

Pre-Calculus 12

**7.2 Transformations of Exponential Functions**

$$y = a(c)^{b(x-h)} + k$$

- a Vertical stretch factor  $|a|$ ,  $a < 0$  Reflection over  $x$ -axis
- b Horizontal stretch factor  $|\frac{1}{b}|$ ,  $b < 0$  Reflection  $y$ -axis
- h Horizontal translation
- k Vertical translation

**Ex. #1:** Graph the base function  $y = 3^x$  and the transformed function  $y = 2(3)^{x-2}$  on the same grid. Describe the transformations.

Transformations:

Vertical stretch factor 2  
Horizontal translation right 2

$y = 3^x$

-1	$3^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}$
0	$3^0 = 1$
1	$3^1 = 3$
2	$3^2 = 9$

$a = 2$   
 Mult  $y$ 's by 2

-1	$\frac{2}{3}$
0	2
1	6
2	18

Find the intercepts of  $y = 2(3)^{x-2}$

No  $x$ -intercept

$y$ -intercept Make  $x = 0$

$$y = 2(3)^{0-2}$$

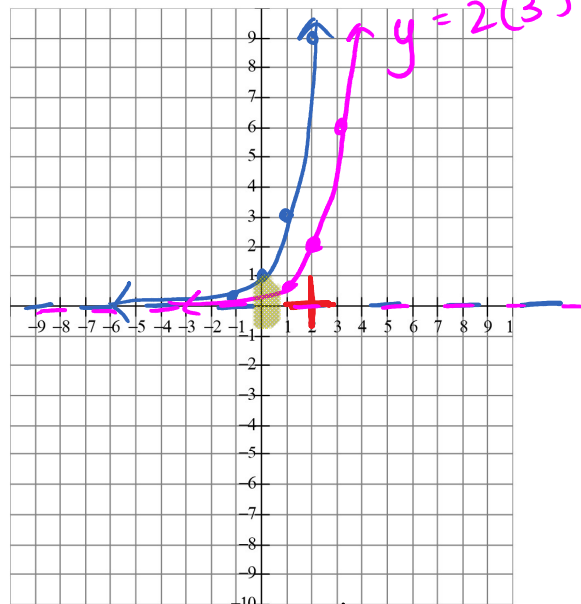
$$y = 2\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)$$

$$y = 2(3)^{-2}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$y = 2\left(\frac{1}{3^2}\right)$$

$$(0, \frac{2}{9})$$



$$y = 2\left(\frac{1}{3^2}\right)$$

$$(0, 2/9)$$

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**Ex. #2:** Graph the base function  $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$  and the transformed function

$y = -3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2x} + 4$  on the same grid. State the asymptotes, domain and range of the transformed function.

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

-3	8
-2	4
-1	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} = 2$
0	1
1	$\frac{1}{2}$

$a = -3$   
Mult y's  
by (-3)

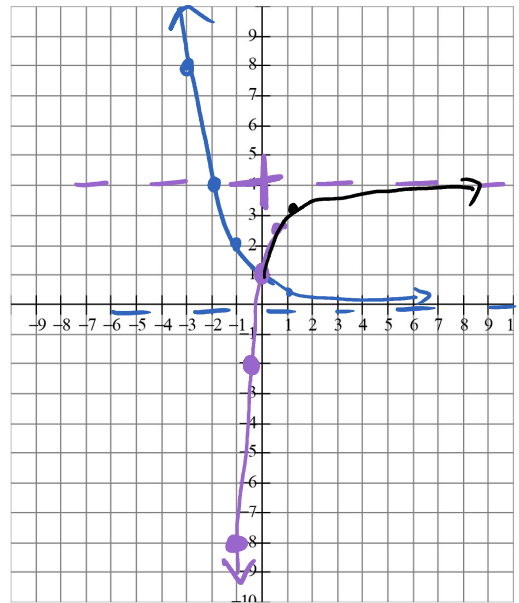
$b = 2$   
Divide x's  
by 2

$-\frac{3}{2}$	-24
-1	-12
$-\frac{1}{2}$	-6
0	-3
$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$

Asymptote:  $y = 4$

Domain:  $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Range:  $\{y \mid y < 4, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$



**Ex. #3:** The base equation is  $y = 3^x$ . Write an equation for the transformed function.

$$y = 3^x$$

Translate vertically  
up by 4

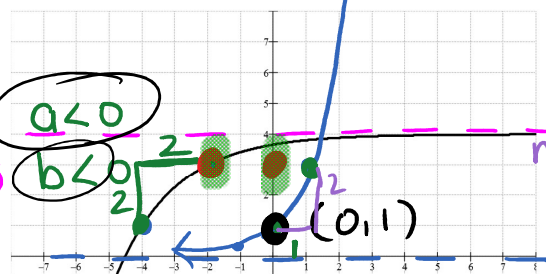
Reflection over x-axis  
Reflection over y-axis

Find b-value  
old x's = new x's

$$b \left(\frac{1}{b}\right) = (2)b$$

$$1 = 2b$$

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



$(0,1) \rightarrow (0,1) \rightarrow (0,-1) \rightarrow (0,3)$

$b = -\frac{1}{2}$        $a = -1$        $\uparrow 4$

$\dots \frac{1}{2}(x+2) \dots$       left + by 2

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

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

left + by 2

**Ex. #4:** A scientist finds that when you consume caffeine it takes about 4 hours for the amount of caffeine to drop by 40%.

$C = \text{rate} = 100\% - 40\% = 60\% = 0.6$

a) Write an equation to represent the percentage,  $P$ , of the caffeine left in the body after time  $t$ . Where  $P = a(c)^{\frac{t}{T}}$

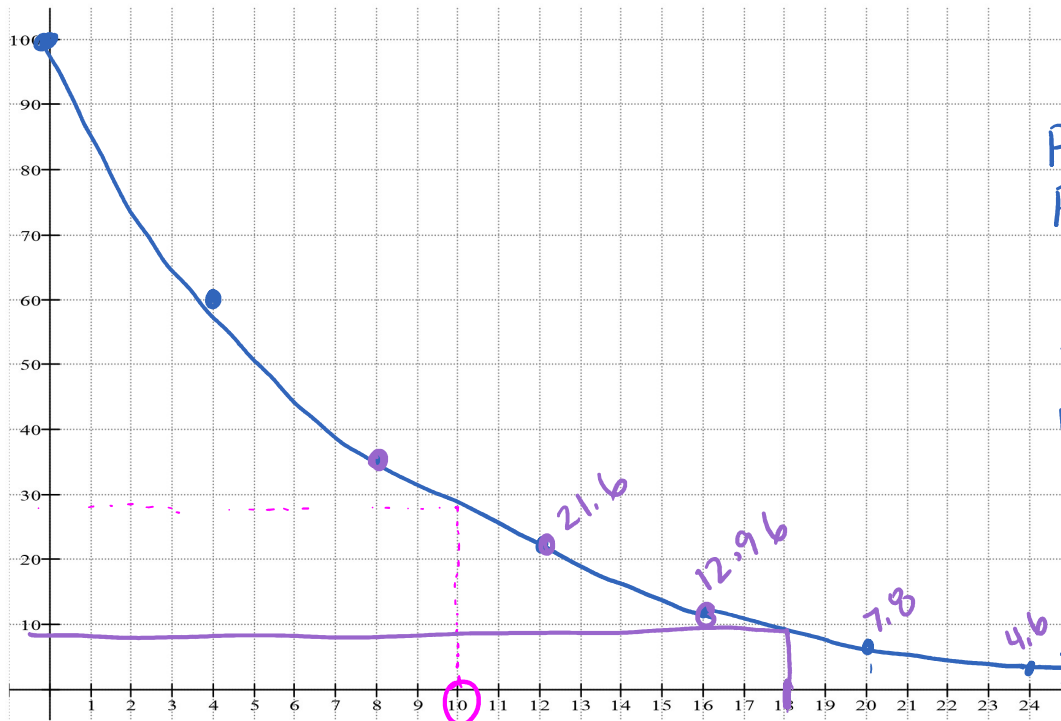
$P = \text{Final \% of caffeine}$   
 $a = \text{Initial \% of caffeine}$

$C = \text{rate}$   
 $t = \text{time}$

$T = \text{How often the rate changes}$

$P = 100(0.6)^{\frac{t}{4}}$

b) Graph the function.



$t = 0$   
 $P = 100(0.6)^0$   
 $P = 100$

$t = 4$   
 $P = 100(0.6)^1$   
 $P = 100(0.6)$   
 $P = 60$

$t = 8$   
 $P = 100(0.6)^2$   
 $P = 100(0.36)$   
 $P = 36$

c) Using the graph estimate the percent of caffeine that remains after 10 hours.

28%

d) Use your formula to calculate the percent of caffeine that remains after 18 hours.

$P = 100(0.6)^{\frac{t}{4}}$   
 $P = 100(0.6)^{\frac{18}{4}}$

$t = 18$

$P = 10.04\%$