

AIM: USING A TABLE OF VALUES TO IDENTIFY A FUNCTION

Example # 1: Linear Function

Rule: Both the x and y-values increase by a common difference (constant). Arithmetic

Equation: $y = ax + b$
 $y = 3x + 1$

x	y
0	1
1	4
2	7
3	10
4	13
5	16

y-int
+3
+3
+3
+3
+3

$$a_2 - a_1 = d$$

$$4 - 1 = d$$

$$3 = d$$

Example # 2: Exponential Function

Rule: The y-value increases by a common ratio (factor). Geometric

Equation: $y = ab^x$
 $y = 1(2)^x$

x	y
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32

y-int
x2
x2
x2
x2
x2

$$a_2 \div a_1 = r$$

$$2 \div 1 = r$$

$$2 = r$$

Example # 3: Quadratic Function

Rule: The 2nd Set of differences of the y-values has a common difference (constant).

Equation: $y = ax^2 + bx + c$
 $y = 2x^2 + 4x - 1$

x	y
0	-1
1	5
2	15
3	29
4	47
5	69

+6
+10
+14
+18
+22
+4
+4
+4
+4
+4

Example #4: Absolute Function

Rule: The y-value increases by a positive and negative common difference

vertex →

x	f(x)
-3	1.5
-2	1
-1	0.5
0	0
1	0.5
2	1
3	1.5

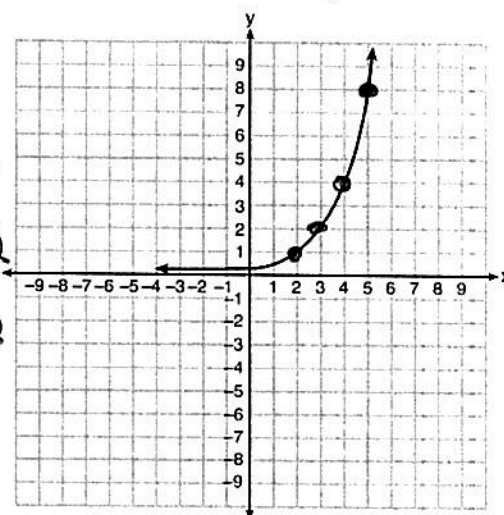
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 -1.5
 -1.5
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 +1.5
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1. Write an exponential equation for the graph shown below. Explain how you determined the equation.

$y = ab^x$
 $a = .25$
 $b = 2$
 $y = .25(2)^x$

x	y
2	1
3	2
4	4
5	8

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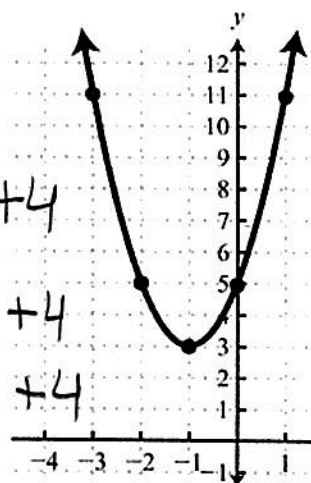


2. Write a quadratic equation for the graph shown below. Explain how you determined the equation.

parabola
 $y = ax^2 + bx + c$
 $y = 2x^2 + 4x + 5$

x	y
-3	11
-2	5
-1	3
0	5
1	11

Handwritten notes to the right of the table:
 -6
 -2
 +2
 +6
 +4
 +4
 +4



3. Match each table below to the function and the context, and explain how you made your decision.

A

x	y
1	9
2	18
3	27
4	18
5	9

Equation $h(x)$

Context 5

B

x	y
1	12
2	24
3	36
4	48
5	60

Equation $f(x)$

Context 4

C

x	y
0	160
1	174
2	156
3	106
4	24

Equation $q(x)$

Context 2

D

x	y
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32

Equation $p(x)$

Context 1

E

x	y
2	8
3	9
4	8
5	5
6	0

Equation $g(x)$

Context 3

Equations:

$$f(x) = 12x$$

$$h(x) = -9|x - 3| + 27$$

$$g(x) = -(x)(x - 6)$$

$$p(x) = 2^x$$

$$q(x) = -16x^2 + 30x + 160$$

Contexts:

1. The population of bacteria doubled every month, and the total population vs. time was recorded.
2. A ball was launched upward from the top of a building, and the vertical distance of the ball from the ground vs. time was recorded.
3. The height of a certain animal's vertical leap was recorded at regular time intervals of one second; the animal returned to ground level after six seconds.
4. Melvin saves the same amount of money every month. The total amount saved after each month was recorded.
5. Chris ran at a constant rate on a straight-line path and then returned at the same rate. His distance from his starting point was recorded at regular time intervals.