

## Exponent Function

General equations:

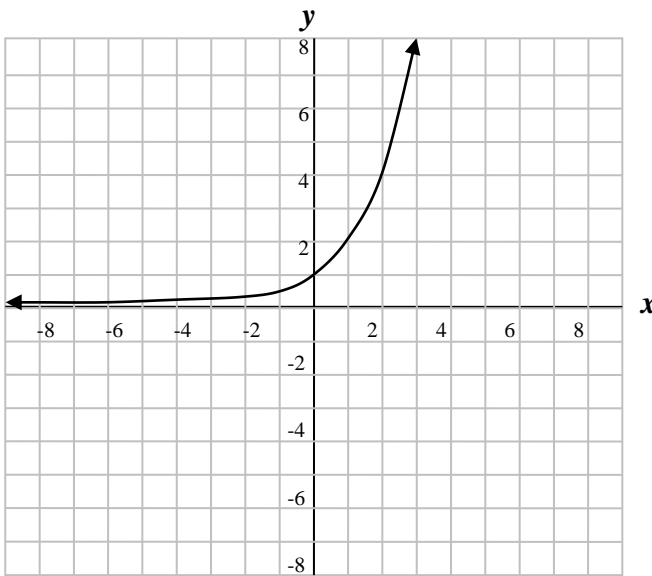
$$y = ab^x = a(1 + r)^x \quad \text{where } a = \text{initial value, } b = \text{base, } r = \text{rate}$$

$$y = ae^{rx} \quad \text{where } a = \text{initial value, } e = \text{base} = 2.718\dots, r = \text{rate}$$

**Compound interest:**  $A(t) = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$       **Continuous compounding:**

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

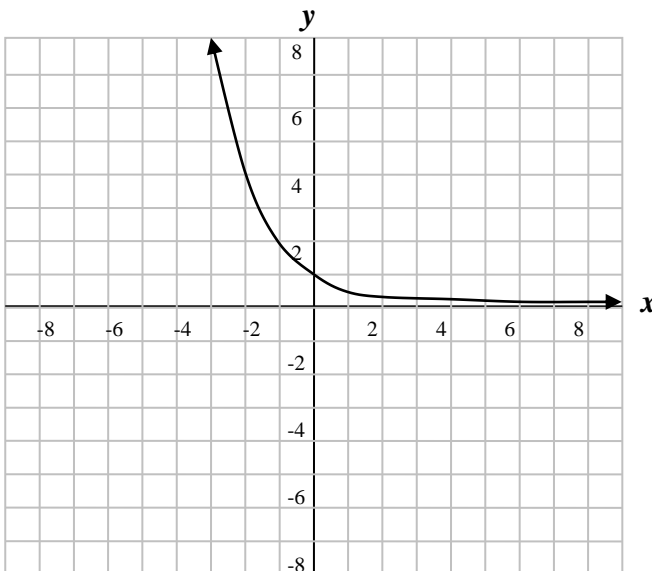
where where  $A(t)$  = the accumulated amount at time  $t$ ,  
 $P$  = initial value (principal),  $r$  = annual rate,  $n$  = number of times compounded per year, and  $t$  = number of years



**Growth function**

*Example:*

$$y = 2^x$$



**Decay function**

*Example:*

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