# Exponential Equations and Functions

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"If one flea had 100 babies, and each baby grew up and had 100 babies, ...,"



"... and each of those babies grew up and had 100 babies, you would have 1,010,101 fleas."



"Here's how I remember the square root of 2."



"February is the 2nd month. It has 28 days. Split 28 into 14 and 14. Move the decimal to get 1.414."

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## What You **Learned Before**

## Using Order of Operations (8.EE.1)

**Example 1** Evaluate  $10^2 \div (30 \div 3) - 4(3 - 9) + 5^0$ .

 $10^2 \div (30 \div 3) - 4(3 - 9) + 5^0 = 10^2 \div 10 - 4(-6) + 5^0$ Parentheses **First:**  $= 100 \div 10 - 4(-6) + 1$ Second: Exponents Multiplication and Division (from left to right) Third: = 10 + 24 + 1**Fourth:** Addition and Subtraction (from left to right) = 35

### Try It Yourself

Evaluate the expression.

**1.**  $12\left(\frac{14}{2}\right) - 3^3 + 15 - 2^0$  **2.**  $5^2 \cdot 8 \div 2^2 + 20 \cdot 3 - 4$  **3.**  $-7 + 16 \cdot 4^{-2} + (10 - 4^2)$ 

## Finding Square Roots (8.EE.2)

**Example 2** Find  $-\sqrt{81}$ .

 $-\sqrt{81}$  represents the negative square root. Because  $9^2 = 81$ ,  $-\sqrt{81} = -\sqrt{9^2} = -9$ .

## Try It Yourself

**5.** Find  $\pm \sqrt{121}$ . 6. Find  $-\sqrt{4}$ . **4.** Find  $\sqrt{64}$ .

## Writing an Equation for an Arithmetic Sequence (F.BF.2)

**Example 3** Write an equation for the *n*th term of the arithmetic sequence 5, 15, 25, 35, . . ..

The first term is 5 and the common difference is 10.

$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$	Equation for an arithmetic sequence
$a_n = 5 + (n-1)10$	Substitute 5 for $a_1$ and 10 for <i>d</i> .
$a_n = 10n - 5$	Simplify.

### Try It Yourself

Write an equation for the *n*th term of the arithmetic sequence.

**7.** 2, 4, 6, 8, . . .

**8.** 6, 3, 0, -3, ...

**9.** 22, 15, 8, 1, . . .

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"It's called the Power of

Negative One, Descartes!"

## 6.1 **Properties of Square Roots**

## Essential Question How can you multiply and divide square roots?

Recall that when you multiply a number by itself, you square the number.

Symbol for squaring $4^2 = 4 \cdot 4$ is 2nd power.= 164 squared is 16.

To "undo" this, take the square root of the number.



### **ACTIVITY: Finding Square Roots**

Work with a partner. Use a square root symbol to write the side length of the square. Then find the square root. Check your answer by multiplying.





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**Square Roots** 

In this lesson, you willsimplify and evaluate

square roots.
simplify radical expressions.
Preparing for Standard

N.RN.3

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### **ACTIVITY:** Operations with Square Roots



accurate? How can

you explain your conclusion?

**Conjectures** How do you know if your conclusion is Work with a partner. When you have an expression that involves two operations, you need to know whether you obtain the same result regardless of the order in which you perform the operations. In each of the following, compare the results obtained by the two orders. What can you conclude?





a. Square Roots and Addition

Is  $\sqrt{36} + \sqrt{64}$  equal to  $\sqrt{36 + 64}$ ? In general, is  $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}$  equal to  $\sqrt{a + b}$ ? Explain your reasoning.

- **b.** Square Roots and Multiplication Is  $\sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{9}$  equal to  $\sqrt{4 \cdot 9}$ ? In general, is  $\sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b}$  equal to  $\sqrt{a \cdot b}$ ? Explain your reasoning.
- c. Square Roots and Subtraction

Is  $\sqrt{64} - \sqrt{36}$  equal to  $\sqrt{64 - 36}$ ? In general, is  $\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}$  equal to  $\sqrt{a - b}$ ? Explain your reasoning.

#### d. Square Roots and Division

Is  $\frac{\sqrt{100}}{\sqrt{4}}$  equal to  $\sqrt{\frac{100}{4}}$ ? In general, is  $\frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$  equal to  $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}$ ? Explain your reasoning.

## -What Is Your Answer?

- **3. IN YOUR OWN WORDS** How can you multiply and divide square roots? Write a rule for:
  - a. The product of square roots
  - **b.** The quotient of square roots



Use what you learned about square roots to complete Exercises 3–5 on page 264.

#### 6.1 Lesson





#### **Product Property of Square Roots**

 $\sqrt{xy} = \sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{y}$ , where  $x, y \ge 0$ 

Algebra

**Numbers**  $\sqrt{9 \cdot 5} = \sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{5} = 3\sqrt{5}$ 

#### **Quotient Property of Square Roots**

Algebra

**Numbers** 

 $\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{y}}$ , where  $x \ge 0$  and  $y \ge 0$ 

3	$\sqrt{3}$	$\sqrt{3}$
$\sqrt{4}$	$\overline{\sqrt{4}}$	2

#### **EXAMPLE** ฦ

#### **Simplifying Square Roots**



a.	$\sqrt{150} = \sqrt{25 \cdot 6}$
	$=\sqrt{25}\cdot\sqrt{6}$
	$=5\sqrt{6}$
b.	$\sqrt{\frac{15}{64}} = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{\sqrt{64}}$
	$=\frac{\sqrt{15}}{8}$

Factor using the greatest perfect square factor. **Product Property of Square Roots** Simplify.

**Quotient Property of Square Roots** 

Simplify.

**Evaluating Square Roots EXAMPLE** 2 Evaluate  $\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$  when a = 2, b = -8, and c = 4.  $\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} = \sqrt{(-8)^2 - 4(2)}(4)$ Substitute.  $=\sqrt{32}$ Simplify.  $=\sqrt{16\cdot 2}$ Factor.  $=\sqrt{16}\cdot\sqrt{2}$ **Product Property of Square Roots**  $=4\sqrt{2}$ Simplify. On Your Own

Now You're Ready Exercises 6-17

Simplify the expression. **1.**  $\sqrt{\frac{23}{9}}$ **3.**  $\sqrt{\frac{27}{100}}$ **2.**  $-\sqrt{80}$ 

4. Evaluate  $\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$  when a = 2, b = -6, and c = -5.

**EXAMPLE** 

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### **Simplifying Radical Expressions**

Simplify 
$$\frac{6 + \sqrt{8}}{2}$$
.  
 $\frac{6 + \sqrt{8}}{2} = \frac{6 + \sqrt{4 \cdot 2}}{2}$  Factor the radicand.  
 $= \frac{6 + \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{2}}{2}$  Product Property of Square Roots  
 $= \frac{6 + 2\sqrt{2}}{2}$  Simplify.  
 $= 3 + \sqrt{2}$  Divide.

EXAMPLE

#### 4. Real-Life Application



The circumference of the room is  $4\pi\sqrt{82}$ , or about 114 feet.

#### 👂 On Your Own

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Simplify the expression.

5. 
$$\frac{8+\sqrt{32}}{2}$$
 6.  $\frac{-1-\sqrt{27}}{4}$  7.  $\frac{2-\sqrt{28}}{2(3)}$ 

**8.** Use the formula in Example 4 to find the circumference of an ellipse in which a = 14 feet and b = 6 feet.

## 6.1 Exercises





## Vocabulary and Concept Check

- **1. WRITING** How do you know when the square root of a positive integer is simplified?
- **2. WRITING** How is the Product Property of Square Roots similar to the Quotient Property of Square Roots?

## Practice and Problem Solving

Find the dimensions of the square. Check your answer.



**19. ELECTRICITY** The electric current *I* (in amperes) an appliance uses is given by the formula  $I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}}$ , where *P* is the power (in watts) and *R* is the resistance (in ohms). Find the current an appliance uses when the power is 147 watts and the resistance is 4 ohms.

**20. BASEBALL** You drop a baseball from a height of 56 feet. Use the expression  $\sqrt{\frac{h}{16}}$ , where *h* is the height (in feet), to find the time (in seconds) it takes the baseball to hit the ground.

#### Simplify the expression.

B
 21. 
$$\frac{6 + \sqrt{44}}{2}$$
 22.  $\frac{-7 - \sqrt{98}}{7}$ 
 23.  $\frac{10 + \sqrt{300}}{5}$ 

 24.  $\frac{-3 - \sqrt{80}}{6}$ 
 25.  $\frac{2 + \sqrt{28}}{4}$ 
 26.  $\frac{-4 + \sqrt{32}}{-2(5)}$ 

**27. VOLUME** A pet store installs a new aquarium in your teacher's classroom. What is the volume of the aquarium?





**28. BILLBOARD** What is the area of the rectangular billboard?

#### Simplify the expression. Assume all variables are positive.

**29.**  $\sqrt{42x^2y^2}$  **30.**  $\sqrt{25y^2z}$ 

**31.** 
$$\sqrt{18x^3y^2z}$$

**32. Modeling** Write an equation that represents the side length *s* of a cube as a function of the surface area *A* of the cube. Find the side length when the surface area is 72 square feet.









A set of numbers is **closed** under an operation when the operation performed on any two numbers in the set results in a number that is also in the set. For example, the set of integers is closed under addition, subtraction, and multiplication. This means that if *a* and *b* are two integers, then a + b, a - b, and *ab* are also integers.

## ACTIVITY



A rational number is a number that can be written as  $\frac{a}{b}$ , where a and b are integers and  $b \neq 0$ . An irrational number cannot be written as the ratio of two integers.

### **1** Sums and Products of Rational Numbers

The table shows several sums and products of rational numbers. Complete the table.

Sum or Product	Answer	Rational or Irrational?
12 + 5		
-4 + 9		
$\frac{4}{5} + \frac{2}{3}$		
0.74 + 2.1		
3 × 8		
-4  imes 6		
3.1  imes 0.6		
$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{5}{7}$		

## ΑCTIVITY

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### Sums of Rational and Irrational Numbers

The table shows several sums of rational and irrational numbers. Complete the table.

Sum	Answer	Rational or Irrational?
$1 + \sqrt{5}$		
$\sqrt{2} + \frac{5}{6}$		
$4 + \pi$		
$-8 + \sqrt{10}$		

## Practice

- 1. Using the results in Activity 1, do you think the set of rational numbers is closed under addition? under multiplication? Explain your reasoning.
- **2.** Using the results in Activity 2, what do you notice about the sum of a rational number and an irrational number?



### **ACTIVITY 3** Products of Rational and Irrational Numbers



#### **Real Number Operations**

 In this extension, you will
 determine whether sums or products are rational or irrational.
 Learning Standard
 N.RN.3 The table shows several products of rational and irrational numbers. Complete the table.

Product	Answer	Rational or Irrational?
$6 \cdot \sqrt{12}$		
$-2 \bullet \pi$		
$\frac{2}{5} \cdot \sqrt{3}$		
$0  imes \sqrt{6}$		

ΑCTIVITY 4

### Sums and Products of Irrational Numbers

The table shows several sums and products of irrational numbers. Complete the table.

Sum or Product	Answer	Rational or Irrational?
$3\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{2}$		
$\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{27}$		
$\sqrt{7} + \pi$		
$-\pi + \pi$		
$\pi ullet \sqrt{7}$		
$\sqrt{5}  imes \sqrt{2}$		
$4\pi \cdot \sqrt{3}$		
$\sqrt{3}  imes \sqrt{3}$		

## Practice

- **3.** Using the results in Activity 3, is the product of a rational number and an irrational number always irrational? Explain.
- **4.** Using the results in Activity 4, do you think the set of irrational numbers is closed under addition? under multiplication? Explain your reasoning.
- **5. CRITICAL THINKING** Is the set of irrational numbers closed under division? If not, find a counterexample. (A *counterexample* is an example that shows that a statement is false.)
- 6. **STRUCTURE** The set of integers is closed under addition and multiplication. Use this information to show that the sum and product of two rational numbers are always rational numbers.

**Essential Question** How can you use inductive reasoning to observe patterns and write general rules involving properties of exponents?



Work with a partner. Write the product of the two powers as a single power. Then, write a *general rule* for finding the product of two powers with the same base.

**a.** Sample: 
$$(3^4)(3^3) = (3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3)(3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) = 3^7$$



### ACTIVITY: Writing a Rule for Quotients of Powers

Work with a partner. Write the quotient of the two powers as a single power. Then, write a *general rule* for finding the quotient of two powers with the same base.





In this lesson, you will • simplify expressions

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using the properties of exponents. Learning Standard 2

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#### ACTIVITY: Writing a Rule for Powers of Powers

Work with a partner. Write the expression as a single power. Then, write a *general rule* for finding a power of a power.

**a. Sample:** 
$$(3^2)^3 = (3 \cdot 3)(3 \cdot 3)(3 \cdot 3) = 3^6$$



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### 4 ACTIVITY: Writing a Rule for Powers of Products



### **5 ACTIVITY:** Writing a Rule for Powers of Quotients

Work with a partner. Write the expression as the quotient of two powers. Then, write a *general rule* for finding a power of a quotient.



## -What Is Your Answer?

- **6. IN YOUR OWN WORDS** How can you use inductive reasoning to observe patterns and write general rules involving properties of exponents?
- There are 3<sup>3</sup> small cubes in the cube below.
   Write an expression for the number of small cubes in the large cube at the right.







Use what you learned about exponents to complete Exercises 6–11 on page 273.

## 6.2 Lesson





#### **Product of Powers Property**

**Words** To multiply powers with the same base, add their exponents. **Numbers**  $4^6 \cdot 4^3 = 4^{6+3} = 4^9$  Algebra  $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$ 

#### **Quotient of Powers Property**

**Words** To divide powers with the same base, subtract their exponents.

Numbers  $\frac{4^6}{4^3} = 4^{6-3} = 4^3$  Algebra  $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$ , where  $a \neq 0$ 

Words To find a power of a power, multiply the exponents. Numbers  $(4^6)^3 = 4^{6 \cdot 3} = 4^{18}$  Algebra  $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$ 

### **EXAMPLE Using Properties of Exponents**

Simplify. Write your answer using only positive exponents.



#### Simplify. Write your answer using only positive exponents.

1.	$10^4 \cdot 10^{-6}$	2.	$x^9 \cdot x^{-9}$	3.	$\frac{-5^8}{-5^4}$
4.	$\frac{y^6}{y^7}$	5.	$(6^{-2})^{-5}$	6.	$(w^{12})^5$



any nonzero integer *n* and  $a^0 = 1$  and  $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$ .

Now You're Ready Exercises 12–17



#### **Power of a Product Property**

**Words** To find a power of a product, find the power of each factor and multiply.

Numbers  $(3 \cdot 2)^5 = 3^5 \cdot 2^5$  Algebra  $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$ 

#### **Power of a Quotient Property**

**Words** To find a power of a quotient, find the power of the numerator and the power of the denominator and divide.

Numbers  $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^5 = \frac{3^5}{2^5}$  Algebra  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}$ , where  $b \neq 0$ 

EXAMPLE

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### Using Properties of Exponents

Simplify. Write your answer using only positive exponents.

a.	$(-1.5y)^2 = (-1.5)^2 \cdot y^2$ = 2.25y <sup>2</sup>	Power of a Product Property Simplify.
b.	$\left(\frac{a}{-10}\right)^3 = \frac{a^3}{(-10)^3}$	Power of a Quotient Property
	$=-rac{a^{3}}{1000}$	Simplify.
c.	$\left(\frac{2x}{3}\right)^{-5} = \frac{(2x)^{-5}}{3^{-5}}$	Power of a Quotient Property
	$=rac{3^5}{(2x)^5}$	Definition of negative exponent
	$=rac{3^5}{2^5x^5}$	Power of a Product Property
	$=\frac{243}{32x^5}$	Simplify.

#### ) On Your Own



Simplify. Write your answer using only positive exponents.

**9.** 
$$\left(\frac{1}{2k^2}\right)^5$$

7.  $(10y)^{-3}$ 

8. 
$$\left(-\frac{4}{n}\right)^5$$
  
10.  $\left(\frac{6c}{7}\right)^{-2}$ 

## **Simplifying an Expression EXAMPLE**



Which expression represents the volume of the cylinder?



The correct answer is  $(\mathbf{D})$ .

#### **Real-Life Application EXAMPLE** Д

A jellyfish emits about  $1.25 \times 10^8$  particles of light, or photons, in  $6.25 \times 10^{-4}$  second. How many photons does the jellyfish emit each second? Write your answer in scientific notation and in standard form.

Divide to find the unit rate.



The jellyfish emits  $2 \times 10^{11}$ , or 200,000,000 photons per second.

## On Your Own

- **11.** In Example 3, which expression represents the area of a base of the cylinder?
- **12.** It takes the Sun about  $2.3 \times 10^8$  years to orbit the center of the Milky Way. It takes Pluto about  $2.5 \times 10^2$  years to orbit the Sun. How many times does Pluto orbit the Sun while the Sun completes one orbit around the Milky Way? Write your answer in scientific notation.

Remember A number is written in scientific notation when it is of the form  $a \times 10^{b}$ , where  $1 \leq a < 10$  and b is an integer.







Simplify the expression.

6.2 **Exercises** 

6.	$(n^4)(n^3)$	7.	$\frac{x^5}{x^3}$	8.	$(c^5)^3$
9.	$(4b)^{3}$	10.	$\left(\frac{k}{3}\right)^5$	11.	$\frac{(2a)^6}{a^2}$

Simplify. Write your answer using only positive exponents.

12.  $8^{-2} \cdot 8^7$ 13.  $b^4 \cdot b^7$ 14.  $\frac{12^7}{12^2}$ 15.  $\frac{d^5}{d^8}$ 16.  $(5^5)^4$ 17.  $(x^3)^{-2}$ 





 20. MICROSCOPE A microscope magnifies an object 10<sup>5</sup> times. The length of an object is 10<sup>2</sup> nanometers. What is its magnified length?

Simplify. Write your answer using only positive exponents.

- **2 3 21.**  $(6.2y)^2$  **22.**  $\left(\frac{w}{4}\right)^4$  **23.**  $\left(-\frac{6}{d}\right)^{-2}$ **24.**  $(7p)^{-3}$  **25.**  $(-5x)^5$  **26.**  $\left(\frac{3n^3}{4}\right)^2$ 
  - **27. ERROR ANALYSIS** Describe and correct the error in simplifying the expression.



- **28. OPEN-ENDED** Use the properties of exponents to write three expressions equivalent to  $x^8$ .
- **29. REASONING** Are the expressions  $(a^4)^2$  and  $a^{4^2}$  equivalent? Explain your reasoning.
- **30. GEOMETRY** Consider Cube A and Cube B.
  - **a.** Which property of exponents should you use to find the volume of each cube?
  - **b.** How can you use the Power of a Quotient Property to find how many times greater the volume of Cube B is than the volume of Cube A?





- **31. SPHERE** The volume *V* of a sphere is  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ , where *r* is the radius. What is the volume of the sphere in terms of *m* and  $\pi$ ?
- **32. PROBABILITY** The probability of rolling a 6 on a number cube is  $\frac{1}{6}$ .

The probability of rolling a 6 twice in a row is  $\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{36}$ .

- **a.** Write an expression that represents the probability of rolling a 6 *n* times in a row.
- **b.** What is the probability of rolling a 6 five times in a row?
- **c.** What is the probability of flipping heads on a coin five times in a row?



Evaluate the expression. Write your answer in scientific notation.

4 33.	$(3.4  imes 10^2)(1.5  imes 10^{-5})$	<b>34.</b> $(6.1 \times 10^{-3})(8 \times 10^{9})$	<b>35.</b> $(4.8 \times 10^{-4})(7.2 \times 10^{-6})$
36.	$rac{(3  imes 10^3)}{(4  imes 10^5)}$	<b>37.</b> $\frac{(6.4 \times 10^{-7})}{(1.6 \times 10^{-5})}$	<b>38.</b> $\frac{(3.9 \times 10^{-5})}{(7.8 \times 10^{-8})}$

Simplify. Write your answer using only positive exponents.

- **39.**  $(6x^2y^{-4})^{-3}$  **40.**  $\frac{(2m)^{-2}n^5}{-m^4n^{-3}}$  **41.**  $\frac{15b^{-3}c^4}{(6b^{-4}c^{-5})^2}$
- **42. REASONING** Write  $8x^3y^3$  as the power of a product.
- **43. COMPUTER CHIP** The area of a rectangular computer chip is  $112a^3b^2$  square microns. The width is 8*ab* microns. What is the length?
- 44. **PROBLEM SOLVING** The speed of light is approximately  $3 \times 10^5$  kilometers per second. The table shows the average distance each planet is from the Sun. How long does it take sunlight to reach Earth? Jupiter? Neptune?
- **45. RICHTER SCALE** The Richter Scale is used to compare the intensities of earthquakes. An increase of 1 in magnitude on the Richter Scale represents a tenfold increase in intensity. An earthquake registers 7.4 on the Richter Scale and is followed by an aftershock that is 1000 times less intense. What is the magnitude of the aftershock?

**46. Precision** Find *x* and *y* when 
$$\frac{k^{2x}}{k^y} = k^{13}$$
 and  $(k^x k^{2y})^2 = k^{28}$ . Explain how you found your answer.

A		Fair Game R	eview What you learn	ed in previous grades & I	essons
	Sim	plify the expression	• (Section 6.1)		
	47.	$\sqrt{48}$	<b>48.</b> $\sqrt{\frac{70}{36}}$	<b>49.</b> $\sqrt{\frac{1}{1}}$	80 21
	50.	MULTIPLE CHOICE	Which of the following is	the solution of $\frac{x}{3} < -6$ ?	(Section 3.3)
		(A) $x > -2$	<b>(B)</b> <i>x</i> < −2	(C) $x > -18$	<b>(D)</b> $x < -18$

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Planet	Average Distance from the Sun (km)
Mercury	$5.8 imes10^7$
Venus	$1.1 imes10^8$
Earth	$1.5 imes10^8$
Mars	$2.3 imes10^8$
Jupiter	$7.8 imes10^8$
Saturn	$1.4 imes10^9$
Uranus	$2.9 imes10^9$
Neptune	$4.5 imes10^9$

#### 6.3 **Radicals and Rational Exponents**

Essential Question How can you write and evaluate an *n*th root of a number?

Recall that you cube a number as follows.



To "undo" this, take the cube root of the number.

Symbol for cube root is  $\sqrt[3]{}$  $\sqrt[3]{8} = \sqrt[3]{2^3} = 2$ The cube root of 8 is 2.

## **ACTIVITY: Finding Cube Roots**

Work with a partner. Use a cube root symbol to write the side length of the cube. Then find the cube root. Check your answer by multiplying. Which cube is the largest? Which two are the same size? Explain your reasoning.



Cubes are not drawn to scale.

COMMON CORE

rational exponents.

Learning Standards

Exponents In this lesson, you will

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### ACTIVITY: Estimating nth Roots

Work with a partner. When you raise an *n*th root of a number to the *n*th power, you get the original number.

$$(\sqrt[n]{a})^n = a$$

**Sample:** The 4th root of 16 is 2 because  $2^4 = 16$ .



**Check:**  $2^4 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 16$ 

Match the *n*th root with the point on the number line. Justify your answer.





Justify Conclusions What information can you use to justify your answer?



Use what you learned about cube roots to complete Exercises 3–5 on page 280.

## 6.3 Lesson





When  $b^n = a$  for an integer *n* greater than 1, *b* is an *n***th root** of *a*.

 $\sqrt[n]{a}$  *n*th root of *a* 

The *n*th roots of a number may be real numbers or *imaginary numbers*. You will study imaginary numbers in a future course.

### EXAMPLE

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## Finding *n*th Roots



In Example 1b, although  $3^4 = 81$  and  $(-3)^4 = 81$ ,  $\sqrt[4]{81} = 3$  because the radical symbol indicates the positive root.



**b.** 
$$\sqrt[4]{81}$$
  
 $\sqrt[4]{81} = \sqrt[4]{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}$   
= 3



#### **Rational Exponents**

**Words** The *n*th root of a positive number *a* can be written as a power with base *a* and an exponent of 1/n.

Numbers  $\sqrt[4]{81} = 81^{1/4}$ 

Algebra  $\sqrt[n]{a} = a^{1/n}$ 

## **EXAMPLE** 2 Simplifying Expressions with Rational Exponents

Reading	<b>Simplify each express</b> <b>a.</b> $400^{1/2}$	sion.	
When $n = 2$ , the 2 is	$400^{1/2} = \sqrt{400}$	-	Write the expression in radical form.
typically not written	$=\sqrt{20}$	• 20	Rewrite.
with the fadical sign.	= 20		Simplify.
	<b>b.</b> $243^{1/5}$		
	$243^{1/5} = \sqrt[5]{243}$	3	Write the expression in radical form.
	$=\sqrt[5]{3}$ •	3 • 3 • 3 • 3	Rewrite.
	= 3		Simplify.
	On Your Own		
Now You're Ready	Simplify the expression	on.	4
Exercises 13–18	<b>1.</b> ∛216	<b>2.</b> $\sqrt[3]{32}$	<b>3.</b> $\sqrt[4]{625}$
	<b>4.</b> 49 <sup>1/2</sup>	<b>5.</b> 343 <sup>1/3</sup>	<b>6.</b> 64 <sup>1/6</sup>

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You can use properties of exponents to simplify expressions involving rational exponents.

EXAMPLE 3	Using Properties o	f Exponents
a	$16^{3/4} = 16^{(1/4) \cdot 3}$	Rewrite the exponent.
	$=(16^{1/4})^3$	Power of a Power Property
	$= 2^3$	Evaluate the fourth root of 16.
	= 8	Evaluate power.
b.	$27^{4/3} = 27^{1/3 \cdot 4}$	Rewrite the exponent.
	$= (27^{1/3})^4$	Power of a Power Property
	$= 3^4$	Evaluate the third root of 27.
	= 81	Evaluate power.
Now You're Ready Exercises 20–25	<b>In Your Own</b> implify the expression. 7. $64^{2/3}$	<b>8.</b> 9 <sup>5/2</sup> <b>9.</b> 256 <sup>3/4</sup>

**EXAMPLE** 4 Real-Life Application



The radius of the beach ball is about 3 feet.

### ) On Your Own

**10.** WHAT IF? In Example 4, the volume of the beach ball is 17,000 cubic inches. Find the radius to the nearest inch. Use 3.14 for  $\pi$ .







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4<sup>1/2</sup> ft

#### Simplify the expression.

3 20.	32 <sup>3/5</sup>	<b>21.</b> 125 <sup>2/3</sup>	<b>22.</b> 36 <sup>3/2</sup>
23.	243 <sup>2/5</sup>	<b>24.</b> 128 <sup>5/7</sup>	<b>25.</b> 343 <sup>4/3</sup>

**26. PAPER CUPS** The radius *r* of the base of a cone is given by the equation  $r = \left(\frac{3V}{\pi h}\right)^{1/2}$ , where *V* is the volume of the cone and *h* is the height of the cone. Find the radius of the paper cup to the nearest inch. Use 3.14 for  $\pi$ .



**27.** WRITING Explain how to write  $(\sqrt[n]{a})^m$  in rational exponent form.



**28. PROBLEM SOLVING** The formula for the volume of a regular dodecahedron is  $V \approx 7.66 \ell^3$ , where  $\ell$  is the length of an edge. The volume of the dodecahedron is 20 cubic feet. Estimate the edge length.

**Logics** Determine whether the statement is *always*, *sometimes*, or *never* true. Let x be a nonnegative real number. Justify your answer.

29.	$(x^{1/3})^3 = x$	<b>30.</b> $x^{1/3} = x^{-3}$	<b>31.</b> $x^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{x}$
32.	$x^{1/3} = x^3$	<b>33.</b> $\frac{x^{2/3}}{x^{1/3}} = \sqrt[3]{x}$	<b>34.</b> $x = x^{1/3} \cdot x^3$

## Fair Game Review What you learned in previous grades & lessons

**Graph the linear equation.** (Section 2.3 and Section 2.4)

**35.** y = -2x + 136.

$$4x - 2y = 6$$

**37.** 
$$y = -\frac{1}{3}x - 5$$

**38. MULTIPLE CHOICE** Which equation is shown in the graph? (Section 2.1)

(A) 
$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 1$$
  
(B)  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 1$   
(C)  $y = \frac{1}{2}x - 1$   
(D)  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 1$ 



## 6 Study Help



You can use an **information frame** to help you organize and remember concepts. Here is an example of an information frame for the Product of Powers Property.



## On Your Own

Make information frames to help you study these topics.

- 1. Product Property of Square Roots
- 2. Quotient Property of Square Roots
- 3. Quotient of Powers Property
- 4. Power of a Power Property
- 5. Power of a Product Property
- 6. Power of a Quotient Property
- 7. rational exponents

## After you complete this chapter, make information frames for the following topics.

- 8. exponential growth functions
- 9. exponential decay functions
- **10.** geometric sequences



"Dear Mom, I am sending you an information frame card for Mother's Day!"





Simplify the expression. (Section 6.1)

1. 
$$\sqrt{20}$$
 2.  $\sqrt{\frac{11}{81}}$ 

 3.  $\frac{4 - \sqrt{12}}{2}$ 
 4.  $\frac{-6 + \sqrt{45}}{3}$ 

Evaluate the expression when x = 2, y = -3, and z = 6. (Section 6.1)

**5.** 
$$\sqrt{x+y^2z}$$
 **6.**  $\sqrt{3xz-y^2}$ 

Simplify. Write your answer using only positive exponents. (Section 6.2)

7.	$3^2 \cdot 3^4$	8.	$(k^4)^3$
9.	$(4y)^{-2}$	10.	$\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^3$

#### Simplify. (Section 6.3)

11.	∛27	12.	$16^{1/4}$
13.	512 <sup>2/3</sup>	14.	$4^{5/2}$

- **15. CEDAR CHEST** You store blankets in a cedar chest. What is the volume of the cedar chest? (*Section 6.1*)
- **16. CRITICAL THINKING** Is the set of irrational numbers closed under subtraction? If not, find a counterexample. (*Section 6.1*)

Unit of Mass	Mass
gigagram	10 <sup>9</sup> grams
megagram	10 <sup>6</sup> grams
kilogram	10 <sup>3</sup> grams
hectogram	10 <sup>2</sup> grams
dekagram	10 <sup>1</sup> grams
decigram	$10^{-1}$ gram
centigram	$10^{-2}$ gram
milligram	$10^{-3}$ gram
microgram	$10^{-6}$ gram
nanogram	$10^{-9}$ gram



- **17. METRIC UNITS** The table shows several units of mass. *(Section 6.2)* 
  - **a.** How many times larger is a kilogram than a nanogram? Write your answer using only positive exponents.
  - **b.** How many times smaller is a milligram than a hectogram? Write your answer using only positive exponents.
  - **c.** Which is greater, 10,000 milligrams or 1000 decigrams? Explain your reasoning.

## 6.4 **Exponential Functions**

## Essential Question What are the characteristics of an

exponential function?

### **ACTIVITY:** Describing an Exponential Function

## Work with a partner. The graph below shows estimates of the population of Earth from 5000 B.C. through 1500 A.D. at 500-year intervals.

- **a.** Describe the pattern.
- **b.** Did Earth's population increase by the same *amount* or the same *percent* for each 500-year period? Explain.
- c. Assume the pattern continued. Estimate Earth's population in 2000.
- **d.** Use the Internet to find Earth's population in 2000. Did the pattern continue? If not, why did the pattern change?





#### **Exponential Functions**

 In this lesson, you will
 identify, evaluate, and graph exponential functions.

Learning Standards A.REI.3 A.REI.11 F.BF.3 F.IF.7e F.LE.1a

F.LE.2



4000 B.C. Civilization begins to develop in Mesopotamia.



3000 B.C. Stonehenge is built in England.



2000 в.с. Middle Kingdom in Egypt

## 2 ACTIVITY: Modeling an Exponential Function



Calculate Accurately How can you check the accuracy of your answers?



1 B.C. Augustus Caesar controls most of the Mediterranean world. (Use t = 0 to approximate 1 B.C.)



1000 A.D. Song Dynasty has about one-fifth of Earth's population.

Work with a partner. Use the following exponential function to complete the table. Compare the results with the data in Activity 1.

 $P = 152(1.406)^{t/500}$ 

Year	t	Population from Activity 1	Р
5000 в.с.	-5000		
4500 в.с.	-4500		
4000 в.с.	-4000		
3500 в.с.	-3500		
3000 в.с.	-3000		
2500 в.с.	-2500		
2000 в.с.	-2000		
1500 в.с.	-1500		
1000 в.с.	-1000		
500 в.с.	-500		
1 B.C.	0		
500 a.d.	500		
1000 a.d.	1000		
1500 a.d.	1500		

## -What Is Your Answer?

- **3. IN YOUR OWN WORDS** What are the characteristics of an exponential function?
- **4.** Sketch the graph of each exponential function. Does the function match the characteristics you described in Question 3? Explain.

**a.**  $y = 2^x$  **b.**  $y = 2(3)^x$  **c.**  $y = 3(1.5)^x$ 



Use what you learned about exponential functions to complete Exercises 4 and 5 on page 289.

#### 6.4 Lesson





A function of the form  $y = ab^x$ , where  $a \neq 0$ ,  $b \neq 1$ , and b > 0 is an **exponential function.** The exponential function  $y = ab^x$  is a nonlinear function that changes by equal factors over equal intervals.

#### **EXAMPLE**

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a.

Does each table represent a *linear* or an *exponential* function? Explain.



**Identifying Functions** 

• As x increases by 1, y increases by 2. The rate of change is constant. So, the function is linear.



• As x increases by 1, y is multiplied by 2. So, the function is exponential.

#### **Evaluating Exponential Functions** 2 **EXAMPLE**

#### Evaluate each function for the given value of x.

$y = -2(5)^x$ ; $x = 3$	b	• $y = 3(0.5)^x; x = -2$
$y = -2(5)^x$	Write the function.	$y = 3(0.5)^x$
$= -2(5)^{3}$	Substitute for <i>x</i> .	$= 3(0.5)^{-2}$
= -2(125)	Evaluate the power.	= 3(4)
= -250	Multiply.	= 12

Does the table represent a *linear* or an *exponential* function? Explain.

X

-40

4

y 1

0

-1

 $^{-2}$ 

### On Your Own

**3.**  $y = 2(9)^x$ 

Now You're Ready Exercises 6–15

1.	x	0	1	2	3	2.	x
	у	8	4	2	1		
			I			J	0
							4
							8
Evaluate the function when $x = -2, 0, \text{ and } \frac{1}{2}$ .							

**4.** 
$$y = 1.5(2)^x$$

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EXAMPLE

#### **Graphing an Exponential Function**

#### Graph $y = 2^x$ . Describe the domain and range.

Step 1: Make a table of values.

## Study Tip

In Example 3, you can substitute any value for x. So, the domain is all real numbers.

x	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
y	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	4	8

Step 2: Plot the ordered pairs.

**Step 3:** Draw a smooth curve through the points.



From the graph, you can see that the domain is all real numbers and the range is all positive real numbers.

Graph  $y = 2^{x} + 3$ . Describe the domain and range. Compare the graph

#### EXAMPLE

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## Remember In Section 5.4, you

learned that the graph of f(x) + k is a vertical translation of the graph of f(x).

#### to the graph of $y = 2^x$ .

Step 1: Make a table of values.

x	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
у	$\frac{13}{4}$	$\frac{7}{2}$	4	5	7	11

**Graphing a Vertical Translation** 

Step 2: Plot the ordered pairs.

- **Step 3:** Draw a smooth curve through the points.
- From the graph, you can see that the domain is all real numbers and the range is all real numbers greater than 3. The graph of  $y = 2^x + 3$  is a translation 3 units up of the graph of  $y = 2^x$ .

### On Your Own

Graph the function. Describe the domain and range.

- 5.  $y = 3^x$
- **6.**  $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$  **7.**  $y = -2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x$ 8. Graph  $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x - 2$ . Describe the domain and range. Compare the graph to the graph of  $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$ .







For an exponential function of the form  $y = ab^x$ , the *y*-values change by a factor of *b* as *x* increases by 1. Also notice that *a* is the *y*-intercept.



## **EXAMPLE 5** Real-Life Application

The graph represents a bacteria population y after x days.

a. Write an exponential function that represents the population.

Use the graph to make a table of values.





The *y*-intercept is 3 and the *y*-values increase by a factor of 4 as *x* increases by 1.

So, the population can be modeled by  $y = 3(4)^x$ .

#### b. Find the population after 12 hours and after 5 days.

Ро	pulation after	Population after 5 days	
12 hours $-1$ day	$y = 3(4)^{x}$	Write the function.	$y = 3(4)^x$
12  hours = -  day	$= 3(4)^{1/2}$	Substitute for <i>x</i> .	$= 3(4)^{5}$
	= 3(2)	Evaluate the power.	= 3(1024)
	= 6	Multiply.	= 3072

There are 6 bacteria after 12 hours and 3072 bacteria after 5 days.

## ) On Your Own

Now You're Ready Exercises 36-39

- **9.** A bacteria population *y* after *x* days can be represented by an exponential function whose graph passes through (0, 100) and (1, 200).
  - **a.** Write a function that represents the population.
  - **b.** Find the population after 6 days. Does this bacteria population grow faster than the bacteria population in Example 5? Explain.



Section 6.3.



## Practice and Problem Solving

Sketch the graph of the exponential function.

**4.** 
$$y = 4^x$$

1

5.  $y = 2(2)^x$ 

7.

9

#### Does the table represent a *linear* or an *exponential* function? Explain.



x	У
1	6
2	12
3	24
4	48

•	x	-3	0	3	6
	у	10	1	-8	-17

#### Evaluate the function for the given value of *x*.

**2** 10.  $y = 3^x$ ; x = 2

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**11.**  $f(x) = 3(2)^x$ ; x = -1 **12.**  $y = -4(5)^x$ ; x = 2**13.**  $f(x) = 0.5^x$ ; x = -3 **14.**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}(6)^x$ ; x = 3 **15.**  $y = \frac{1}{4}(4)^x$ ;  $x = \frac{3}{2}$ 

 $g(x) = 6(0.5)^{x}; x = -2$  $g(-2) = 6(0.5)^{-2}$ 

- 16. ERROR ANALYSIS Describe and correct the error in evaluating the function.
- **17. CALCULATOR** You graph an exponential function on a calculator. You zoom in repeatedly at 25% of the screen size. The function  $y = 0.25^x$  represents the percent (in decimal form) of the original screen display that you see, where *x* is the number of times you zoom in. You zoom in twice. What percent of the original screen do you see?

Match the function with its graph.



#### Graph the function. Describe the domain and range.



**23.**  $f(x) = 4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x$ 

24. LOGIC Describe the graph of y = a(2)<sup>x</sup> when a is (a) positive and (b) negative.(c) How does the graph change as a changes?

**22.**  $f(x) = -7^x$ 

**25.** NUMBER SENSE Consider the graph of  $f(x) = 2(b)^x$ . How do the graphs differ when b > 1 and 0 < b < 1?



- **26. COYOTES** A population *y* of coyotes in a national park triples every 20 years. The function  $y = 15(3)^x$  represents the population, where *x* is the number of 20-year periods.
  - **a.** Graph the function. Describe the domain and range.
  - **b.** Find and interpret the *y*-intercept.
  - **c.** How many coyotes are in the national park after 20 years?

Graph the function. Describe the domain and range. Compare the graph to the graph of  $y = 3^x$ .

- **4 27.**  $y = 3^x 1$  **28.**  $y = 3^x + 3$  **29.**  $y = 3^x \frac{1}{2}$ 
  - **30. REASONING** Graph the function  $f(x) = -2^x$ . Then graph  $g(x) = -2^x 3$ .
    - **a.** Describe the domain and range of each function.
    - **b.** Find the *y*-intercept of the graph of each function.
    - **c.** How are the *y*-intercept, domain, and range affected by the translation?
  - **31. REASONING** Graph  $y = 3^x$  and  $y = 4^x$ . Use the graph to solve the inequality  $3^x < 4^x$ .

Given  $g(x) = 0.25^x - 1$ , find the value of k so that the graph is g(x) + k.



37.

**35. REASONING** Graph  $g(x) = 4^{x+2}$ . Compare the graph to the graph of  $f(x) = 4^x$ .

Write an exponential function represented by the graph or table.



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y

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39.	x	0	1	2	3
	У	-3	-15	-75	-375

**40. ART GALLERY** The graph represents the number *y* of visitors to a new art gallery after *x* months.

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- **a.** Write an exponential function that represents this situation.
- **b.** Approximate the number of visitors after 5 months.
- **41. SALES** A sales report shows that 3300 gas grills were purchased from a chain of hardware stores last year. The store expects grill sales to increase 6% each year. About how many grills does the store expect to sell in year 6? Use an equation to justify your answer.



**42.** Structure The graph of *g* is a translation 4 units up and 3 units right of the graph of  $f(x) = 2^x$ . Write an equation for *g*.





To solve an exponential equation of the form  $b^x = b^y$  when b > 0 and  $b \neq 1$ , solve the equation x = y.

#### **Solving Exponential Equations EXAMPLE** 1

	a. Solve $5^x = 125$ .	
	$5^{x} = 125$	Write the equation.
	$5^x = 5^3$	Rewrite 125 as 5 <sup>3</sup> .
	x = 3	Equate the exponents.
Check $4^{x} - 2^{x-3}$	b. Solve $4^x = 2^{x-3}$ .	
$4^{-} = 2^{-}$	$4^x = 2^{x-3}$	Write the equation.
$4^{-3} \stackrel{!}{=} 2^{-3-3}$	$(2^2)^x = 2^{x-3}$	Rewrite 4 as 2 <sup>2</sup> .
$\frac{1}{4^3} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{2^6}$	$2^{2x} = 2^{x-3}$	Power of a Power Property
$\frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{1}$	2x = x - 3	Equate the exponents.
64 64	x = -3	Solve for <i>x</i> .
	c. Solve $9^{x+2} = 27^x$ .	
eck	$9^{x+2} = 27^x$	Write the equation.
$9^{x+2} = 27^x$	$(3^2)^{x+2} = (3^3)^x$	Rewrite 9 as 3 <sup>2</sup> and 27 as 3 <sup>3</sup> .
$9^{4+2} \stackrel{?}{=} 27^4$	$3^{2x+4} = 3^{3x}$	Power of a Power Property
1,441 = 531,441 🗸	2x + 4 = 3x	Equate the exponents.
	4 = x	Solve for <i>x</i> .

## Practice

Check  $9^{x+}$ 

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Solve the equation. Check your solution, if possible.

- **3.**  $\frac{1}{16} = 4^x$ **2.**  $2^x = 32$ 1.  $3^x = 81$ **5.**  $\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^x = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{3x}$  **6.**  $6^{x-5} = 36^x$ **4.**  $10^x = 10^{x+1}$ **7.**  $100^{5x+2} = 1000^{4x-1}$  **8.**  $32^{1-x} = 8^{2x-2}$  **9.**  $\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^{x-5} = 4^x$
- **10. NUMBER SENSE** Explain how you can use mental math to solve the equation  $8^{x-4} = 1$ .
- **11. REASONING** Why does this method for solving  $b^x = b^y$  not work when b = 1? Give an example to justify your answer.

Solving an Equation by Graphing



#### **Exponential Functions**

**EXAMPLE** 

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In this extension, you will • solve exponential equations algebraically and graphically. Learning Standards A.REI.3 A.REI.11 F.BF.3 F.IF.7e F.LE.1a F.LE.2 Use a graphing calculator to solve  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x-1} = 7$ .

 $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x-1}$ **Equation 1** y = 7**Equation 2** 10 Step 2: Enter the equations into your calculator. Then graph the equations in a standard -1010 viewing window. -10 10 **Step 3:** Use the *intersect* feature to find the point of intersection. It is at about (-1.81, 7). -1010 Intersection X=-1.807355 \_ÎY=7 -10

Step 1: Write a system of equations using each side of the equation.

So, the solution is  $x \approx -1.81$ .



## Practice

Use a graphing calculator to solve the equation.

12.	$4^{x+3} = 6$	13.	$2^{x} = 1.8$	14.	$4 = 8^{x}$
15.	$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{x+2} = 10$	16.	$2^{-x-3} = 3^{x+1}$	17.	$5^x = -4^{x+4}$

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## Essential Question What are the characteristics of exponential

growth?

### **ACTIVITY:** Comparing Types of Growth

Work with a partner. Describe the pattern of growth for each sequence and graph. How many of the patterns represent exponential growth? Explain your reasoning.

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r



**c.** 1.0, 1.3, 2.3, 4.0, 6.3, 9.3, 13.0, 17.3, 22.3, 28.0, 34.3

1.0, 1.4, 2.0, 2.7, 3.8, 5.4, 7.5, 10.5, b. 14.8, 20.7, 28.9



**d.** 1.0, 1.6, 2.4, 3.4, 4.7, 6.4, 8.7 11.5, 15.3, 20.2, 26.6





• write, interpret, and graph exponential growth functions. Learning Standards A.SSE.1a A.SSE.1b F.IF.7e



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5 6 7 8 9

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y 40

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12

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## 2 **ACTIVITY:** Predicting a Future Event



Consider Similar Problems

How can you use the results from the previous activity to help you solve this problem? Work with a partner. It is estimated that in 1782 there were about 100,000 nesting pairs of bald eagles in the United States. By the 1960s, this number had dropped to about 500 nesting pairs. This decline was attributed to loss of habitat, loss of prey, hunting, and the use of the pesticide DDT.

The 1940 Bald Eagle Protection Act prohibited the trapping and killing of the birds. In 1967, the bald eagle was declared an endangered species in the United States. With protection, the nesting pair population began to increase, as shown in the graph. Finally, in 2007, the bald eagle was removed from the list of endangered and threatened species.

Describe the growth pattern shown in the graph. Is it exponential growth? Assume the pattern continues. When will the population return to the levels of the late 1700s? Explain your reasoning.



## -What Is Your Answer?

- **3. IN YOUR OWN WORDS** What are the characteristics of exponential growth? How can you distinguish exponential growth from other growth patterns?
- 4. Which of the following are examples of exponential growth? Explain.
  - a. Growth of the balance of a savings account
  - b. Speed of the moon in orbit around Earth
  - c. Height of a ball that is dropped from a height of 100 feet



Use what you learned about exponential growth to complete Exercises 3 and 4 on page 298.

## 6.5 Lesson



Rate of growth (in decimal form)

Growth factor

Time

## **Key Vocabulary** ()) exponential growth,

*p.* 296 exponential growth function, *p.* 296 compound interest, *p.* 297

## Study Tip

Notice that an exponential growth function is of the form  $y = ab^x$ , where *b* is replaced by 1 + r and *x* is replaced by *t*.

### EXAMPLE

### Using an Exponential Growth Function

over equal intervals of time.

🛛 Key Idea

**Exponential Growth Functions** 

exponential growth function.

Final amount

The function  $y = 150,000(1.1)^t$  represents the attendance y at a music festival t years after 2010.

**Exponential growth** occurs when a quantity increases by the same factor

A function of the form  $y = a(1 + r)^t$ , where a > 0 and r > 0, is an

= a(1 + r)

Initial amount

a. By what percent does the festival attendance increase each year? Use the growth factor 1 + r to find the rate of growth.

1 + r = 1.1	Write an equation.		
r = 0.1	Subtract 1 from each side.		

- So, the festival attendance increases by 10% each year.
- b. How many people will attend the festival in 2014? Round your answer to the nearest ten thousand.

The value t = 4 represents 2014.

$y = 150,000(1.1)^t$	Write exponential growth function.
$= 150,000(1.1)^4$	Substitute 4 for <i>t</i> .
= 219,615	Use a calculator.

About 220,000 people will attend the festival in 2014.

### ) On Your Own

- 1. The function  $y = 500,000(1.15)^t$  represents the number *y* of members of a website *t* years after 2010.
  - a. By what percent does the website membership increase each year?
  - **b.** How many members will there be in 2016? Round your answer to the nearest hundred thousand.

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Now You're Ready

Exercises 5-10

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#### **Compound Interest**

**Compound interest** is interest earned on the principal *and* on previously earned interest. The balance *y* of an account earning compound interest is

$$P = \text{principal (ii)}$$

$$= P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}.$$

$$P = \text{principal (ii)}$$

$$r = \text{annual inter}$$

$$t = \text{time (in yea)}$$

$$n = \text{number of}$$
compound

P = principal (initial amount) r = annual interest rate (in decimal form) t = time (in years)n = number of times interest is

compounded per year

EXAMPLE

#### 2 Writing a Function

# Study Tip J

compounded yearly, you can substitute 1 for *n* in the formula to get  $y = P(1 + r)^t$ .

**Saving Money** 

100(1.1)<sup>t</sup>

 $y = 100(1.05)^{t}$ 

5

4

Year

y

200 175 150

> 50 25

> > 0 1 2 3

125 100 75 You deposit \$100 in a savings account that earns 5% annual interest compounded yearly. Write a function for the balance after *t* years.

$$y = P \left( 1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$
$$y = 100 \left( 1 + \frac{0.05}{1} \right)^{(1)(t)}$$
$$y = 100(1.05)^{t}$$

Write compound interest formula.

Substitute 100 for *P*, 0.05 for *r*, and 1 for *n*.

Simplify.

### EXAMPLE

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## Real-Life Application

	The table shows the balance of a money market account over time.			Year, t	Balance
				0	\$100
	a.	Write a function for	1	\$110	
		From the table, you	2	\$121	
		10% each year.		3	\$133.10
		$y = a(1+r)^t$	Write exponential growth function.	4	\$146.41
		$y = 100(1+0.1)^t$	Substitute 100 for a and 0.1 for r.	5	\$161.05
		$y = 100(1.1)^t$	Simplify.		

## b. Graph the functions from part (a) and Example 2 in the same coordinate plane. Compare the account balances.

The money market account earns 10% interest each year and the savings account earns 5% interest each year. So, the balance of the money market account increases faster.

# On Your Own Own You're Ready Exercises 11–14

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**2.** You deposit \$500 in a savings account that earns 4% annual interest compounded yearly. Write and graph a function that represents the balance *y* (in dollars) after *t* years.

## 6.5 Exercises





## Vocabulary and Concept Check

- **1. VOCABULARY** When does the exponential function  $y = a(1 + r)^t$  represent an exponential growth function?
- **2. VOCABULARY** The population of a city grows by 3% each year. What is the growth factor?

## Practice and Problem Solving

#### Describe the pattern of growth for the sequence.

3.	1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.7, 2.1, 2.5, 3.0, 3.6,	<b>4.</b> 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, 31, 37, 43,
	4.3, 5.2, 6.2	49, 55, 61

Identify the initial amount a and the rate of growth r (as a percent) of the exponential function. Evaluate the function when t = 5. Round your answer to the nearest tenth.

<b>5.</b> $y = 25(1.2)^t$	<b>6.</b> $f(t) = 12(1.05)^t$	<b>7.</b> $d(t) = 1500(1.074)^{-1}$
<b>8.</b> $y = 175(1.028)^t$	<b>9.</b> $g(t) = 6.7(2)^t$	<b>10.</b> $h(t) = 1.8^t$

#### Write and graph a function that represents the situation.

- 2 3 11. You deposit \$800 in an account that earns 7% annual interest compounded yearly.
  - 12. Your \$35,000 annual salary increases by 4% each year.
  - **13.** A population of 210,000 increases by 12.5% each year.
  - 14. Sales of \$10,000 increase by 70% each year.
  - **15. ERROR ANALYSIS** The growth rate of a bacteria culture is 150% each hour. Initially, there are 10 bacteria. Describe and correct the error in finding the number of bacteria in the culture after 8 hours.

 $b(t) = 10(1.5)^{t}$   $b(8) = 10(1.5)^{8} \approx 256.3$ After 8 hours, there are about 256 bacteria in the culture.



- **16. INVESTMENT** The function  $y = 7500(1.08)^{t}$  represents the value *y* of an investment after *t* years.
  - **a.** What is the initial investment?
  - **b.** What is the value of the investment after 6 years?
- **17. POPULATION** The population of a city has been increasing by 2% annually. In 2000, the population was 315,000. Predict the population of the city in 2020. Round your answer to the nearest thousand.

#### Write a function that represents the situation. Find the balance in the account after the given time period.

- **18.** \$2000 deposit that earns 5% annual interest compounded quarterly; 5 years
- **19.** \$6200 deposit that earns 8.4% annual interest compounded monthly; 18 months
- **20. NUMBER SENSE** During a flu epidemic, the number of sick people triples every week. What is the growth rate as a percent? Explain your reasoning.



- **22. REASONING** The number of concert tickets sold doubles every hour. After 12 hours, all of the tickets are sold. After how many hours are about one-fourth of the tickets sold? Explain your reasoning.
- **23. YOU BE THE TEACHER** The balance of a savings account can be modeled by the function  $b(t) = 5000(1.024)^t$ , where *t* is the time in years. To model the monthly balance, a student writes

$$b(t) = 5000(1.024)^{t} = 5000(1.024)^{\left(\frac{1}{12} \cdot 12\right)^{t}} = 5000 \left(1.024^{\frac{1}{12}}\right)^{12t} \approx 5000(1.002)^{12t}.$$

Is the student correct? Explain your reasoning.



- 24. Gordon Moore stated that the number of transistors that can be placed on an integrated circuit will double every 2 years. This trend is known as Moore's Law. In 1978, the Intel<sup>®</sup> 8086 held 29,000 transistors on an integrated circuit.
  - **a.** Write a function that represents Moore's Law, where *t* is the number of years since 1978.
  - **b.** How many transistors could be placed on an integrated circuit in 2015?

A		Fair	Game	Review	What yo	ou learned in pr	evious grade	s & lessons	
	Sim	plify th	ne express	ion. (Section	on 6.2)				
	25.	$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$			<b>26.</b> $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3$		27	$\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^4$	
	28.	<b>MULT</b> Whicl	<b>IPLE CHOIC</b> h number	<b>E</b> The dom is <i>not</i> in the	ain of the range of	the function $y = 4$	4x – 3 is 1, 4 (Section 5.1	, 7, 10, and l)	13.
		A	1	B	10	C	13	D	25



## Essential Question What are the characteristics of

exponential decay?

### **ACTIVITY:** Comparing Types of Decay

Work with a partner. Describe the pattern of decay for each sequence and graph. Which of the patterns represent exponential decay? Explain your reasoning.



- **c.** 30.0, 24.0, 19.2, 15.4, 12.3, 9.8, 7.9, 6.3, 5.0, 4.0, 3.2
- У, 4036 32 28 24 20 16 12 8 4 0 10 x 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 0 1 8

**b.** 30, 27, 24, 21, 18, 15, 12, 9, 6, 3, 0



**d.** 30.0, 29.7, 28.8, 27.3, 25.2, 22.5, 19.2, 15.3, 10.8, 5.7, 0.0





**Exponential Functions** In this lesson, you will

- identify exponential growth and decay.
- write, interpret, and graph exponential decay functions.

Learning Standards A.SSE.1a A.SSE.1b F.IF.7e

### Math Practice

Simplify a Situation How can you organize the given information to simplify this problem? How is the answer affected?

## **ACTIVITY:** Describing a Decay Pattern

Work with a partner. Newton's Law of Cooling states that when an object at one temperature is exposed to air of another temperature, the difference in the two temperatures drops by the same percent each hour.

A forensic pathologist was called to estimate the time of death of a person. At midnight, the body temperature was 80.5°F and the room temperature was 60°F. One hour later, the body temperature was 78.5°F.

- **a.** By what percent did the difference between the body temperature and the room temperature drop during the hour?
- **b.** Assume that the original body temperature was 98.6°F. Use the percent decrease found in part (a) to make a table showing the decreases in body temperature. Use the table to estimate the time of death.



## -What Is Your Answer?

- **3. IN YOUR OWN WORDS** What are the characteristics of exponential decay? How can you distinguish exponential decay from other decay patterns?
- **4.** Sketch a graph of the data from the table in Activity 2. Do the data represent exponential decay? Explain your reasoning.
- **5.** Suppose the pathologist arrived at 5:30 A.M. What was the body temperature at 6 A.M.?



Use what you learned about exponential decay to complete Exercises 3 and 4 on page 304.

## 6.6 Lesson



## Study Tip

Notice that an exponential decay function is of the form  $y = ab^x$ , where b is replaced by 1 - r and x is replaced by t. **Exponential decay** occurs when a quantity decreases by the same factor over equal intervals of time.

## 0 Key Idea

### **Exponential Decay Functions**

A function of the form  $y = a(1 - r)^t$ , where a > 0 and 0 < r < 1, is an **exponential decay function**.



For exponential growth, the value inside the parentheses is greater than 1 because *r* is added to 1. For exponential decay, the value inside the parentheses is less than 1 because *r* is subtracted from 1.

## EXAMPLE 1 Identifying Exponential Growth and Decay

Determine whether each table represents an *exponential growth function*, an *exponential decay function*, or *neither*.



*y* is multiplied by  $\frac{1}{3}$ . So, the table represents an

exponential decay function.



• As *x* increases by 1, *y* is multiplied by 2.

So, the table represents an exponential growth function.

## 👂 On Your Own

Now You're Ready Exercises 8–13

Determine whether the table represents an *exponential growth function*, an *exponential decay function*, or *neither*.

1.	x	0	1	2	3
	у	64	16	4	1

 x
 1
 3
 5
 7

 y
 4
 11
 18
 25

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EXAMPLE

#### Interpreting an Exponential Decay Function

The function  $P = 4870(0.94)^t$  represents the population P of a town after t years. By what percent does the population decrease each year?

Use the decay factor 1 - r to find the rate of decay.

1 - r = 0.94	Write an equation.
r = 0.06	Solve for <i>r</i> .

So, the population of the town decreases by 6% each year.

### ) On Your Own



**3.** The function  $A = 275 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^t$  represents the area *A* (in square miles) of a coral reef after *t* years. By what percent does the area of the coral reef decrease each year?

### **EXAMPLE 3** Real-Life Application

The value of a car is \$21,500. It loses 12% of its value every year.







$$y = a(1 - r)^{t}$$
  

$$y = 21,500(1 - 0.12)^{t}$$
  

$$y = 21,500(0.88)^{t}$$

#### b. Graph the function from part (a). Use the graph to estimate the value of the car after 6 years.

From the graph, you can see that the *y*-value is about 10,000 when t = 6.

So, the value of the car is about \$10,000 after 6 years.

Write exponential decay function. Substitute 21,500 for *a* and 0.12 for *r*. Simplify.





## On Your Own

- 4. WHAT IF? The car loses 9% of its value every year.
  - **a.** Write a function that represents the value *y* (in dollars) of the car after *t* years.
  - **b.** Graph the function from part (a). Estimate the value of the car after 12 years. Round your answer to the nearest thousand.



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## Vocabulary and Concept Check

- **1.** WRITING When does the function  $y = ab^x$  represent exponential growth? exponential decay?
- **2. VOCABULARY** What is the decay factor in the function  $y = a(1 r)^{t}$ ?

## Y Practice and Problem Solving

Describe the pattern of decay for the sequence.

**3.** 28, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8

**4.** 256, 192, 144, 108, 81, 60.8, 45.6, 34.2, 25.6, 19.2, 14.4

## Determine whether the graph represents an *exponential growth function*, an *exponential decay function*, or *neither*.



## Determine whether the table represents an *exponential growth function*, an *exponential decay function*, or *neither*.

8.	x	0	1		2	3	
	у	17	51	1	153	459	
10.	x	1	2		3	4	
	у	625	125	5	25	5	
4.0							
12		_			~	-	

•	x	2	4	6	8
	У	35	42	49	42

						,
9.	x	1	2 3		4	
	у	32	28	24	20	
11.	x	2	4	6	8	
	у	256	64	16	4	
13.	x	3	5	7	7	

,	6	216	7776	279,936

- **14. CAMPER** The table shows the value of a camper *t* years after it is purchased.
  - **a.** Determine whether the table represents an *exponential growth function,* an *exponential decay function,* or *neither.*
  - **b.** What is the value of the camper after 5 years?

t	Value
1	\$24,000
2	\$19,200
3	\$15,360
4	\$12,288

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Write the rate of decay of the function as a percent.

**2** 15.  $y = 4(0.8)^t$  **16.**  $f(t) = 30(0.95)^t$  **17.**  $g(t) = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^t$ 



- **21. CHOOSE TOOLS** When would you graph an exponential decay function by hand? When would you use a graphing calculator? Explain your reasoning.
- **22. POPULATION** A city has a population of 250,000. The population is expected to decrease by 1.5% annually for the next decade. Write a function that represents this situation. Then predict the population in 10 years.

**23. TIRE PRESSURE** At noon on Monday, the air pressure of a tire is 32 pounds per square inch (psi). The tire loses 8% of its air every day. The tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) will alert the driver when the tire pressure is less than or equal to 24 psi. On what day of the week will the TPMS alert the driver? Use the *trace* feature of a graphing calculator to help find the answer.



- **24.** Structure The graph of an exponential function passes through  $\left(2, \frac{3}{2}\right)$  and  $\left(4, \frac{3}{8}\right)$ .
  - a. Do the *y*-values increase or decrease as *x* increases? How do you know?
  - **b.** Find the *y*-intercept of the graph.
  - c. Write an exponential function that represents the graph.

## Fair Game Review what you learned in previous grades & lessons Write an equation for the *n*th term of the arithmetic sequence. Then find $a_{15}$ . (Section 5.6) 25. 9, 12, 15, 18, ... 26. 3, 1, -1, -3, ... 27. -7, -11, -15, -19, ... 28. MULTIPLE CHOICE What is the solution of the linear system? (Section 4.3) (A) (-2, -3) (B) (-2, 3)(C) (2, -3) (D) (2, 3) 2x - 5y = 115x - 3y = -1

## Essential Question How are geometric sequences used to

describe patterns?

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## **ACTIVITY:** Describing Calculator Patterns

Work with a partner.

- Enter the keystrokes on a calculator and record the results in the table.
- Describe the pattern.





Step	1	2	3	4	5
Calculator Display					

Step 1		6	4						
Step 2	×	•	5	=					
Step 3	×		5						
Stop 4	Y		5		Step	1	2	3	4
Step 4					Calculator				
Step 5	×		5		Display				

**c.** Use a calculator to make your own sequence. Start with any number and multiply by 3 each time. Record your results in the table.

Step	1	2	3	4	5
Calculator Display					





Geometric Sequences In this lesson, you will

- extend and graph geometric sequences.
- write equations for geometric sequences.

• solve real-life problems.

Learning Standards F.BF.2 F.IF.3 F.LE.2 b.

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## 2 ACTIVITY: Folding a Sheet of Paper



are repeated? How does this help you answer the question?

## Work with a partner. A sheet of paper is about 0.1 mm thick.

- **a.** How thick would it be if you folded it in half once?
- **b.** How thick would it be if you folded it in half a second time?
- c. How thick would it be if you folded it in half 6 times?
- **d.** What is the greatest number of times you can fold a sheet of paper in half? How thick is the result?
- e. Do you agree with the statement below? Explain your reasoning.*"If it were possible to fold the paper 15 times, it would be taller than you."*

## **ACTIVITY:** Writing a Story

#### The King and the Beggar

A king offered a beggar fabulous meals for one week. Instead, the beggar asked for a single grain of rice the first day, 2 grains the second day, and double the amount each day after for one month. The king agreed. But, as the month progressed, he realized that he would lose his entire kingdom.



#### Work with a partner.

- Why does the king think he will lose his entire kingdom?
- Write your own story about doubling or tripling a small object many times.
- Draw pictures for your story.
- Include a table to organize the amounts.
- Write your story so that one of the characters is surprised by the size of the final number.

## -What Is Your Answer?

**4. IN YOUR OWN WORDS** How are geometric sequences used to describe patterns? Give an example from real life.



Use what you learned about geometric sequences to complete Exercise 4 on page 310.

## 6.7 Lesson



## Key Vocabulary

p. 308 common ratio, p. 308



#### **Geometric Sequence**

In a **geometric sequence**, the ratio between consecutive terms is the same. This ratio is called the **common ratio**. Each term is found by multiplying the previous term by the common ratio.



### EXAMPLE

### **1** Extending a Geometric Sequence

Write the next three terms of the geometric sequence 3, 6, 12, 24, .... Use a table to organize the terms and extend the pattern.



The next three terms are 48, 96, and 192.

## **EXAMPLE 2** Graphing a Geometric Sequence

#### Graph the geometric sequence 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, .... What do you notice?

Make a table. Then plot the ordered pairs  $(n, a_n)$ .

Position, <i>n</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Term, a <sub>n</sub>	32	16	8	4	2

The points of the graph appear to lie on an exponential curve.



## 👂 On Your Own



Write the next three terms of the geometric sequence. Then graph the sequence.

- **1.** 1, 3, 9, 27, . . .
- **2.** 64, 16, 4, 1, . . .

**3.** 80, -40, 20, -10, . . .

I Functions Multi-Language Glossary at BigIdeasMath com © Copyright Big Ideas Learning, LLC All rights reserved. Because consecutive terms of a geometric sequence change by equal factors, the points of any geometric sequence with a positive common ratio lie on an exponential curve. You can use the first term and the common ratio to write an exponential function that describes a geometric sequence.

Position, n	Term, $a_n$	Written using $a_1$ and $r$	Numbers
1	first term, $a_1$	$a_1$	1
2	second term, $a_2$		$1 \cdot 5 = 5$
3	third term, $a_3$	$a_{1}^{r^{2}}$	$1 \cdot 5^2 = 25$
4	fourth term, $a_4$	$a_1^r r^3$	$1 \cdot 5^3 = 125$
:	:	:	:
n	<i>n</i> th term, $a_n$	$a_1 r^{n-1}$	$1 \cdot 5^{n-1}$

💕 Key Idea

#### **Equation for a Geometric Sequence**

Let  $a_n$  be the *n*th term of a geometric sequence with first term  $a_1$  and common ratio *r*. The *n*th term is given by

 $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}.$ 

### EXAMPLE 3 Real-Life Application



Study Tip

form  $v = ab^x$ .

 $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$  is of the

Notice that

Clicking the *zoom-out* button on a mapping website doubles the side length of the square map.

Zoom-out Clicks	1	2	3
Map Side Length (miles)	5	10	20

a. Write an equation for the *n*th term of the geometric sequence.

The first term is 5 and the common ratio is 2.

 $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$ Equation for a geometric sequence $a_n = 5(2)^{n-1}$ Substitute 5 for  $a_1$  and 2 for r.

#### b. Find and interpret $a_8$ .

Use the equation to find the 8th term.

Write the equation.
Substitute 8 for <i>n</i> .
Simplify.

The side length of the square map after 8 clicks is 640 miles.

### On Your Own



**4. WHAT IF?** After how many clicks on the *zoom-out* button is the side length of the map 2560 miles?

## 6.7 Exercises





## Vocabulary and Concept Check

- 1. WRITING How are arithmetic sequences and geometric sequences different?
- 2. **REASONING** Compare and contrast the two sequences.

2, 4, 6, 8, 10, ... 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, ...

**3. CRITICAL THINKING** Why do the points of a geometric sequence lie on an exponential curve only when the common ratio is positive?



## Practice and Problem Solving

**4.** Enter 4 on a calculator. Multiply by 6 four times. Record your results in the table. Describe the pattern.

Step	1	2	3	4	5
Calculator Display					

Find the common ratio of the geometric sequence.

<b>5.</b> 3, -12, 48, -192,	<b>6.</b> 200, 100, 50, 25,	<b>7.</b> 7640, 764, 76.4, 7.64,
<b>8.</b> 9, -18, 36, -72,	<b>9.</b> 0.1, 0.9, 8.1, 72.9,	<b>10.</b> 5, 1, $\frac{1}{5}$ , $\frac{1}{25}$ ,

Write the next three terms of the geometric sequence. Then graph the sequence.

1211. 2, 10, 50, 250, ...12. -7, 14, -28, 56, ...13. 81, -27, 9, -3, ...14. -375, -75, -15, -3, ...15.  $36, 6, 1, \frac{1}{6}, ...$ 16.  $\frac{1}{49}, \frac{1}{7}, 1, 7, ...$ 17. ERROR ANALYSIS Describe and correct the error in writing the next three terms of the geometric sequence.-8, 4, -2, 1, ...

**18. BADMINTON** A badminton tournament begins with 128 teams. After the first round, 64 teams remain. After the second round, 32 teams remain. How many teams remain after the third, fourth, and fifth rounds?

#### Tell whether the sequence is geometric, arithmetic, or neither.

19.	-8, 0, 8, 16,	<b>20.</b> -1, 3, -5, 7,	<b>21.</b> 1, 4, 9, 16,
22.	$\frac{3}{49}, \frac{3}{7}, 3, 21, \ldots$	<b>23.</b> 192, 24, 3, $\frac{3}{8}$ ,	<b>24.</b> -25, -18, -12, -7,

The next three terms are -2, 4, and -8.

#### Write an equation for the *n*th term of the geometric sequence. Then find $a_7$ .

3 2	<b>5.</b> 1,	-5,25,	-125,		
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27.	n	1	2	3	4
	a <sub>n</sub>	5	15	45	135

**26.** 2, 8, 32, 128, . . .

28.	n	1	2	3	4
	a <sub>n</sub>	2	14	98	686

- **29. CHAIN EMAIL** You start a chain email and send it to 6 friends. The process continues and each of your friends forwards the email to 6 people.
  - **a.** Write an equation for the *n*th term of the geometric sequence.
  - **b.** Describe the domain. Is the domain discrete or continuous?
- **30. REASONING** What is the 9th term of a geometric sequence where  $a_3 = 81$  and r = 3?
- **31. PRECISION** Are the terms of a geometric sequence independent or dependent? Explain your reasoning.
- **32. ROOM AND BOARD** A college student makes a deal with her parents to live at home instead of living on campus. She will pay her parents \$0.01 for the first day of the month, \$0.02 for the second day, \$0.04 for the third day, and so on.
  - **a.** Write an equation for the *n*th term of the geometric sequence.
  - **b.** What will she pay on the 25th day?
  - **c.** Did the student make a good choice or should she have chosen to live on campus? Explain.
- **33.** Repeated: A soup kitchen makes 16 gallons of soup. Each day, a quarter of the soup is served and the rest is saved for the next day.
  - **a.** Write the first five terms of the sequence of the number of fluid ounces of soup left each day.
  - **b.** Write an equation to represent the sequence.
  - **c.** When is all the soup gone? Explain.





## **6.7** Recursively Defined Sequences





In Sections 5.6 and 6.7, you wrote *explicit* equations for sequences. Now, you will write *recursive* equations for sequences. A **recursive rule** gives the beginning term(s) of a sequence and an equation that indicates how any term  $a_n$  in the sequence relates to the previous term.



#### **Recursive Equation for an Arithmetic Sequence**

 $a_n = a_{n-1} + d$ , where *d* is the common difference.

#### **Recursive Equation for a Geometric Sequence**

 $a_n = r \cdot a_{n-1}$ , where *r* is the common ratio.

## **EXAMPLE 1** Writing Terms of Recursively Defined Sequences

Write the first six terms of each sequence. Then graph each sequence.

a.	$a_1 = 2, a_n = a_{n-1} + 3$	<b>b.</b> $a_1 = 1, a_n = 3a_{n-1}$
	<i>a</i> <sub>1</sub> = 2	$a_1 = 1$
	$a_2 = a_1 + 3 = 2 + 3 = 5$	$a_2 = 3a_1 = 3(1) = 3$
	$a_3 = a_2 + 3 = 5 + 3 = 8$	$a_3 = 3a_2 = 3(3) = 9$
	$a_4 = a_3 + 3 = 8 + 3 = 11$	$a_4 = 3a_3 = 3(9) = 27$
	$a_5 = a_4 + 3 = 11 + 3 = 14$	$a_5 = 3a_4 = 3(27) = 81$
	$a_6 = a_5 + 3 = 14 + 3 = 17$	$a_6 = 3a_5 = 3(81) = 243$



## Practice

Write the first six terms of the sequence. Then graph the sequence.

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12

9

6 3

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1.  $a_1 = 0, a_n = a_{n-1} - 8$ 2.  $a_1 = -7.5, a_n = a_{n-1} + 2.5$ 3.  $a_1 = -36, a_n = \frac{1}{2}a_{n-1}$ 4.  $a_1 = 0.7, a_n = 10a_{n-1}$ 

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#### EXAMPLE

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#### Writing Recursive Rules



#### **Recursive Sequences**

- In this extension, you will
- write the terms of recursively defined sequences.
- write recursive equations for sequences.

Learning Standards F.BF.2 F.IF.3 F.LE.2

#### Write a recursive rule for each sequence.

**a.** -30, -18, -6, 6, 18, ...

Use a table to organize the terms and find the pattern.

Position	1	2	3	4	5
Term	-30	-18	-6	6	18
	+	12 +	12 +	12 +	_* 12

The sequence is arithmetic with first term -30 and common difference 12.

$a_n = a_{n-1} + d$	Recursive equation (arithmetic)
$a_n = a_{n-1} + 12$	Substitute 12 for <i>d</i> .

So, a recursive rule for the sequence is  $a_1 = -30$ ,  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 12$ .

**b.** 500, 100, 20, 4, 0.8, . . .

Use a table to organize the terms and find the pattern.

Position	1	2	3	4	5	
Term	500	100	20	4	0.8	
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The sequence is geometric with first term 500 and common ratio  $\frac{1}{5}$ .

$$a_n = r \cdot a_{n-1}$$
 Recursive equation (geometric)  
 $a_n = \frac{1}{5} a_{n-1}$  Substitute  $\frac{1}{5}$  for  $r$ .

So, a recursive rule for the sequence is  $a_1 = 500$ ,  $a_n = \frac{1}{5}a_{n-1}$ .

## Practice

#### Write a recursive rule for the sequence.

- **5.** 8, 3, -2, -7, -12, ...
- **6.** 1.3, 2.6, 3.9, 5.2, 6.5, ...
- **7.** 4, 20, 100, 500, 2500, . . .
- **8.** 1600, -400, 100, -25, 6.25, ...
- **9. SUNFLOWERS** Write a recursive rule for the height of the sunflower over time.

 1 month:
 2 months:
 3 months:
 5 feet
 4 months:

### **EXAMPLE** 3 Translating Recursive Rules into Explicit Equations

#### Write an explicit equation for each recursive rule.

**a.** 
$$a_1 = 25, a_n = a_{n-1} - 10$$

The recursive rule represents an arithmetic sequence with first term 25 and common difference -10.

$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$
$a_n = 25 + (n-1)(-10)$
$a_n = -10n + 35$

Equation for an arithmetic sequence Substitute 25 for  $a_1$  and -10 for d. Simplify.

**b.**  $a_1 = 19.6, a_n = -0.5a_{n-1}$ 

The recursive rule represents a geometric sequence with first term 19.6 and common ratio -0.5.

$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$	Equation for a geometric sequence
$a_n = 19.6(-0.5)^{n-1}$	Substitute 19.6 for $a_1$ and $-0.5$ for $r$

### **EXAMPLE** 4 Translating Explicit Equations into Recursive Rules

Write a recursive rule for each explicit equation.

**a.**  $a_n = -2n + 3$ 

The explicit equation represents an arithmetic sequence with first term -2(1) + 3 = 1 and common difference -2.

$a_n = a_{n-1} + d$	Recursive equation (arithmetic)
$a_n = a_{n-1} + (-2)$	Substitute $-2$ for <i>d</i> .

So, a recursive rule for the sequence is  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_n = a_{n-1} - 2$ .

**b.**  $a_n = -3(2)^{n-1}$ 

The explicit equation represents a geometric sequence with first term -3 and common ratio 2.

$a_n = r \cdot a_{n-1}$	Recursive equation (geometric)
$a_n = 2a_{n-1}$	Substitute 2 for <i>r</i> .

So, a recursive rule for the sequence is  $a_1 = -3$ ,  $a_n = 2a_{n-1}$ .

## Practice

Write an explicit equation for the recursive rule.

**10.**  $a_1 = -45, a_n = a_{n-1} + 20$  **11.**  $a_1 = 13, a_n = -3a_{n-1}$ 

Write a recursive rule for the explicit equation.

**12.** 
$$a_n = -n + 1$$
 **13.**  $a_n = -2.5(2)^{n-1}$ 

You can write recursive rules for sequences that are neither arithmetic nor geometric. One way is to look for patterns in the sums of consecutive terms.

### **EXAMPLE** 5 Writing Recursive Rules for Other Sequences



The sequence does not have a common difference or a common ratio. Find the sums of consecutive terms.

$a_1 + a_2 = 1 + 1 = 2$	2 is the third term.
$a_2 + a_3 = 1 + 2 = 3$	3 is the fourth term.
$a_3 + a_4 = 2 + 3 = 5$	5 is the fifth term.
$a_4 + a_5 = 3 + 5 = 8$	8 is the sixth term.

So, a recursive equation for the sequence is  $a_n = a_{n-2} + a_{n-1}$ . Use the equation to find the next three terms.

$a_7 = a_5 + a_6$	$a_8 = a_6 + a_7$	$a_9 = a_7 + a_8$
= 5 + 8	= 8 + 13	= 13 + 21
= 13	= 21	= 34

A recursive rule for the sequence is  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = 1$ ,  $a_n = a_{n-2} + a_{n-1}$ . The next three terms are 13, 21, and 34.

## Practice

Write a recursive rule for the sequence. Then write the next 3 terms of the sequence.

<b>14.</b> 5, 6, 11, 17, 28,	<b>15.</b> -3, -4, -7, -11, -18,
<b>16.</b> 1, 1, 0, -1, -1, 0, 1, 1,	<b>17.</b> 4, 3, 1, 2, -1, 3, -4,

## Use a pattern in the products of consecutive terms to write a recursive rule for the sequence. Then write the next 2 terms of the sequence.

**18.** 2, 3, 6, 18, 108, . . .

**19.** -2, 2.5, -5, -12.5, 62.5, ...

**20. GEOMETRY** Consider squares 1–6 in the diagram.

- **a.** Write a sequence in which each term  $a_n$  is the side length of square n.
- **b.** What is the name of this sequence? What is the next term of this sequence?
- **c.** Use the term in part (b) to add another square to the diagram and extend the spiral.





The sequence in Example 5 is called the *Fibonacci sequence*. This pattern is naturally occurring in many objects, such as flowers.

Solve the equation. Check your solution, if possible. (Section 6.4)

Does the table represent a *linear* or an *exponential* function? Explain.

6.  $7^{2x-6} = 49^{3x-11}$ **5.**  $8^{x+2} = 64^{4x+1}$ 

### Determine whether the table represents an *exponential growth function*, an exponential decay function, or neither. (Section 6.6)

7.	x	0	1	2	3	8.	x	1	2	3	4
	У	7	21	63	189		У	14,641	1331	121	11

### Write the next three terms of the geometric sequence. Then graph the sequence. (Section 6.7)

9.	15, -45, 135, -405,	<b>10.</b> 768, 192, 48, 12,

### Write a recursive rule for the sequence. (Section 6.7)

- **11.** 5, 11, 17, 23, . . .
- **13.** SAVINGS ACCOUNT You deposit \$2500 in a savings account that earns 6% annual interest compounded yearly. (Section 6.5)
  - **a.** Write and graph a function that represents the balance *y* (in dollars) after *t* years.
  - **b.** What is the balance after 5 years?

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**14. CURRENCY** A country's base unit of currency is valued at US\$2. The country's base unit of currency loses about 3.9% of its value every month. (Section 6.6)

**12.** -14, 28, -56, 112, ...

- **a.** Write a function that represents the value *y* (in U.S. dollars) of the base unit of currency after t months.
- **b.** What is the value of the country's base unit of currency after 1.5 years?



(Section 6.4)

2.



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**3.**  $y = 5^x$ 

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## **Review Key Vocabulary**

closed, *p.n*th root, *p.*exponential function, *p.*exponential growth, *p.*exponential growth function, *p.*compound interest, *p.* exponential decay, *p. 302* exponential decay function, *p. 302* geometric sequence, *p. 308* common ratio, *p. 308* recursive rule, *p. 312* 

## **Review Examples and Exercises**

6.1

Properties of Square Roots (pp. 260–267)

Evaluate  $\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$  when a = -2, b = 2, and c = 5.

$\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} = \sqrt{2^2 - 4(-2)(5)}$	Substitute.
$=\sqrt{44}$	Simplify.
$=\sqrt{4\cdot 11}$	Factor.
$=\sqrt{4}\cdot\sqrt{11}$	Product Property of Square Roots
$= 2\sqrt{11}$	Simplify.

### Exercises

Evaluate the expression when x = 3, y = 4, and z = 2.

**1.** 
$$\sqrt{xy^2z}$$
 **2.**  $\sqrt{2z+y}$  **3.**  $\frac{8+\sqrt{xy}}{z}$ 

6.2 **Properties of Exponents** (pp. 268–275)

Simplify  $\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right)^{-4}$ . Write your answer using only positive exponents.

 $\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right)^{-4} = \frac{(3x)^{-4}}{4^{-4}}$  Power of a Quotient Property  $= \frac{4^4}{(3x)^4}$  Definition of negative exponent  $= \frac{4^4}{3^4 x^4}$  Power of a Product Property  $= \frac{256}{81x^4}$  Simplify.

### Exercises

Simplify. Write your answer using only positive exponents.

**4.** 
$$y^3 \cdot y^{-3}$$
 **5.**  $\frac{x^4}{x^7}$  **6.**  $(xy^2)^3$  **7.**  $\left(\frac{2x}{5y}\right)^{-2}$ 

### **6.3** Radicals and Rational Exponents (pp. 276–281)

#### Simplify each expression.

**a.**  $\sqrt[3]{512} = \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8} = 8$ Rewrite and simplify.**b.**  $900^{1/2} = \sqrt{900}$ Write the expression in radical form. $= \sqrt{30 \cdot 30}$ Rewrite.= 30Simplify.

#### Exercises

#### Simplify the expression.

**8.**  $\sqrt[3]{8}$ 

**9.** 64<sup>1/2</sup>

**10.** 625<sup>3/4</sup>

## 6.4

**Exponential Functions** (pp. 284–293)

#### a. Graph $y = 4^x$ .

Step 1: Make a table of values.

x	-1	0	1	2	3
у	0.25	1	4	16	64

**Step 2:** Plot the ordered pairs.

**Step 3:** Draw a smooth curve through the points.

## b. Write an exponential function represented by the graph.

Use the graph to make a table of values.





So, the exponential function is  $y = 2(3)^x$ .





### Exercises

**11.** Graph  $y = -2(4)^{x} + 3$ . Describe the domain and range. Compare the graph to the graph of  $y = -2(4)^{x}$ .

#### Write an exponential function represented by the graph or table.



13.	x	0	1	2	3
	у	2	1	0.5	0.25

Solve the equation. Check your solution, if possible.

<b>14.</b> $3^x = 27$ <b>15.</b> $5^x = 5^{x-2}$ <b>16.</b> $2^{5x} = 8^{2x}$
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### 6.5 Exponential Growth (pp. 294–299)

The enrollment at a high school increases by 4% each year. In 2010, there were 800 students enrolled at the school.

a. Write a function that represents the enrollment *y* of the high school after *t* years.

$y = a(1+r)^t$	Write exponential growth function.
$y = 800(1 + 0.04)^t$	Substitute 800 for <i>a</i> and 0.04 for <i>r</i> .
$y = 800(1.04)^t$	Simplify.

#### b. How many students will be enrolled at the high school in 2020?

The value t = 10 represents 2020.

$y = 800(1.04)^t$	Write exponential growth function.
$y = 800(1.04)^{10}$	Substitute 10 for <i>t</i> .
≈ 1184	Use a calculator.

### Exercises

- **17. PLUMBER** A plumber charges \$22 per hour. The hourly rate increases by 3% each year.
  - **a.** Write a function that represents the plumber's hourly rate *y* (in dollars) after *t* years.
  - b. What is the plumber's hourly rate after 8 years?

#### 6.6 Exponential Decay (pp. 300–305)

The table shows the value of a boat over time.

Year, t	0	1	2	3	
Value, y	\$6000	\$4800	\$3840	\$3072	

a. Determine whether the table represents an *exponential growth function*, an *exponential decay function*, or *neither*.



- As *x* increases by 1, *y* is multiplied by 0.8. So, the table represents an exponential decay function.
- b. The boat loses 20% of its value every year. Write a function that represents the value *y* (in dollars) of the boat after *t* years.

 $y = a(1 - r)^t$ Write exponential decay function. $y = 6000(1 - 0.2)^t$ Substitute 6000 for a and 0.2 for r. $y = 6000(0.8)^t$ Simplify.

c. Graph the function from part (b). Use the graph to estimate the value of the boat after 8 years.

From the graph, you can see that the *y*-value is about 1000 when t = 8.

So, the value of the boat is about \$1000 after 8 years.



#### Exercises

Determine whether the table represents an *exponential growth function*, an *exponential decay function*, or *neither*.

8.	x	0	1	2	3	19. 🛛 🖈	<b>(</b> 1	2	3	4
	у	3	6	12	24	У	/ 162	108	72	48

**20. DISCOUNT** The price of a TV is \$1500. The price decreases by 6% each month. Write and graph a function that represents the price *y* (in dollars) of the TV after *t* months. Use the graph to estimate the price of the TV after 1 year.

#### 6.7 Geometric Sequences (pp. 306–315)

#### a. Write the next three terms of the geometric sequence 2, 6, 18, 54, ....

Use a table to organize the terms and extend the pattern.



- The next three terms are 162, 486, and 1458.
- **b.** Graph the geometric sequence 24, 12, 6, 3, 1.5, .... What do you notice? Make a table. Then plot the ordered pairs  $(n, a_n)$ .

Position, n	1	2	3	4	5	
Term, a <sub>n</sub>	24	12	6	3	1.5	

The points of the graph appear to lie on an exponential curve.



### Exercises

Write the next three terms of the geometric sequence. Then graph the sequence.

**21.** -3, 9, -27, 81, . . .

**22.** 48, 12, 3, 
$$\frac{3}{4}$$
, ...

#### Write an equation for the *n*th term of the geometric sequence.

23.	n	1	2	3	4
	a <sub>n</sub>	1	4	16	64

24.	n	1	2	3	4
	a <sub>n</sub>	5	-10	20	-40

#### Write a recursive rule for the sequence.

**25.** 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, ...

**26.** 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, . . .

6 Chapter Test		Check It Out
		Test Practice BigIdeasMath Com
Simplify the expression.		
<b>1.</b> $\sqrt{98}$	<b>2.</b> $\sqrt{\frac{19}{25}}$	<b>3.</b> $\frac{6-\sqrt{48}}{2}$
Simplify. Write your answer	using only positive expone	ents.
<b>4.</b> $z^{-2} \cdot z^4$	5. $\frac{b^{-5}}{b^{-8}}$	<b>6.</b> $\left(\frac{2c^4}{5}\right)^{-3}$
Simplify the expression.		
<b>7.</b> $\sqrt[4]{16}$	<b>8.</b> 729 <sup>1/6</sup>	<b>9.</b> 32 <sup>7/5</sup>

**10.** Graph  $y = 7^{x} + 1$ . Describe the domain and range. Compare the graph to the graph of  $y = 7^{x}$ .

#### Write an exponential function represented by the table.

11.	x	0	1	2	3	12.	x	0	1	2	3
	у	-1	-2	-4	-8		у	3	-12	48	-192

#### Solve the equation. Check your solution, if possible.

**13.**  $2^x = 128$ 

**14.**  $256^{x+2} = 16^{3x-1}$ 

#### Write and graph a function that represents the situation.

- **15.** Your \$42,500 annual salary increases by 3% each year.
- **16.** You deposit \$500 in an account that earns 6.5% annual interest compounded yearly.

## Determine whether the table represents an *exponential growth function*, an *exponential decay function*, or *neither*.

17.	x	0	1	2	3	18	0	1	2	3
	у	15	30	60	120	У	400	100	25	6.25

- **19. TRAINING** You follow the training schedule from your coach.
  - **a.** Write an equation for the *n*th term of the geometric sequence.
  - **b.** Write a recursive rule for the explicit equation in part (a).
  - **c.** On what day do you run approximately 3 kilometers?

	Training On Your Own			
	Day 1: Run 1 km.			
	Each day after Day 1: Run 20% farther			
	than the previous day.			
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## Standards Assessment

**1.** Which point is a solution of the system of inequalities shown below? *(A.REI.12)* 

$$y \ge 4x - 3$$
$$3x - 2y < 4$$

**A.** (-2, -7) **C.** (-4, -8)

- **B.** (1, 1) **D.** (4, 5)
- **2.** What is the value of the function  $y = -10(5)^x$  when x = -3? *(EIF.7e)*





- **3.** Which graph shows the solution of  $x 1.9 \ge 0.3$ ? (A.CED.1)



- **4.** What is the value of  $27^{4/3}$ ? (*N.RN.2*)
- - **5.** Which graph represents the equation -5x 5y = 25? (A.REI.10)







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- **6.** A system of two linear equations has infinitely many solutions. What can you conclude about the graphs of the two equations? (8.*EE.8b*)
  - **A.** The lines have the same slope and the same *y*-intercept.
  - **B.** The lines have the same slope and different *y*-intercepts.
  - **C.** The lines have different slopes and the same *y*-intercept.
  - **D.** The lines have different slopes and different *y*-intercepts.
- **7.** The domain of the function y = -5x + 19 is 0, 2, 4, and 6. What is the range of the function? *(F.IF.1)*

F.	-19, -9, 1, 11	Н.	6, 4, 2, 0
G.	-11, -1, 9, 19	I.	-19, -11, -9, 1

**8.** What is the 50th term of the sequence 20, 9, -2, -13, ...? (*F.LE.2*)



**9.** Which graph shows an exponential decay function? *(EIF.7E)* 



**10.** The lowest temperature ever recorded on Earth is  $-129^{\circ}$  Fahrenheit. The highest temperature ever recorded on Earth is  $136^{\circ}$  Fahrenheit. Let *t* represent the temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit. Which inequality represents all temperatures ever recorded on Earth? *(A.CED.1)* 

F.	-129 < t < 136	Н.	$-129 \le t \le 136$
G.	$-129 \le t < 136$	I.	$-129 < t \le 136$

- **11.** The graph of which equation is perpendicular to the line that passes through the points (-3, -6) and (5, -2)? *(EIE6)* 
  - **A.**  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 3$  **B.** y = -2x + 7 **C.**  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 3$ **D.** y = 2x + 1
- **12.** Which of the following is true about the graph of the linear equation y = -7x + 5? *(FIF.4)* 
  - **F.** The slope is 5 and the *y*-intercept is -7.
  - **G.** The slope is -5 and the *y*-intercept is -7.
  - **H.** The slope is -7 and the *y*-intercept is -5.
  - **I.** The slope is -7 and the *y*-intercept is 5.



**13.** At the beginning of a tennis tournament, there are 256 players. After each round, one-half of the remaining players are eliminated. *(EIE7e)* 

- *Part A* Write a function that represents the number of players left in the tournament after each round.
  - *Part B* Does the function in part (a) represent exponential growth or exponential decay? Explain your reasoning.
  - *Part C* Graph the function in part (a).
  - *Part D* How many tennis matches does a player have to win to win the tournament? Explain your reasoning.

**14.** Which sequence is neither arithmetic nor geometric? *(EIE3)* 

A. 1, 50, 2500, 125,000, ...
B. 10, 0, −10, −20, ...
C. 4, −4, 4, −4, ...
D. 0, 1, 3, 6, ...

- **15.** For f(x) = -3x 10, what value of *x* makes f(x) = -7? *(EIE2)* 
  - **F.** -7 **G.** -1 **H.** 1 **I.** 11
- **16.** Which expression is equivalent to  $20\sqrt{200}$ ? (*N.RN.3*)
  - **A.**  $40\sqrt{2}$  **B.**  $40\sqrt{10}$  **C.**  $200\sqrt{2}$  **D.** 400