Section 4.1
Exponential Functions

Shop ‘til You Drop!

Are you just browsing? Take your time. Researchers know, to the dollar, the average amount the typical consumer spends at the shopping mall. And the longer you stay, the more you spend. So if you say you’re just browsing, that’s just fine with the mall merchants. Browsing is time and, as we will explore in this section, time is money.

Objective #1: Evaluate exponential functions.

✓ Solved Problem #1

1. The exponential function \( f(x) = 42.2(1.56)^x \) models the average amount spent, \( f(x) \), in dollars, at a shopping mall after \( x \) hours. What is the average amount spent, to the nearest dollar, after three hours?

\[
f(x) = 42.2(1.56)^x
\]
\[
f(3) = 42.2(1.56)^3
\]
\[
= 160.20876
\]
\[
= 160
\]

The average amount spent after three hours at a mall is $160.

Pencil Problem #1

1. The exponential function \( f(x) = 574(1.026)^x \) models the population of India, \( f(x) \), in millions, \( x \) years after 1974. Find India’s population, to the nearest million, in the year 2028.

Objective #2: Graph exponential functions.

✓ Solved Problem #2

2a. Graph: \( f(x) = 3^x \)

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Pencil Problem #2

2a. Graph: \( f(x) = 4^x \)
Plot the points in the table and connect with a smooth curve.

2b. Graph: \( f(x) = \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^x \)

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Plot the points in the table and connect with a smooth curve.

2b. Graph: \( g(x) = \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^x \)
2c. Use the graph of \( f(x) = 3^x \) to obtain the graph of 
\[ g(x) = 3^{x-1} \].

The graph of \( g(x) = 3^{x-1} \) is the graph of \( f(x) = 3^x \) shifted 1 unit to the right. We identified two points on the graph of \( f \), which we graphed in Solved Problem 2a, and added 1 to each of the \( x \)-coordinates.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Point 1: } & (1, 3) \\
\text{Point 2: } & (2, 5)
\end{align*}
\]

The asymptote is also shifted up 1 unit.

2d. Use the graph of \( f(x) = 2^x \) to obtain the graph of 
\[ g(x) = 2^{x+1} \].

The graph of \( g(x) = 2^{x+1} \) is the graph of \( f(x) = 2^x \) shifted up 1 unit. We identified two points on the graph of \( f \) and added 1 to each of the \( y \)-coordinates. The asymptote is also shifted up 1 unit.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Point 1: } & (1, 3) \\
\text{Point 2: } & (2, 5)
\end{align*}
\]

**Objective #3:** Evaluate functions with base \( e \).

**Solved Problem #3**

3. The exponential function 
\[ f(x) = 1145e^{0.0325x} \]
models the gray wolf population of the Western Great Lakes, \( f(x) \), \( x \) years after 1978. If trends continue, project the gray wolf’s population in the recovery area in 2017.

2017 is 39 years after 1978.

\[
\begin{align*}
f(x) & = 1145e^{0.0325x} \\
f(39) & = 1145e^{0.0325(39)} = 4067
\end{align*}
\]

In 2017 the gray wolf population of the Western Great Lakes was projected to be about 4067.

**Pencil Problem #3**

3. The exponential function 
\[ g(x) = 32.7e^{0.0217x} \]
models the percentage of high school seniors who applied to more than three colleges \( x \) years after 1980. What percentage of high school seniors applied to more than three colleges in 2013?
Objective #4: Use compound interest formulas.

Solved Problem #4

4a. A sum of $10,000 is invested at an annual rate of 8%. Find the balance in the account after 5 years subject to quarterly compounding.

\[ A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt} \]
\[ = 10,000 \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{4}\right)^{4 \times 5} \]
\[ = 14,859.47 \]

Pencil Problem #4

4a. A sum of $10,000 is invested at an annual rate of 5.5%. Find the balance in the account after 5 years subject to monthly compounding.

\[ A = Pe^{rt} \]
\[ = 10,000 e^{0.055 \times 5} \]
\[ = 14,918.25 \]

4b. A sum of $10,000 is invested at an annual rate of 8%. Find the balance in the account after 5 years subject to continuous compounding.

\[ A = Pe^{rt} \]
\[ = 10,000 e^{0.08 \times 5} \]
\[ = 14,918.25 \]

Answers for Pencil Problems (Textbook Exercise references in parentheses):

1. 2295 million (4.1 #65c)

2a. \[ f(x) = 4^x \] (4.1 #11)  
2b. \[ g(x) = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x \] (4.1 #13)

2c. \[ f(x) = 2^x \]
\[ g(x) = 2^x + 1 \] (4.1 #25)  
2d. \[ f(x) = 2^x \]
\[ g(x) = 2^x - 1 \] (4.1 #27)

3. 67% (4.1 #71b)

4a. $13,157.04 (4.1 #53c)  
4b. $13,165.31 (4.1 #53d)
**Speak Up!**

The loudness level of a sound is measured in decibels. Decibel levels range from 0, a barely audible sound, to 160, a sound resulting in a ruptured eardrum.

We will see that decibels can be modeled by a logarithmic function, the topic of this section.

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### Objective #1: Change from logarithmic to exponential form.

✅ **Solved Problem #1**

1. Write the equation $2 \log_b 25$ in its equivalent exponential form.

   \[ 2 = \log_b 25 \]
   \[ b^2 = 25 \]

***Pencil Problem #1***

1. Write the equation $\log_{b} 125 = y$ in its equivalent exponential form.

### Objective #2: Change from exponential to logarithmic form.

✅ **Solved Problem #2**

2. Write the equation $2^x = x$ in its equivalent logarithmic form.

   \[ 2^5 = x \]
   \[ 5 = \log_2 x \]

***Pencil Problem #2***

2. Write the equation $7^y = 200$ in its equivalent logarithmic form.

### Objective #3: Evaluate logarithms.

✅ **Solved Problem #3**

3a. Evaluate: $\log_5 \frac{1}{125}$.

   \[ \log_5 \frac{1}{125} = -3 \text{ because} \]
   \[ 5^{-3} = \frac{1}{125} \]

***Pencil Problem #3***

3a. Evaluate: $\log_5 \frac{1}{5}$. 
3b. Evaluate: \( \log_{36} 6 \).

\[
\log_{36} 6 = \frac{1}{2} \text{ because } 36^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{36} = 6.
\]

3b. Evaluate: \( \log_{4} 16 \).

\[
4^\log_{4} 16 = 2^3 = 8.
\]

Objective #4: Use basic logarithmic properties.

✓ Solved Problem #4

4. Evaluate \( \log_{7} 7^8 \).

Because \( \log_b b^x = x \), we conclude \( \log_{7} 7^8 = 8 \).

Pencil Problem #4

4. Evaluate \( \log_{4} 1 \).

Objective #5: Graph logarithmic functions.

✓ Solved Problem #5

5. Graph \( f(x) = 3^x \) and \( g(x) = \log_3 x \) in the same rectangular coordinate system.

Set up a table of coordinates for \( f(x) = 3^x \).

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Reverse these coordinates to obtain the coordinates of \( g(x) = \log_3 x \).

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Objective #6: Find the domain of a logarithmic function.

Solved Problem #6
6. Find the domain of \( f(x) = \log_4(x - 5) \).

\[
x - 5 > 0
\]
\[
x > 5
\]

The domain of \( f \) is \((5, \infty)\).

Pencil Problem #6
6. Find the domain of \( f(x) = \log(2 - x) \).

Objective #7: Use common logarithms.

Solved Problem #7
7. The percentage of adult height attained by a boy who is \( x \) years old can be modeled by
\[
f(x) = 29 + 48.8 \log(x + 1),
\]
where \( x \) represents the boy’s age and \( f(x) \) represents the percentage of his adult height. Approximately what percentage of his adult height has a boy attained at age ten?

\[
f(x) = 29 + 48.8 \log(x + 1)
\]
\[
f(10) = 29 + 48.8 \log(10 + 1)
\]
\[
= 29 + 48.8 \log 11
\]
\[
= 80
\]

A 10-year-old boy has attained approximately 80% of his adult height.

Pencil Problem #7
7. The percentage of adult height attained by a girl who is \( x \) years old can be modeled by
\[
f(x) = 62 + 35 \log(x - 4),
\]
where \( x \) represents the girl’s age and \( f(x) \) represents the percentage of her adult height. Approximately what percentage of her adult height has a girl attained at age 13?

Objective #8: Use natural logarithms.

Solved Problem #8
8a. Find the domain of \( f(x) = \ln(4 - x) \).

The domain of \( f \) consists of all \( x \) for which \( 4 - x > 0 \).
\[
4 - x > 0
\]
\[
-x > -4
\]
\[
x < 4
\]

The domain of \( f \) is \((-\infty, 4)\).

Pencil Problem #8
8a. Find the domain of \( g(x) = \ln(x + 2) \).
8b. The function \( f(x) = 13.4 \ln x - 11.6 \) models the temperature increase, \( f(x) \), in an enclosed vehicle after \( x \) minutes when the outside air temperature is between 72°F and 96°F. Use the function to find the temperature increase, to the nearest degree, after 30 minutes.

Evaluate the function at 30.
\[
f(x) = 13.4 \ln x - 11.6 \\
f(30) = 13.4 \ln 30 - 11.6 \\
    = 34
\]
The temperature will increase by about 34° after 30 minutes.

8b. The function \( f(x) = -35.2 \ln x + 34.5 \) models wives’ weekly housework hours, \( f(x) \), \( x \) years after 1964. Use the function to find the number of weekly housework hours for wives in 2010. Round to the nearest hour.

Answers for Pencil Problems (Textbook Exercise references in parentheses):

1. \( 6^y = 216 \) (4.2 #7)
2. \( \log_7 200 = y \) (4.2 #19)
3a. -1 (4.2 #25) 3b. 2 (4.2 #21)
4. 0 (4.2 #37)
5. \( g(x) = \log_{1/2} x \) (4.2 #45)
6. \( (-\infty, 2) \) (4.2 #77)
7. 95.4% (4.2 #113)
8a. \( (-2, \infty) \) (4.2 #65)
8b. 21 hours (4.2 #115)
How Smart Is This Chimp?

Scientists are often amazed at what a chimpanzee can learn. These scientists are not simply interested in what a chimp can learn, but also in a particular chimp’s maximum capacity for learning, and how long the learning takes.

A typical chimpanzee learning sign language can master a maximum of 65 signs. In the Exercise Set of the textbook, one application will take a look at the number of weeks it will take for a chimp to master 30 signs.

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### Objective #4: Expand logarithmic expressions.

#### Solved Problem #4

4a. Use logarithmic properties to expand: \( \ln \sqrt[3]{x} \).

\[
\ln \sqrt[3]{x} = \ln x^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
= \frac{1}{3} \ln x
\]

4b. Use logarithmic properties to expand: \( \log_b \left( x^{\frac{4}{3}} y^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \).

\[
\log_b \left( x^{\frac{4}{3}} y^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) = \log_b x^4 + \log_b y^2 \\
= 4 \log_b x + \frac{2}{3} \log_b y
\]

4c. Use logarithmic properties to expand: \( \log_5 \left( \frac{\sqrt{x}}{25 y^3} \right) \).

\[
\log_5 \left( \frac{\sqrt{x}}{25 y^3} \right) = \log_5 \left( x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) - \log_5 \left( 25 y^3 \right) \\
= \log_5 x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log_5 (25) - \log_5 y^3 \\
= \frac{1}{2} \log_5 x - 3 \log_5 y
\]

#### Pencil Problem #4

4a. Use logarithmic properties to expand: \( \ln \sqrt[3]{x} \).

4b. Use logarithmic properties to expand: \( \log_b (x^2 y) \).

4c. Use logarithmic properties to expand: \( \log_6 \left( \frac{36}{\sqrt{x + 1}} \right) \).
### Objective #5: Condense logarithmic expressions.

#### Solved Problem #5

5a. Write as a single logarithm: \( \log 25 + \log 4 \).

\[
\log 25 + \log 4 = \log(25 \cdot 4) = \log 100 = 2
\]

#### Pencil Problem #5

5a. Write as a single logarithm: \( \log 5 + \log 2 \).

5b. Write as a single logarithm: \( 2 \ln x + \frac{1}{3} \ln(x + 5) \).

\[
2 \ln x + \frac{1}{3} \ln(x + 5) = \ln x^2 + \ln(x + 5)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \ln x^2 + \ln \sqrt[3]{x + 5} = \ln \left( x^2 \sqrt[3]{x + 5} \right)
\]

5b. Write as a single logarithm: \( 4 \ln (x + 6) - 3 \ln x \).

5c. Write as a single logarithm:

\[
\frac{1}{4} \log_b x - 2 \log_b 5 - 10 \log_b y.
\]

\[
\frac{1}{4} \log_b x - 2 \log_b 5 - 10 \log_b y = \log_b \left( x^{\frac{1}{4}} \right) - \log_b 5^2 - \log_b y^{10} = \log_b \left( \frac{x^{\frac{1}{4}}}{25y^{10}} \right)
\]
Objective #6: Use the change-of-base property.

Solved Problem #6

6a. Use common logarithms to evaluate \( \log_7 2506 \).

\[
\log_7 2506 = \frac{\log 2506}{\log 7} = 4.02
\]

6b. Use natural logarithms to evaluate \( \log_7 2506 \).

\[
\log_7 2506 = \frac{\ln 2506}{\ln 7} = 4.02
\]

Pencil Problem #6

6a. Use common logarithms to evaluate \( \log_{0.1} 17 \).

6b. Use natural logarithms to evaluate \( \log_{0.1} 17 \).

Answers for Pencil Problems (Textbook Exercise references in parentheses):

1. \( \log_5 7 + \log_5 3 \) (4.3 #1)

2. \( 3 - \log_4 y \) (4.3 #11)

3a. \( 3 \log_b x \) (4.3 #15) 3b. \(-6 \log N \) (4.3 #17)

4a. \( \frac{1}{5} \ln x \) (4.3 #19) 4b. \( 2 \log_{b} x + \log_{b} y \) (4.3 #21) 4c. \( 2 - \frac{1}{2} \log_{6} (x + 1) \) (4.3 #25)

5a. \( 1 \) (4.3 #41) 5b. \( \ln \left( \frac{(x+6)^4}{x^3} \right) \) (4.3 #59) 5c. \( \ln \left( \frac{x^3 y^5}{z^6} \right) \) (4.3 #61)

6a. \(-1.2304 \) (4.3 #75) 6b. \(-1.2304 \) (4.3 #75)
Section 4.4
Exponential and Logarithmic Equations

Under the Sea!

Though it can be pitch black in the depths of the ocean, sunlight is visible as you get closer to the surface. About 12% of the surface sunlight reaches a depth of 20 feet and about 1.6% reaches to a depth of 100 feet.

In the applications of this section, you will use an exponential function to determine the depths that correspond to various percentages of light.

Objective #1: Use like bases to solve exponential equations.

**Solved Problem #1**

1a. Solve: $5^{3x-6} = 125$.

\[
\begin{align*}
5^{3x-6} & = 125 \\
5^{3x-6} & = 5^3 \\
3x - 6 & = 3 \\
x & = 3 \\
\end{align*}
\]

The solution set is \{3\}.

1b. Solve: $8^{x+2} = 4^{x-3}$.

\[
\begin{align*}
8^{x+2} & = 4^{x-3} \\
(2^3)^{x+2} & = (2^2)^{x-3} \\
2^{3(x+2)} & = 2^{2(x-3)} \\
3(x + 2) & = 2(x - 3) \\
x + 6 & = 2x - 6 \\
x & = 12 \\
\end{align*}
\]

The solution set is \{-12\}.

**Pencil Problem #1**

1a. Solve: $4^{2x-1} = 64$.

1b. Solve: $8^{x+3} = 16^{x-1}$.
**Objective #2:** Use logarithms to solve exponential equations.

**Solved Problem #2**

2a. Solve: \(10^x = 8000\).

Take the common log of both sides of the equation.

\[
\begin{align*}
10^x &= 8000 \\
\log10^x &= \log8000 \\
x &= \log8000 \\
x &= 3.90
\end{align*}
\]

The solution set is \(\{\log8000 = 3.90\}\).

2b. Solve: \(7e^{2x} - 5 = 58\).

Isolate the exponential expression, then take the natural log of both sides of the equation.

\[
\begin{align*}
7e^{2x} - 5 &= 58 \\
7e^{2x} &= 63 \\
e^{2x} &= 9 \\
\ln e^{2x} &= \ln 9 \\
2x &= \ln 9 \\
x &= \frac{\ln 9}{2} \\
x &= \frac{\ln 3^2}{2} \\
x &= \frac{2\ln 3}{2} \\
x &= \ln 3 \\
x &= 1.10
\end{align*}
\]

The solution set is \(\{\ln 3 = 1.10\}\).

**Pencil Problem #2**

2a. Solve: \(10^x = 3.91\).

2b. Solve: \(7^x = 410\).
Objective #3: Use exponential form to solve logarithmic equations.

✓ Solved Problem #3

3a. Solve: \(4 \ln(3x) = 8\).

\[
\begin{align*}
\ln(3x) &= 2 \\
e^2 &= 3x \\
\frac{e^2}{3} &= x
\end{align*}
\]

Check:
\[
4 \ln \left( \frac{e^2}{3} \right) = 8
\]
\[
4 \ln \left( \frac{3}{3} \right) = 8
\]
\[
4 \ln \left( \frac{e^2}{3} \right) = 8
\]
\[
4 \cdot 2 = 8 \\
8 = 8, \text{ true}
\]

The solution set is \(\left\{ \frac{e^2}{3} \right\}\).

3b. Solve: \(\log x + \log(x - 3) = 1\).

\[
\begin{align*}
\log x + \log(x - 3) &= 1 \\
\log(x^2 - 3x) &= 1 \\
10^1 &= x^2 - 3x \\
0 &= x^2 - 3x - 10 \\
0 &= (x + 2)(x - 5)
\end{align*}
\]

\(x + 2 = 0\) or \(x - 5 = 0\)

\(x = -2\) or \(x = 5\)

Check -2:

\[
\begin{align*}
\log x + \log(x - 3) &= 1 \\
\log(-2) + \log(-2 - 3) &= 1
\end{align*}
\]

-2 does not check.

Check 5:

\[
\begin{align*}
\log x + \log(x - 3) &= 1 \\
\log 5 + \log(5 - 3) &= 1
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\log 5 + \log 2 &= 1 \\
\log 10 &= 1 \\
1 &= 1, \text{ true}
\end{align*}
\]

The solution set is \(\{5\}\).

Pencil Problem #3

3a. Solve: \(\log_4 (x + 5) = 3\).

3b. Solve: \(\log_5 x + \log_5 (4x - 1) = 1\).
Objective #4: Use the one-to-one property of logarithms to solve logarithmic equations.

**Solved Problem #4**

4. Solve: \( \ln(x - 3) = \ln(7x - 23) - \ln(x + 1) \)

\[
\begin{align*}
\ln(x - 3) &= \ln(7x - 23) - \ln(x + 1) \\
\ln(x - 3) &= \ln\left(\frac{7x - 23}{x + 1}\right) \\
x - 3 &= \frac{7x - 23}{x + 1} \\
(x + 1)(x - 3) &= (x + 1)\frac{7x - 23}{x + 1} \\
x^2 - 2x - 3 &= 7x - 23 \\
x^2 - 9x + 20 &= 0 \\
(x - 4)(x - 5) &= 0 \\
x &= 4 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 5
\end{align*}
\]

Check 4:
\[
\begin{align*}
\ln(x - 3) &= \ln(7x - 23) - \ln(x + 1) \\
\ln(4 - 3) &= \ln(7 \cdot 4 - 23) - \ln(4 + 1) \\
\ln 1 &= \ln 5 - \ln 5 \\
0 &= 0, \quad \text{true}
\end{align*}
\]

Check 5:
\[
\begin{align*}
\ln(x - 3) &= \ln(7x - 23) - \ln(x + 1) \\
\ln(5 - 3) &= \ln(7 \cdot 5 - 23) - \ln(5 + 1) \\
\ln 2 &= \ln 12 - \ln 6 \\
\ln 2 &= \ln \left(\frac{12}{6}\right) \\
\ln 2 &= \ln 2, \quad \text{true}
\end{align*}
\]

The solution set is \( \{4, 5\} \).

**Pencil Problem #4**

4. Solve: \( \log(x + 4) - \log(2) = \log(5x + 1) \)
Objective #5: Solve applied problems involving exponential and logarithmic equations.

**Solved Problem #5**

5a. Medical research indicates that the risk of having a car accident increases exponentially as the concentration of alcohol in the blood increases. The risk is modeled by \( R = 6e^{12.77x} \) where \( x \) is the blood alcohol concentration and \( R \), given as a percent, is the risk of having a car accident. What blood alcohol concentration corresponds to a 7% risk of a car accident?

\[
6e^{12.77x} = 7
\]

\[
e^{12.77x} = \frac{7}{6}
\]

\[
\ln e^{12.77x} = \ln \frac{7}{6}
\]

\[
12.77x = \ln \frac{7}{6}
\]

\[
x = \frac{\ln \frac{7}{6}}{12.77}
\]

\[
x = 0.01
\]

For a blood alcohol concentration of 0.01, the risk of a car accident is 7%.

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5b. How long, to the nearest tenth of a year, will it take $1000 to grow to $3600 at 8% annual interest compounded quarterly?

\[
A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}
\]

\[
3600 = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{4}\right)^{4t}
\]

\[
3.6 = 1.02^{4t}
\]

\[
1.02^{4t} = 3.6
\]

\[
\ln 1.02^{4t} = \ln 3.6
\]

\[
4t \ln 1.02 = \ln 3.6
\]

\[
t = \frac{\ln 3.6}{4 \ln 1.02}
\]

\[
t = 16.2
\]

After approximately 16.2 years, the $1000 will grow to $3600.

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**Pencil Problem #5**

5a. The formula \( A = 37.3e^{0.0095t} \) models the population of California, \( A \), in millions, \( t \) years after 2010. When will the population of California reach 40 million?

5b. How long, to the nearest tenth of a year, will it take $8000 to grow to $16,000 at 8% annual interest compounded continuously?
Answers for Pencil Problems (*Textbook Exercise references in parentheses*):

1a. \{2\}  (4.4 #7)  
1b. \{13\}  (4.4 #19)  

2a. \{\log 3.91 = 0.59\}  (4.4 #23)  

2b. \[\left\{ \frac{\ln 410}{\ln 7} - 2 = 1.09 \right\}\]  (4.4 #37)  

3a. \{59\}  (4.4 #53)  

3b. \[\left\{ \frac{5}{4} \right\}; \text{ note: reject -1} \]  (4.4 #67)  

4. \[\left\{ \frac{2}{9} \right\}\]  (4.4 #83)  

5a. 2017  (4.4 #103b)  

5b. 8.7 years  (4.4 #111)
Section 4.5
Exponential Growth and Decay; Modeling Data

NOT Tooth Decay!

One of algebra’s many applications is to predict the behavior of variables. This can be done with exponential growth and decay models. With exponential growth or decay, quantities grow or decay at a rate directly proportional to their size. Populations that are growing exponentially grow extremely rapidly as they get larger because there are more adults to have offspring.

In this section we explore how to create such functions and how to use them to make predictions.

Objective #1: Model exponential growth and decay.

✓ Solved Problem #1

1. In 2000, the population of Africa was 807 million and by 2011 it had grown to 1052 million.

1a. Use the exponential growth model \( A = A_0 e^{kt} \), in which \( t \) is the number of years after 2000, to find the exponential growth function that models the data.

2011 is 11 years after 2000.

Thus, when \( t = 11 \), \( A = 1052 \).

\( A_0 = 807 \)

Substitute these values to find \( k \).

\[ A = A_0 e^{kt} \]

\[ 1052 = 807 e^{k(11)} \]

Solve for \( k \).

\[ 1052 = 807 e^{11k} \]

\[ \frac{1052}{807} = e^{11k} \]

\[ \ln \left( \frac{1052}{807} \right) = 11k \]

\[ k = \frac{\ln \left( \frac{1052}{807} \right)}{11} \]

\[ k = 0.024 \]

Thus, the growth function is \( A = 807 e^{0.024t} \).

Pencil Problem #1

1. In 2000, the population of Israel was approximately 6.04 million and by 2050 it is projected to grow to 10 million.

1a. Use the exponential growth model \( A = A_0 e^{kt} \), in which \( t \) is the number of years after 2000, to find an exponential growth function that models the data.
1b. By which year will Africa’s population reach 2000 million, or two billion?

\[
A = 807e^{0.024t}
\]

\[
2000 = 807e^{0.024t}
\]

\[
\frac{2000}{807} = e^{0.024t}
\]

\[
\ln \frac{2000}{807} = \ln e^{0.024t}
\]

\[
\ln \frac{2000}{807} = 0.024t
\]

\[
t = \frac{\ln \frac{2000}{807}}{0.024} = 38
\]

Africa’s population will reach 2000 million approximately 38 years after 2000, or 2038.

**Objective #2:** Use logistic growth models.

2. In a learning theory project, psychologists discovered that

\[
f(t) = \frac{0.8}{1 + e^{-0.2t}}
\]

is a model for describing the proportion of correct responses, \(f(t)\), after \(t\) learning trials.

2a. Find the proportion of correct responses after 10 learning trials.

We substitute 10 for \(t\) in the logistic growth function.

\[
f(10) = \frac{0.8}{1 + e^{-0.2(10)}} = 0.7
\]

The proportion of correct responses after 10 trials is approximately 0.7.

1b. In which year will Israel’s population be 9 million?

2. The logistic growth function

\[
f(t) = \frac{100,000}{1 + 5000e^{-t}}
\]

describes the number of people, \(f(t)\), who have become ill with influenza \(t\) weeks after its initial outbreak in a particular community.

2a. How many people were ill by the end of the fourth week?
2b. What is the limiting size of $f(t)$, the proportion of correct responses, as continued learning trials take place?

The number in the numerator of the logistic growth function, 0.8, is the limiting size of the proportion of correct responses.

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<tr>
<th>Population (thousands)</th>
<th>Walking Speed (feet per second)</th>
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<td>1.9</td>
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<td>342</td>
<td>2.2</td>
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</table>

A logarithmic function would be a good choice for modeling the data.

2b. What is the limiting size of the population that becomes ill?

Objective #3: Choose an appropriate model for data.

Solved Problem #3

3. The table shows the populations of various cities and the average walking speed of a person living in the city. Create a scatter plot for the data. Based on the scatter plot, what type of function would be a good choice for modeling the data?

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<th>Woman's Age</th>
<th>Percent of Miscarriages</th>
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<td>22</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>27</td>
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<td>13%</td>
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<td>37</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>42</td>
<td>38%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>47</td>
<td>52%</td>
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</table>

Pencil Problem #3

3. The table shows the percentage of miscarriages by women of various ages. Create a scatter plot for the data. Determine the type of function that would be a good choice for modeling the data?
Objective #4: Express an exponential model in base $e$.

Solved Problem #4

4. Rewrite $y = 4(7.8)^x$ in terms of base $e$. Express the answer in terms of a natural logarithm and then round to three decimal places.

\[ y = 4(7.8)^x \]
\[ = 4e^{\ln(7.8)x} \]

Rounded to three decimal places:
\[ y = 4e^{2.054x} \]

Pencil Problem #4

4. Rewrite $y = 100(4.6)^x$ in terms of base $e$. Express the answer in terms of a natural logarithm and then round to three decimal places.

Answers for Pencil Problems (Textbook Exercise references in parentheses):

1a. $A = 6.04e^{0.01t}$ (4.5 #7a)

1b. 2040 (4.5 #7b)

2a. approximately 1080 people (4.5 #37b)

2b. 100,000 people (4.5 #37c)

3. exponential function (12.5 #47)

4. $y = 100e^{(\ln 4.6)x} = 100e^{1.526x}$ (4.5 #53)