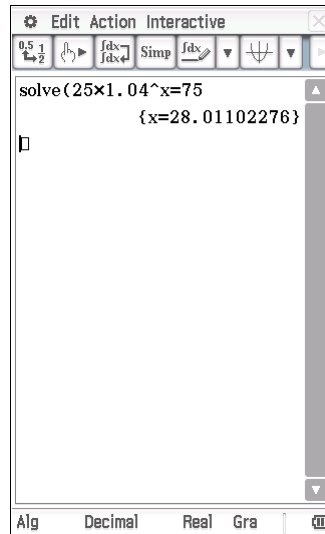
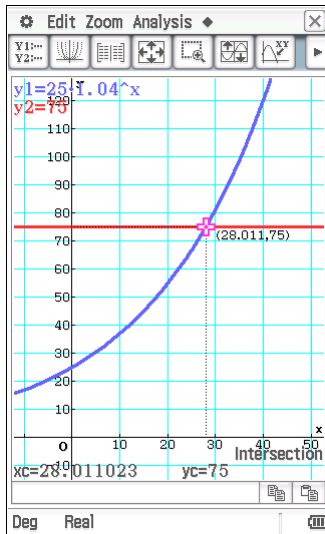
a



$$x = 11.984$$

In approximately 12 years.

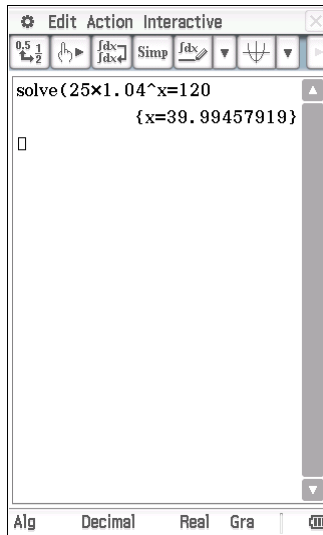
b



$$x = 28.011$$

In approximately 28 years.

c



$$x = 39.995$$

In approximately 40 years.

Question 25

a

x	2	3
y	1	3

y values are tripling indicating $y = 3^x$.

The point (2, 1) indicates a horizontal translation of 2 units to the right $\Rightarrow y = 3^{x-2}$.

b

x	0	1	2	3
y	3	4	6	10
		1	2	4

The differences between y values are 1, 2, 4 indicating $y = 2^x$.

The point (0, 3) indicates a vertical translation of 2 units $\Rightarrow y = 2^x + 2$.

c

x	2	3	4	5
y	1	2	4	8

1	2	4
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The y values are 1, 2, 4 indicating $y = 2^x$.

The point (2, 1) indicates a horizontal translation of 2 units to the right $\Rightarrow y = 2^{x-2}$.

d

x	0	1	2
y	-1	1	7

2	6
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The graph appears to have an asymptote at $y = -2$, suggesting $y = a^x - 2$.

If we translate the graph up two units, the y values become 1, 3, 9 clearly indicating $a = 3$.

$$y = 3^x - 2$$

e

x	-1	0	1
y	3	5	11

The graph appears to have an asymptote at $y = 2$, suggesting $y = a^x + 2$.

If we translate the graph down two units, the y values become 1, 3, 9 clearly indicating $a = 3$.

$$y = 3^x + 2$$

The point (-1, 3) suggests a horizontal translation of 1 unit left $\Rightarrow y = 3^{x+1} + 2$.

f

x	2	3	4	5
y	-1	0	2	6

The graph appears to have an asymptote at $y = -2$, suggesting $y = a^x - 2$.

If we translate the graph up two units, the y values become 1, 2, 4, 8 clearly indicating $a = 2$.

$$y = 2^x - 2$$

The point $(2, -1)$ suggests a horizontal translation of 2 units right $\Rightarrow y = 2^{x-2} - 2$.

Exercise 2B

Question 1

Consider the period 1995 to 2000 and working with the population in millions:

$$26 = 18r^5$$

$$r^5 = \frac{26}{18}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt[5]{\frac{26}{18}} \\ &= 1.076 \\ &\approx 1.08 \end{aligned}$$

Consider the period 2000 to 2010:

$$56 = 26r^{10}$$

$$r^{10} = \frac{56}{26}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt[10]{\frac{56}{26}} \\ &= 1.079 \\ &\approx 1.08 \end{aligned}$$

Question 2

Consider the period 2000 to 2007:

$$9000 = 12400r^7$$

$$r^7 = \frac{9000}{12400}$$

$$r = \sqrt[7]{\frac{9000}{12400}}$$
$$= 0.955$$

$$7500 = 9000r^7$$

$$r^7 = \frac{7500}{9000}$$

$$r = \sqrt[7]{\frac{7500}{9000}}$$
$$= 0.955$$

A ratio of 0.955 is equivalent to a 4.5% decrease each year.

Question 3

$$\frac{45.8}{45} = 1.0178$$

$$\frac{46.6}{45.8} = 1.0175$$

$$\frac{47.5}{46.6} = 1.0193$$

Average of three growth rates ≈ 1.0182 , so we will assume an 18% growth rate overall.

In 2027, 14 years of growth has occurred.

$$P = 47.5 \times 1.018^{14}$$
$$= 60.98 \text{ million}$$

Approximately 61 million.

Question 4

$$\frac{16500}{18100} = 0.917$$

$$\frac{15200}{16500} = 0.921$$

$$\frac{14000}{15200} = 0.921$$

Let us assume a growth rate of 92% on each year, (decreasing by 8% each year).

IF we consider 2010 to be $t = 0$, 2023 can be represented as $t = 13$.

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 18 \times 0.92^{13} \\ &= 6.1 \end{aligned}$$

We could expect approximately 6 100 animals.

Question 5

a $N = Ak^{N-1989}$

When $N = 1989$,

$$80 = Ak^0$$

$$A = 80$$

When $N = 1999$

$$170 = 80k^{10}$$

$$k^{10} = \frac{170}{80}$$

$$k = \sqrt[10]{\frac{170}{80}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{170}{80}\right)^{0.1}$$

$$= 1.08$$

b 8% increase

c $N = 80 \times 1.08^{(2024-1989)}$

$$= 80 \times 1.08^{35}$$

$$\approx 1200$$

Question 6

$$P = ak^n$$

$$\text{After 6 days} \Rightarrow 450 = ak^6$$

$$\text{After 4 days} \Rightarrow 530 = ak^5$$

$$\frac{ak^6}{ak^5} = \frac{450}{530}$$

$$k = 0.85$$

$$530 = a(0.85)^5$$

$$a = \frac{530}{0.85^5}$$

$$= 1194$$

The initial population was approximately 1200 frogs.

Question 7

a 68

b 29

c $68 = ka^3$

$$29 = ka^8$$

$$\frac{29}{68} = a^5$$

$$a = \sqrt[5]{\frac{29}{68}}$$

$$= 0.84$$

$$68 = k(0.84)^3$$

$$k \approx 115$$

d $P = 115 \times 0.84^0$

$$= 115$$

e $10 = 115(0.84)^t$

By classpad

$$t = 14$$

Question 8

a $P = ka^t$

The initial value is 80 $\Rightarrow k = 80$

When $t = 3, P = 62$

$$62 = 80a^3$$

$$a^3 = \frac{62}{80}$$

$$a = \sqrt[3]{\frac{62}{80}}$$
$$= 0.92$$

b

In 2017, $t = 3$

$$P = 80(0.92)^3$$
$$= 27$$

c $20 = 80(0.92)^t$

By classpad, $t = 16.6$

During the 17th year, 2021

Question 9

a When $t=0, P_A = 10\,000$ and $P_B = 1000$

b $P_A = 10000(0.75)^3 = 4218.75$

$$P_B = 1000(1.09)^3 = 1295.03$$

$$P_A = 4200 \text{ and } P_B = 1300$$

c $1000(0.75)^t = 1000(1.09)^t$

By classpad, $t = 6.2$

Question 10

a Initial value 850 $\Rightarrow k = 850$

When $t = 3, N = 630$

$$630 = 850a^3$$

$$a^3 = \frac{630}{850}$$

$$a = \sqrt[3]{\frac{630}{850}}$$

$$= 0.905$$

b $212.5 = 850(0.905)^t$

By classpad, $t = 13.88$

after 14 weeks

Miscellaneous exercise two

Question 1

- a II
- b IV
- c III
- d I
- e III
- f IV
- g III
- h I

Question 2

- a $x^2 = 49$
 $x = \pm 7$
- b $x^2 = 100$
 $x = \pm 10$
- c $x^3 = 1000$
 $x = 10$
- d $2^x = 4$
 $= 2^2$
 $x = 2$
- e $3^x = 81$
 $= 3^4$
 $x = 4$
- f $5^x + 11 = 12$
 $5^x = 1$
 $= 5^0$
 $x = 0$

g $6^x + 9 = 225$
 $6^x = 216$
 $= 6^3$
 $x = 3$

h $4^x = \frac{1}{4}$
 $= 4^{-1}$
 $x = -1$

i $4^x = \frac{1}{16}$
 $= 4^{-2}$
 $x = -2$

j $4^x = \frac{1}{64}$
 $= 4^{-3}$
 $x = -3$

k $2^x = \frac{1}{2}$
 $= 2^{-1}$
 $x = -1$

l $2^x = \frac{1}{4}$
 $= 2^{-2}$
 $x = -2$

m $2^x = \frac{1}{8}$
 $= 2^{-3}$
 $x = -3$

n $16x^4 = 400x^2$
 $16x^4 - 400x^2 = 0$
 $16x^2(x^2 - 25) = 0$
 $x^2 = 0$ or $x^2 - 25 = 0$
 $x = 0$ $x = \pm 5$

o

$$8^{2x+1} = 4^{1-x}$$

$$(2^3)^{2x+1} = (2^2)^{1-x}$$

$$2^{6x+3} = 2^{2-2x}$$

$$6x + 3 = 2 - 2x$$

$$8x = -1$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{8}$$

p

$$\sqrt{50x} - \sqrt{18x} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$5\sqrt{2x} - 3\sqrt{2x} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$2\sqrt{2x} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

q

$$5\sqrt{2}\sqrt{x} - 3\sqrt{2}\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\sqrt{x} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4}$$

r

$$(x^3 + 5)(x^3 - 5) = 704$$

$$x^6 - 25 - 704 = 0$$

$$x^6 - 729 = 0$$

$$(x^3 - 27)(x^3 + 27) = 0$$

$$x^3 - 27 = 0 \text{ or } x^3 + 27 = 0$$

$$x^3 = 27 \quad x^3 = -27$$

$$x = 3 \quad x = -3$$

Question 3

- a 12 000
- b 12 610 000
- c 0.000 26
- d 6
- e 12 630

Question 4

- a After translation, $y = 2^{x+3} = 8 \times 2^x$
- b After translation, $y = 3^x - 2$

Question 5

From graph,

$$5^{1.6} \approx 13$$

$$5^{2.4} \approx 13$$

$$5^{2.5} \approx 13$$

Question 6

$$(25 \times 5^x - 1)(5^x - 1) = 0$$

$$25 \times 5^x - 1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 5^x - 1 = 0$$

$$5^2 \cdot 5^x = 1 \quad 5^x = 1$$

$$5^x = \frac{1}{5^2} = 5^0$$

$$= 5^{-2} \quad x = 0$$

$$x = -2$$

Question 7

$$\text{If } m = 2^x, m^2 - 5m + 4 = 0$$

$$(2^x - 1)(2^x - 4) = 0$$

$$2^x - 1 = 0 \text{ or } 2^x - 4 = 0$$

$$2^x = 1 \qquad 2^x = 4$$

$$x = 0 \qquad x = 2$$

Question 8

$$T = ka^t$$

$$k = 18.9 \qquad (t = 0 \text{ at } 10\text{am})$$

a $t = 2, T = 16.3$

$$16.3 = 18.9a^2$$

$$a^2 = \frac{16.3}{18.9}$$

$$a = 0.93$$

b

$$T = 18.9(0.93)^t$$

$$32 = 18.9(0.93)^t$$

By classpad, $t = -7.26$

$$7.26 \text{ half hours} = 3.63 \text{ hours}$$

$$10:00 - 3.63 = 6.37 \text{ hours}$$

$$= 6:22.2 \text{ hours}$$

Time of death $\approx 6:22 \text{ a.m.}$