

Worksheet 5-5: Rates of Change/Growth

How do we identify linear, quadratic or exponential relations?

1. Classify by Equation:

- ☺ Linear: x is a first-degree variable (Exponent is 1).
- ☺ Quadratic: x is a second-degree variable (Exponent is 2).
- ☺ Exponential: x itself is the exponent.

2. Classify by Graph:

- ☺ Linear: the graph is a straight line.
- ☺ Quadratic: the graph is a parabola (U-shape).
- ☺ Exponential: the graph is an exponential curve (J-shaped).

3. Classify by Finite Differences:

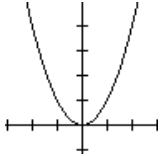

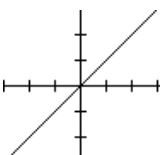
- ☺ Linear: first differences are constant.
- ☺ Quadratic: first differences increase by a constant value (adding). Second differences are constant.
- ☺ Exponential: first differences increase by a constant factor (multiplying), a common ratio.

Check for Understanding:

1. Without graphing, classify each of the following as linear, quadratic, or exponential growth.

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| (a) $3x - 4y = 12$ | Linear | Quadratic | Exponential |
| (b) $y = 2x^2 + 3$ | Linear | Quadratic | Exponential |
| (c) $y = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^x$ | Linear | Quadratic | Exponential |
| (d) $y = 3(1.05)^x$ | Linear | Quadratic | Exponential |

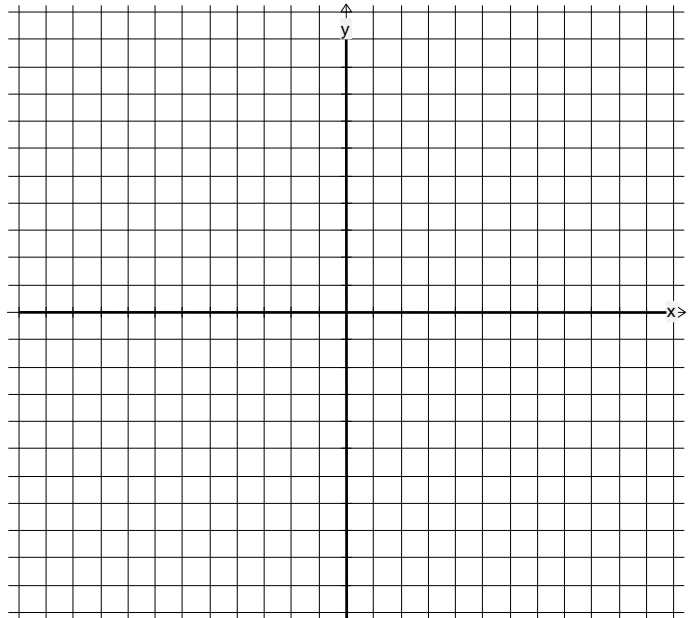
2. Examine each graph and classify as linear, quadratic, or exponential growth.

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|-----|---|--------|-----------|-------------|
| (a) |  | Linear | Quadratic | Exponential |
| (b) |  | Linear | Quadratic | Exponential |
| (c) |  | Linear | Quadratic | Exponential |

Investigation:

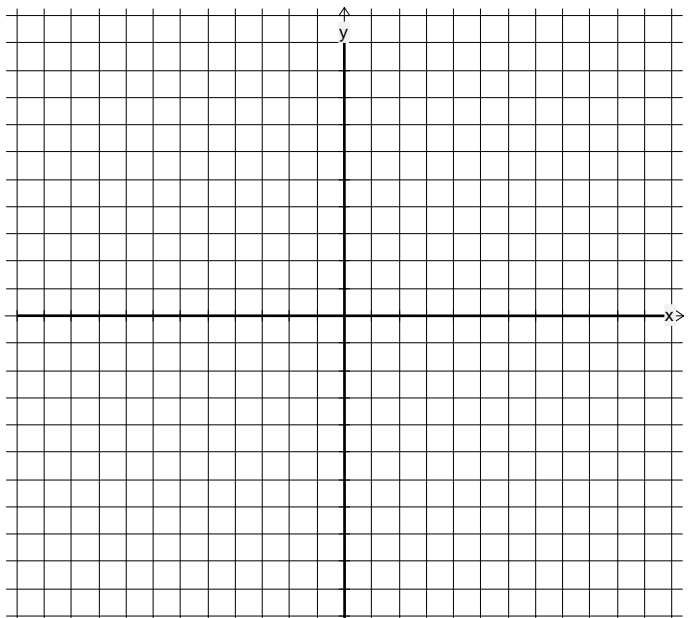
1. Graph $y = 2x$.

x	$y = 2x$	First Difference
-3		
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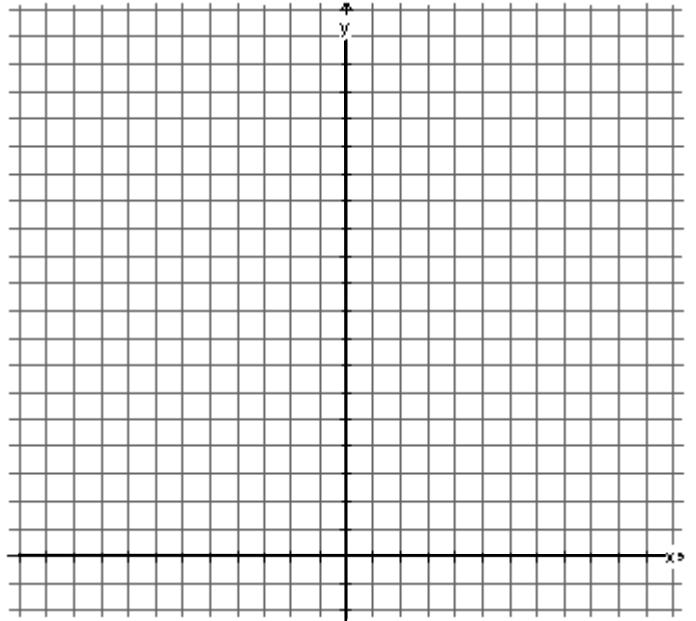
2. Graph $y = 2x^2$.

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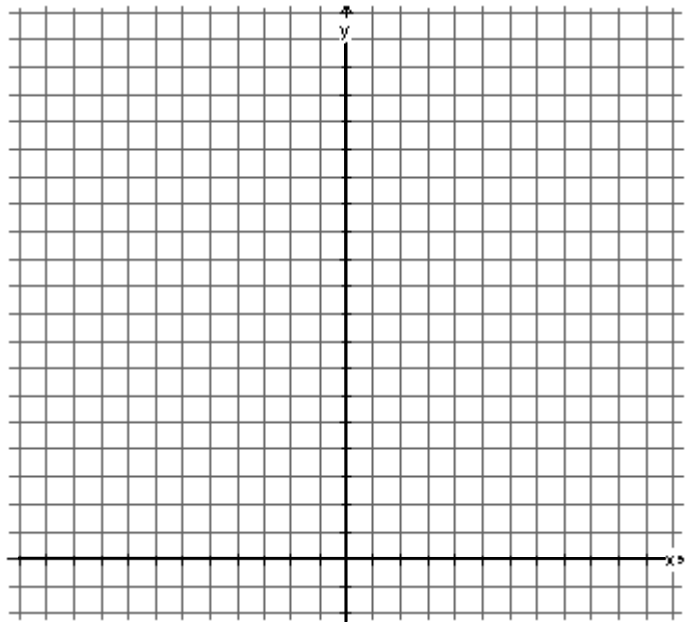
3. Graph $y = 2^x$.

x	$y = 2^x$	First Difference
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4. Graph $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$.

x	$y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$	First Difference
-3		
-2		
-1		
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5. Conclusions:

☺ $y = 2x$ is a(n) _____ relation because x is a first-degree variable.
 So, the graph is a(n) _____ and it represents _____ growth.

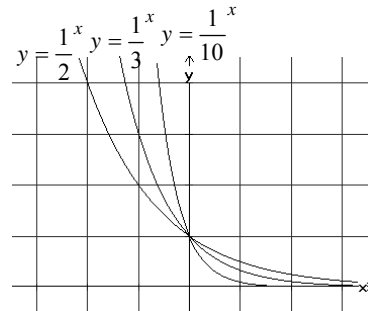
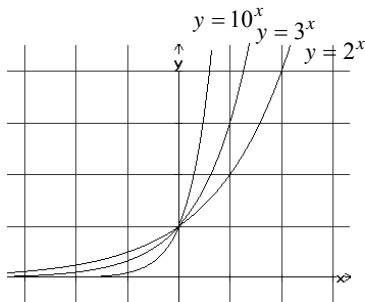
☺ $y = 2x^2$ is a(n) _____ relation because x is a second-degree variable.
 So, the graph is a(n) _____ and it represents _____ growth.

☺ $y = 2^x$ is a(n) _____ relation because x is an exponent.
 So, the graph is a(n) _____ and it represents _____ growth.

☺ $y = \frac{1}{2}^x$ is a(n) _____ relation because x is an exponent.
 So, the graph is a(n) _____ and it represents exponential _____.

Note:

For exponential relation $y = b^x$, the curve gets closer to the y-axis as b increases when $b > 1$ or as b decreases (denominator of b increases) when $0 < b < 1$ (a fraction or a decimal less than 1).



Check for Understanding:

Create the next diagram following the given pattern, and determine what type of relation is represented.

Diagram 1 Diagram 2 Diagram 3

