

Quiz today:

* 3:30 - 4:45

in Moore Hall Filene Aud.

* 6:30 - 7:45

in Kemeny 008

Today: Exponential
and logarithmic
functions.

Correction

Recall.

$$a^n = \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdots a}_{n \text{ times}}$$

$$a^r = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m \quad \text{if} \quad r = \frac{m}{n}$$

ex

$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 2^3$$

$$\sqrt{2} = 2^{1/2}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{2} = 2^{1/3}$$

$$\left(\sqrt[31]{2}\right)^{1001} = 2^{1001/31}$$

Basics :

2^2 means $2 \cdot 2$

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$$2^2 \cdot 2^3 = \overbrace{(2 \cdot 2)}^2 \cdot \overbrace{(2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2)}^3 \quad 2+3=5$$
$$= 2^5$$

If a, b, c are positive integers,

$$a^b \cdot a^c = a^{b+c}$$

$$(2^2)^3 = (2 \cdot 2) \cdot (2 \cdot 2) \cdot (2 \cdot 2)$$
$$= 2^6$$

$$(a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$$

We know what

a^x means for

- ① x is a pos int
- ② x is a fraction
↑
w/ pos num : denom
- ③ x is any fraction

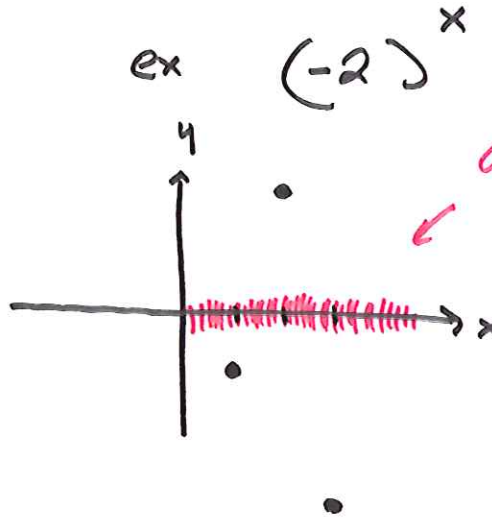
Fill in gaps to get
 a^x for all reals

Missing :

not defined

$a < 0$

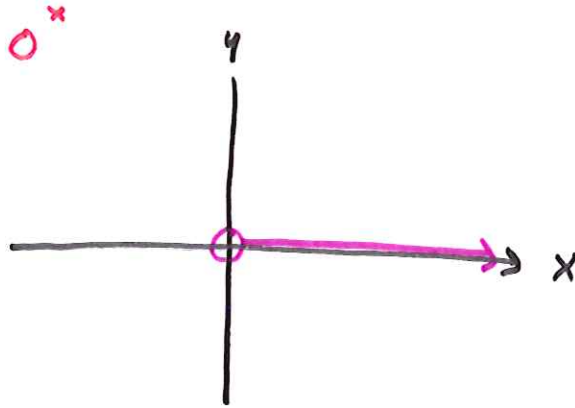
x	(-2) ^x
1	-2
2	4
3	-8
1/2	undef



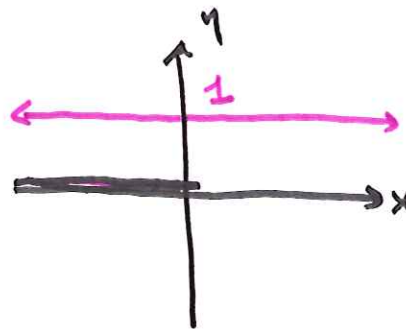
any value @ $\frac{m}{n}$ if n is even

$a = 0$

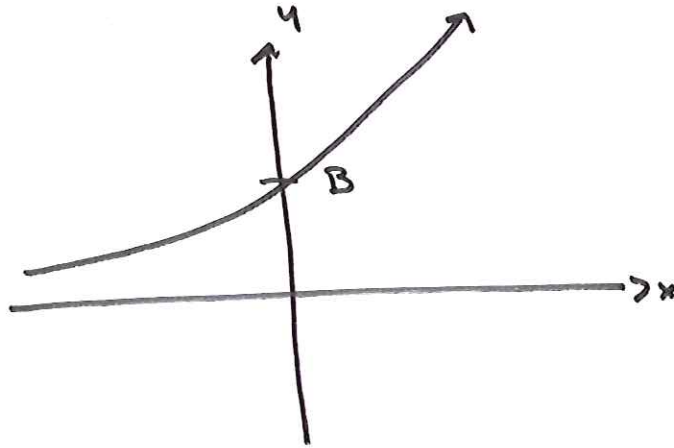
x	0^x
1	0
1/2	0
0	???
-1	undef



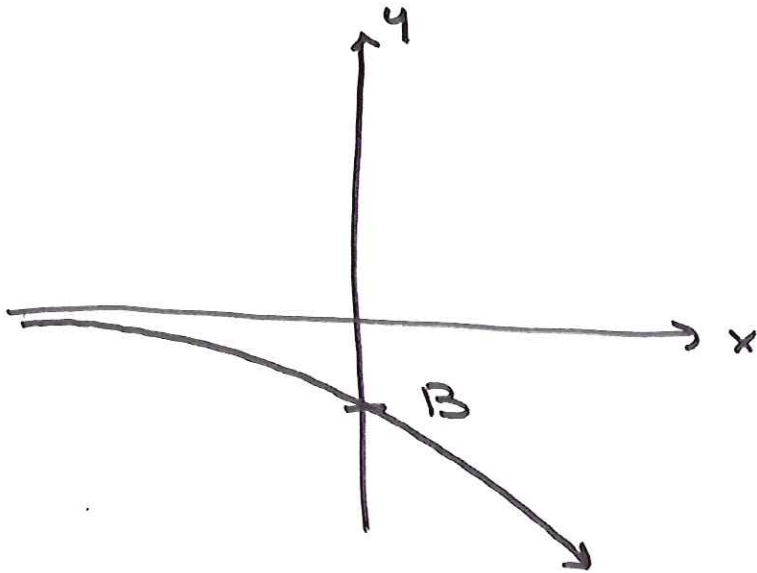
$a = 1$



Ba^x if $a > 1, B > 0$



Ba^x if $a > 1, B < 0$



$f^{-1}(x)$ satisfies

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$$

and

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$$

- or -

if $f(x) = y$, then $f^{-1}(y) = x$.

ex

$$\log_2(4) = 2$$

b/c $2^2 = 4$

$$\log_2(8) = 3$$

b/c $2^3 = 8$

$$a^0 = 1 \quad \text{so} \quad \log_a 1 = 0$$

$$a^1 = a \quad \text{so} \quad \log_a a = 1$$