

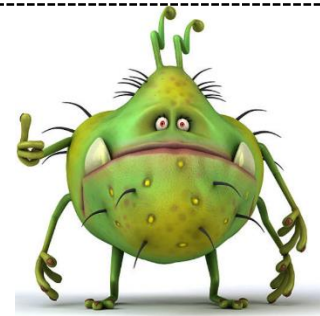
Germ! Germ! Germ!

Certain bacteria, under the right conditions, multiply themselves.

You will use strips of paper, each representing a bacterium, to model its growth.

For this activity, each member of your group must choose a role:

- Recorder – records data
- Counter – counts pieces for recorder
- Reader – reads questions for other members in the group
- Facilitator – keeps discussion of topic going



Cut #1: Cut your paper into 2 equal pieces.
How many total pieces do you have? 2



Cut #2: Cut each piece into 2 equal pieces.
How many total pieces do you have? 4



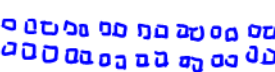
Cut #3: Cut each piece into 2 equal pieces.
How many total pieces do you have? 8



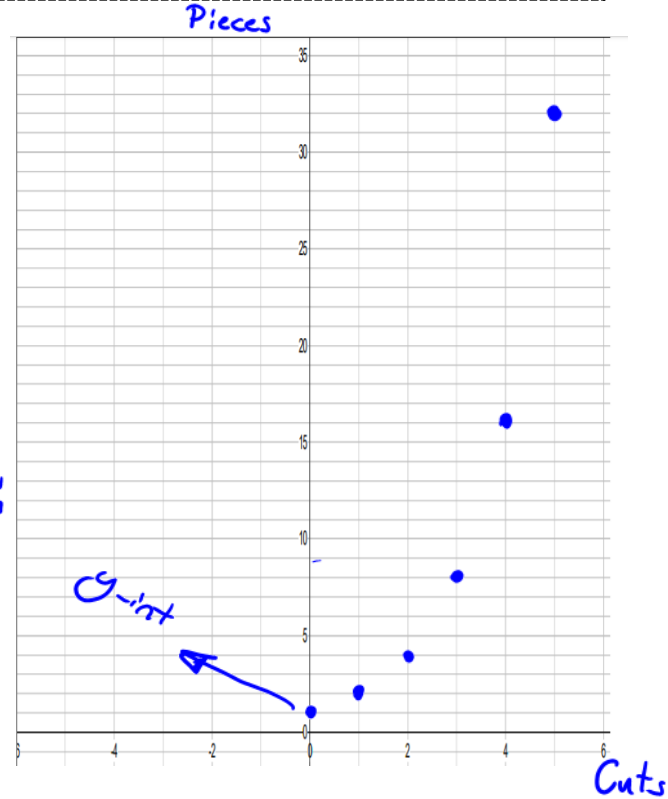
Cut #4: Cut each piece into 2 equal pieces.
How many total pieces do you have? 16



Cut #5: Cut each piece into 2 equal pieces.
How many total pieces do you have? 32



Cuts	Pieces	Growth factor
initial	1	
0	2	$2/1 = 2$
1	4	$4/2 = 2$
2	8	$8/4 = 2$
3	16	$16/8 = 2$
4	32	$32/16 = 2$



Graph your result on the grid provided.

Identify the characteristics of your graph.

- X – intercept NONE
- Y – intercept initial amount

Create an equation to model the data in $y = ab^x$ form.

$$y = 1 \cdot 2^x$$

$$\therefore y = 2^x$$

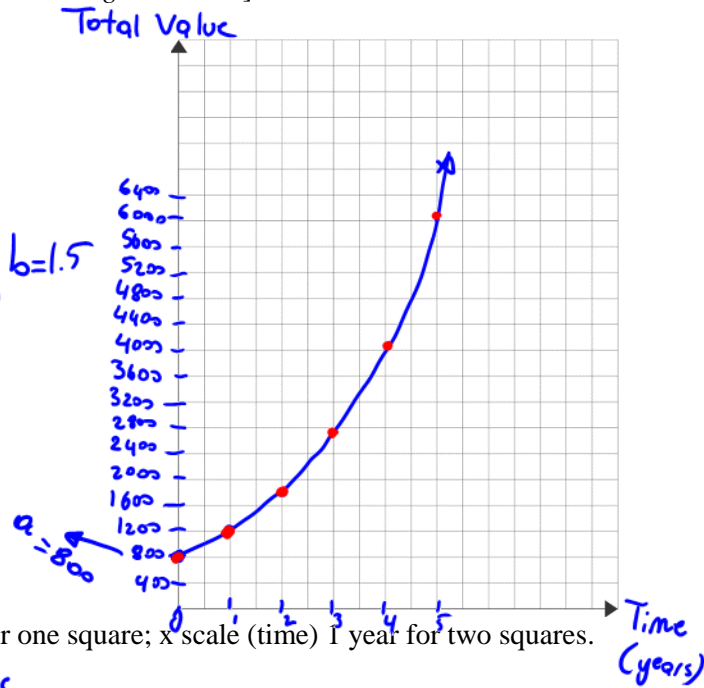
y is total amount (leave y as is)
a is initial amount
b is growth factor (# of equal pieces each cut)
x is number of cuts (leave x as is)

EXAMPLE 2:

An antique costs \$800. Its value increases at a rate of 50% each year. Fill out the chart below.

[NOTE: 50% is called the **growth rate** because the initial amount is increasing over time.]

End of Year	Increase in Value	Total Value at the end of Year	Growth Factor (b)
0		= \$800 * initial value (a)	
1	= 800 x 50% = 800 x 0.50 = \$400	= 800 + 400 = \$1200	1200 / 800 = 1.5
2	= 1200 x 0.50 = \$600	= 1200 + 600 = \$1800	1800 / 1200 = 1.5
3	= 1800 x 0.50 = \$900	= 1800 + 900 = \$2700	2700 / 1800 = 1.5
4	= 2700 x 0.50 = \$1350	= 2700 + 1350 = \$4050	4050 / 2700 = 1.5
5	= 4050 x 0.50 = \$2025	= 4050 + 2025 = \$6075	6075 / 4050 = 1.5



Graph your result on the grid provided. Y scale (Total Value) 400 for one square; x scale (time) 1 year for two squares.

Identify the characteristics of your graph

x – Intercept: none

y – Intercept: $y = 800$ initial value

Equation:

$y = 800 \cdot 1.5^x$ or $y = 800(1 + 0.50)^x$

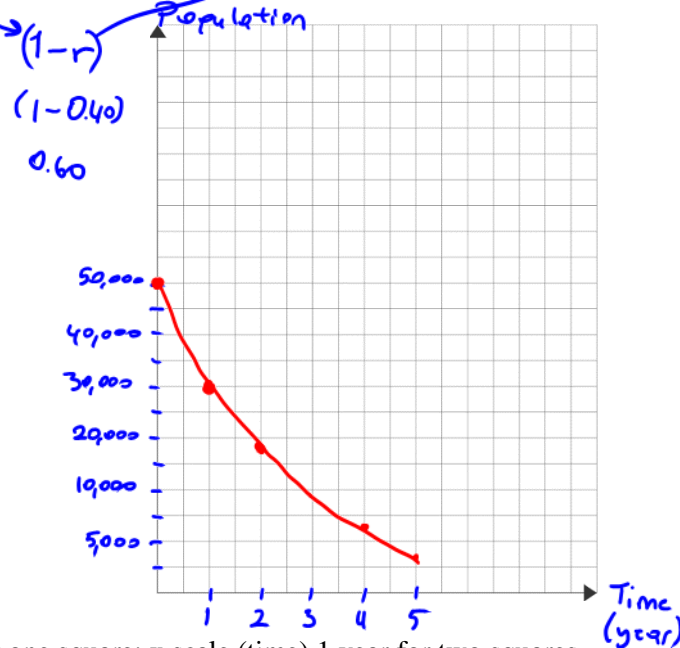
growth rate

decay rate -0.40

EXAMPLE 3: The population of Luckville is 50,000. Each year, the population decreases at a rate of 40%.

[NOTE: 40% is called the **decay rate** because initial amount is decreasing over time.]

End of Year	Decrease in Population	Total Population at the end of Year	Decay Factor (b)
0		50,000 * initial value (a)	
1	= 50,000 x 40% = 50,000 x 0.40 = 20,000	= 50,000 - 20,000 = 30,000	30,000 / 50,000 = 0.60
2	= 30,000 x 0.40 = 12,000	= 30,000 - 12,000 = 18,000	18,000 / 30,000 = 0.60
3	= 18,000 x 0.40 = 7200	= 18,000 - 7200 = 10,800	10,800 / 18,000 = 0.60
4	= 10,800 x 0.40 = 4320	= 10,800 - 4320 = 6480	6480 / 10,800 = 0.60
5	= 6480 x 0.40 = 2592	= 6480 - 2592 = 3888	3888 / 6480 = 0.60



Graph your result on the grid provided. Y scale (Total Value) 2500 for one square; x scale (time) 1 year for two squares.

Identify the characteristics of your graph

x – Intercept: none

y – Intercept: $a = 50,000$ initials

Equation:

$y = 50,000(0.60)^x$

Decay Factor = 1 - Decay Rate
 $b = 1 - r$

Exponential models represent quantities that change at a constant percent rate; that is, the quantity is multiplied by a fixed amount at regular intervals.

- In a table of values, the growth / decay factors are equal
- The graph resembles an exponential curve
- The equation is written in the form $y = a \cdot b^x$ where a is the initial value and b is the growth/decay factor. Notice that the exponent is the variable

KEY WORDS

Percent rate
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Exponential
 $y = ab^x$
 a
 b
variable
growing
decaying

Growth/Decay Factors

In an exponential equation, $y = ab^x$, the growth/decay factor is given by the value of b

- If $b > 1$, the relation is growing
- If $0 < b < 1$, the relation is decaying
- $y = a(1+r)^x$
- $y = a(1-r)^x$
- Growth rate = growth factor - 1
- Decay rate = 1 - decay factor

EXAMPLE 1 Determine the growth/decay factor or growth/decay rate in each of the following:

<p>a) $A = 500(1.071)^n$ Growth factor (b) = 1.071 Growth rate $= 1.071 - 1$ $= 0.071$ * convert to percent $= 0.071 \times 100$ $= 7.1\%$</p>	<p>b) $P = 500(0.92)^t$ <u>92%</u> $b = 0.92$ $r = 1 - 0.92$ <u>8%</u> $= 0.08$ <u>8%</u></p>	<p>c) $A = 2000(1.045)^n$ $b = 1.045$ <u>OR 104.5%</u> $r = 1.045 - 1$ <u>4.5%</u> $= 0.045$ $= 4.5%$</p>
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EXAMPLE 2 Which models represent exponential relations? [Hint: Calculate growth factor by dividing latter y value by the former one]

If growth/decay factor is constant, then it is exponential

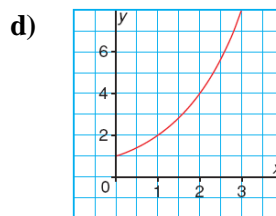
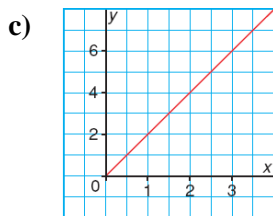
a)

t	A
0	35
1	25
2	15
3	5

$\frac{25}{35} = 0.71$
$\frac{15}{25} =$
$\frac{15}{25} =$

b)

d	P
0	51.2
1	64
2	80
3	100



e) $y = 10(2)^x$

f) $y = 10x^2$