



# EXPONENTIAL AND LOG GRAPHS INCREASING AND DECREASING

# REVISION DEFINITION OF A LOG

- The inverse of an exponent is a log

Exponential equation:

$$x = a^y$$

Interchange x and y for inverse:

$$y = a^x$$

Log equation:

$$y = \log_a x \quad \text{where } a, y > 0 \text{ and } a \neq 1$$

# Examples: Converting between exponential and log forms

Write in log form:

1.  $y = 5^x$

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$$y = \log_5 x$$

2.  $y = 3^{-x}$

$$y = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$$

$$x = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^y$$

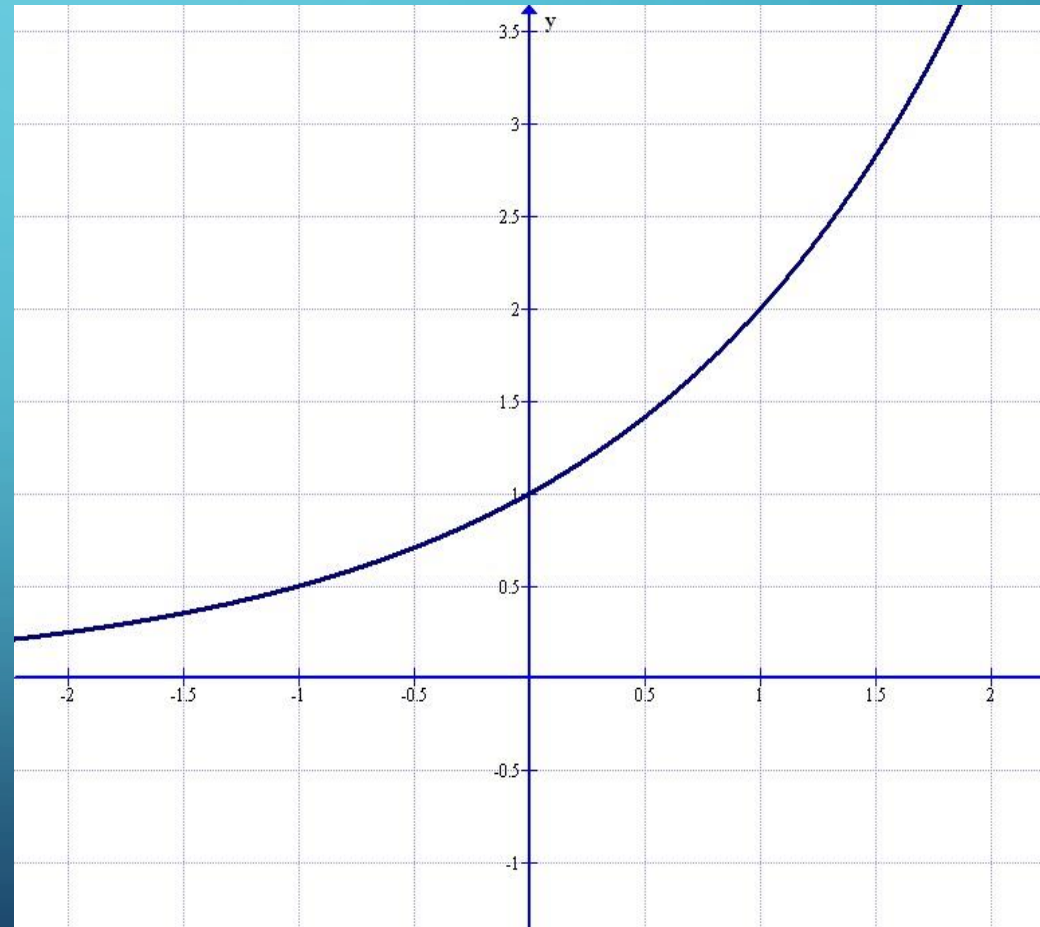
$$y = \log_{\frac{1}{3}} x$$

- First interchange x and y
- The base of the exponent becomes the base of the log

# SKETCHING EXPONENTIAL AND LOG GRAPHS

Increasing exponential graph:  $f(x): y = 2^x$

- No x-intercept as asymptote at  $y = 0$
- y-int:  $y = 2^0 = 1$
- Domain:  $x \in R$
- Range:  $y > 0$



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Increasing log graph:  $f(x): y = \log_2 x$

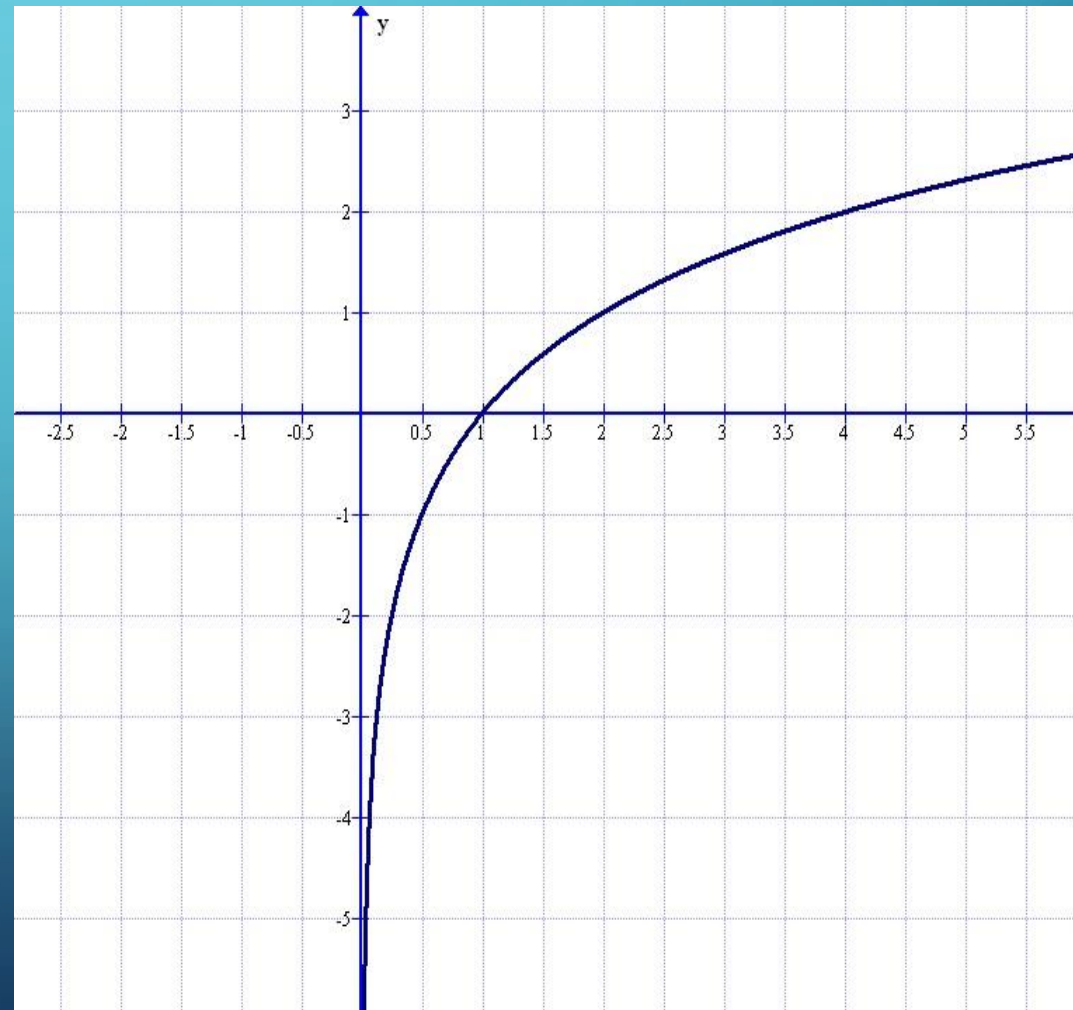
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asymptote at  $x = 0$

- x-int:  $0 = \log_2 x$

$$x = 2^0 = 1$$

- Domain:  $x > 0$

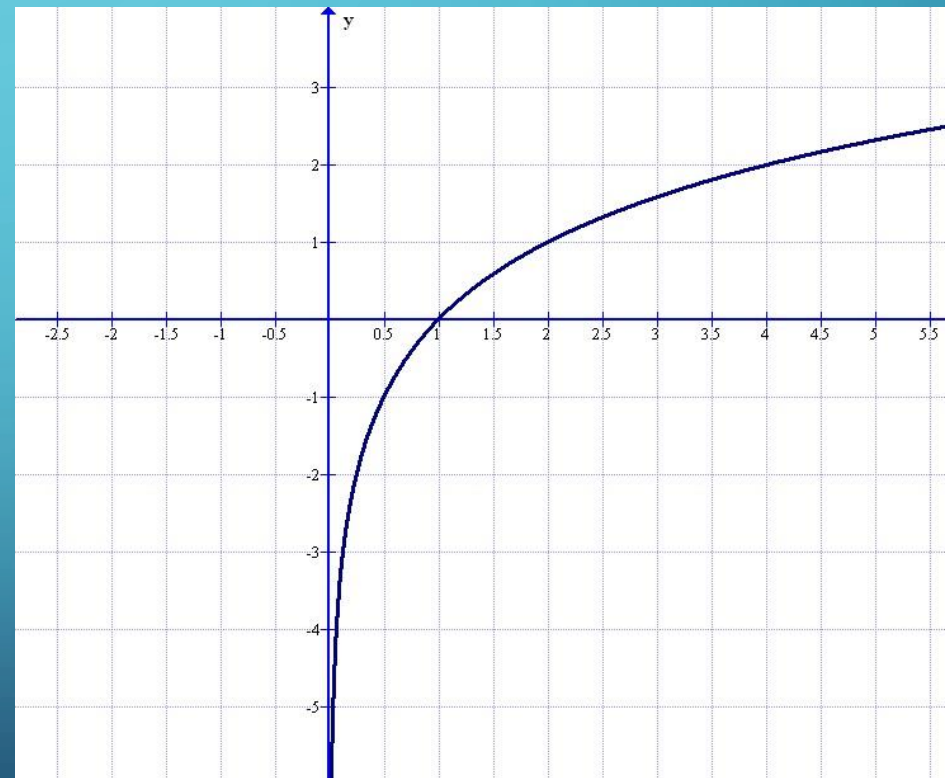
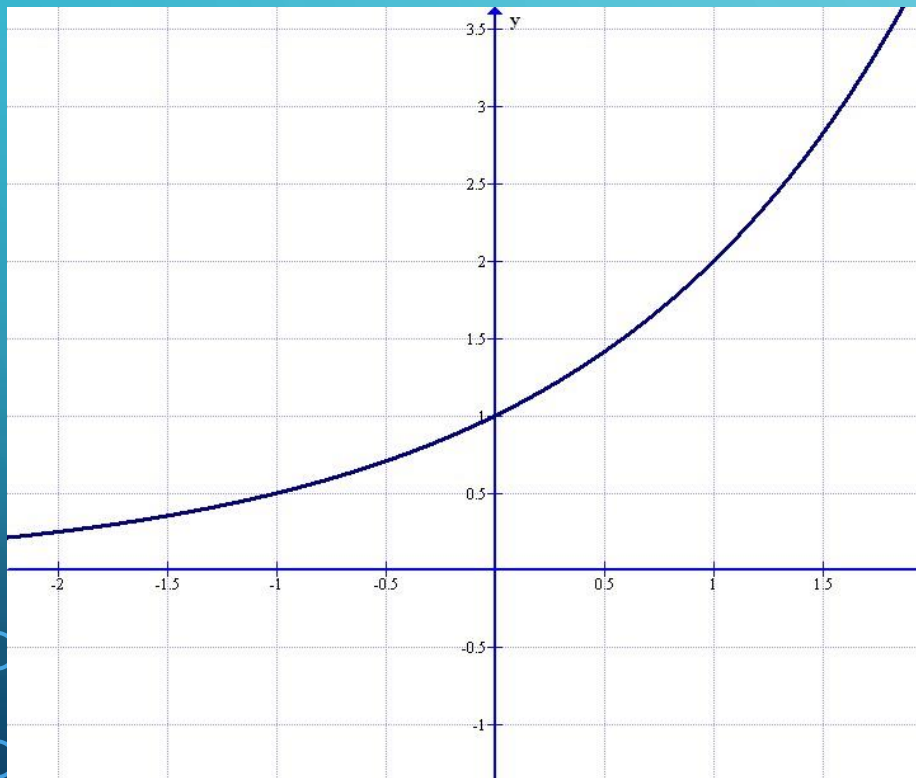
- Range:  $y \in R$



Increasing Exponential  
Graph:  $y = 2^x$



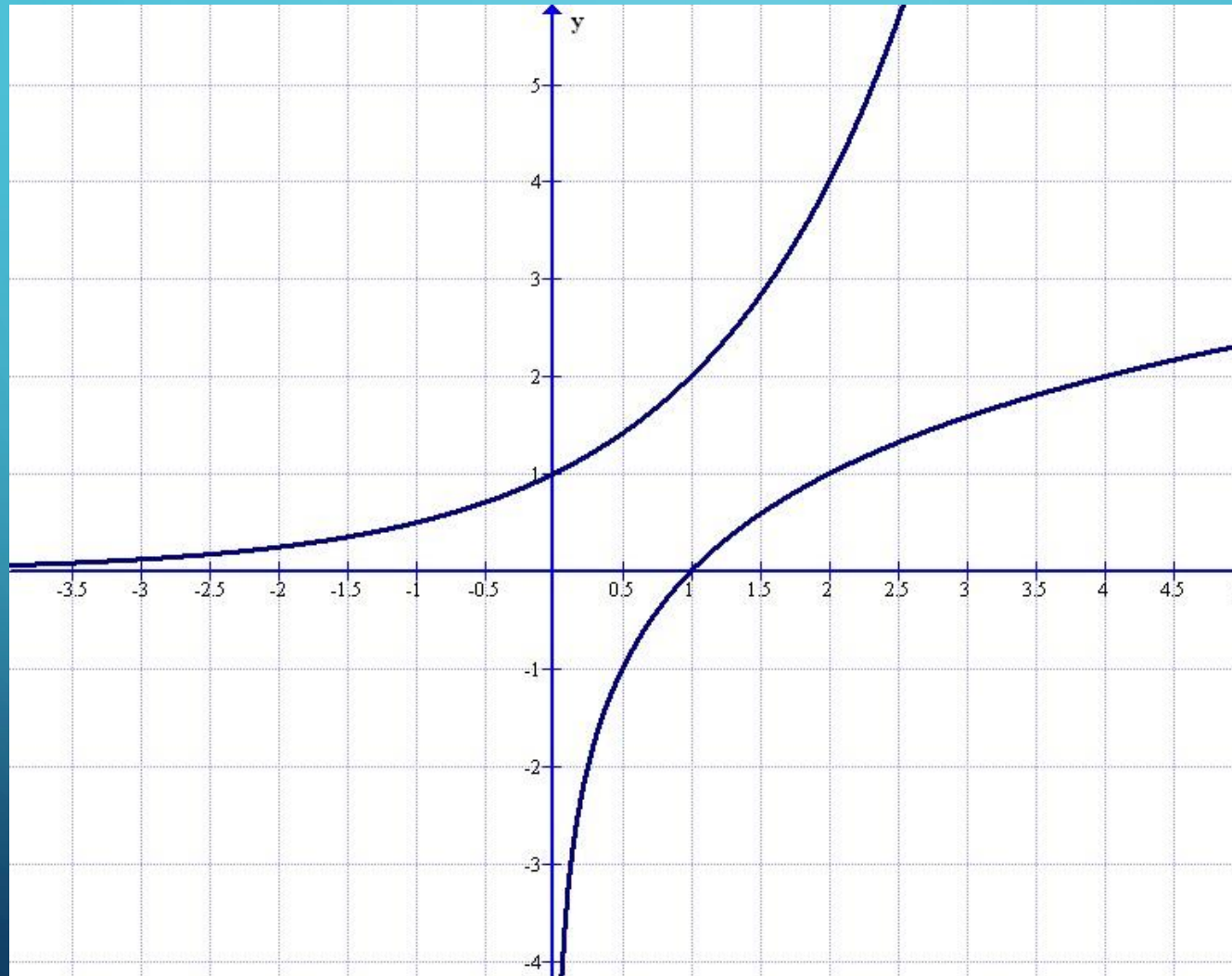
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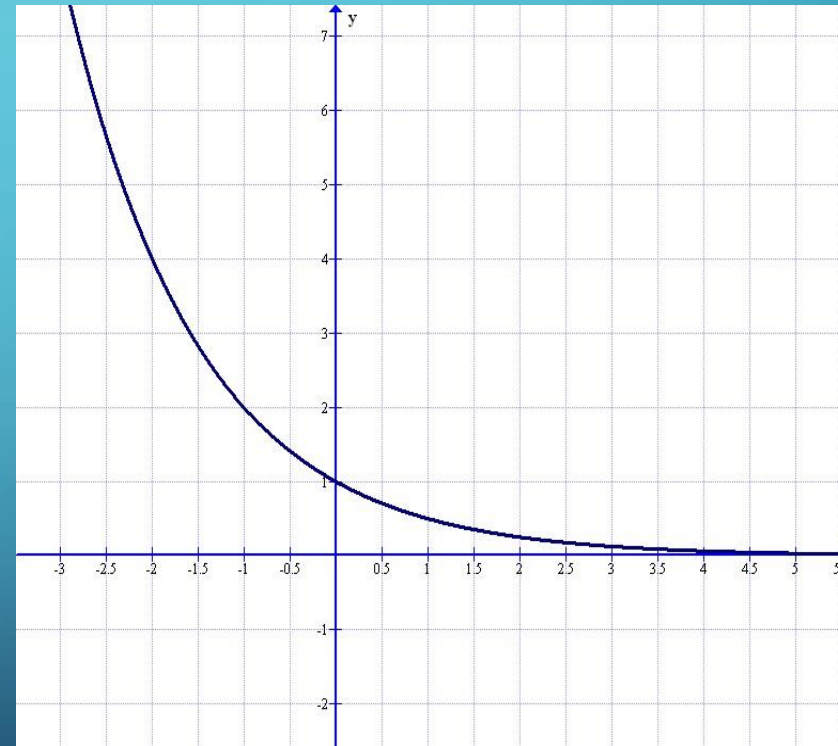
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# SKETCHING EXPONENTIAL AND LOG GRAPHS

Decreasing exponential graph:  $f(x): y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$

- No x-intercept as asymptote at  $y = 0$
- y-int:  $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = 1$
- Domain:  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- Range:  $y > 0$





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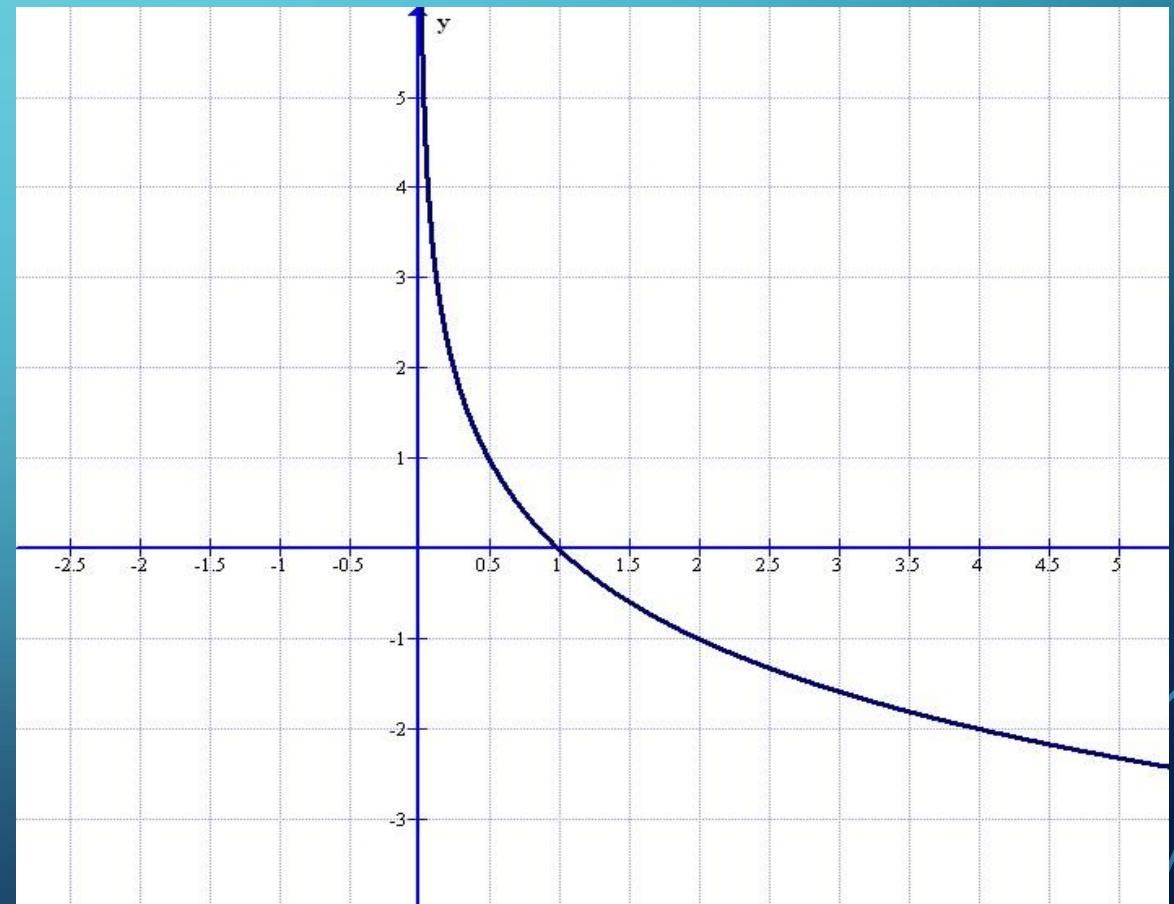
Decreasing log graph:  $f(x): y = \log_{\frac{1}{2}}x$

- No  $y$ -intercept as asymptote at  $x = 0$

- $x$ -int:  $0 = \log_{\frac{1}{2}}x$

$$x = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = 1$$

- Domain:  $x > 0$
- Range:  $y \in R$



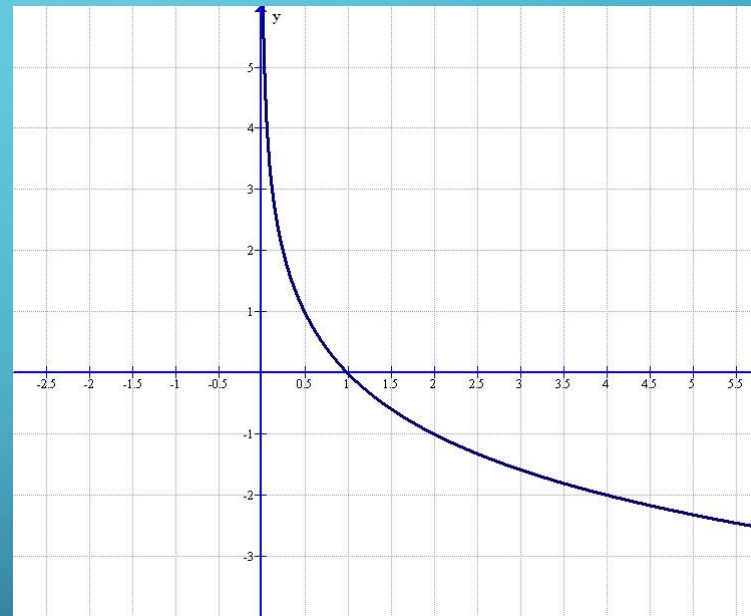
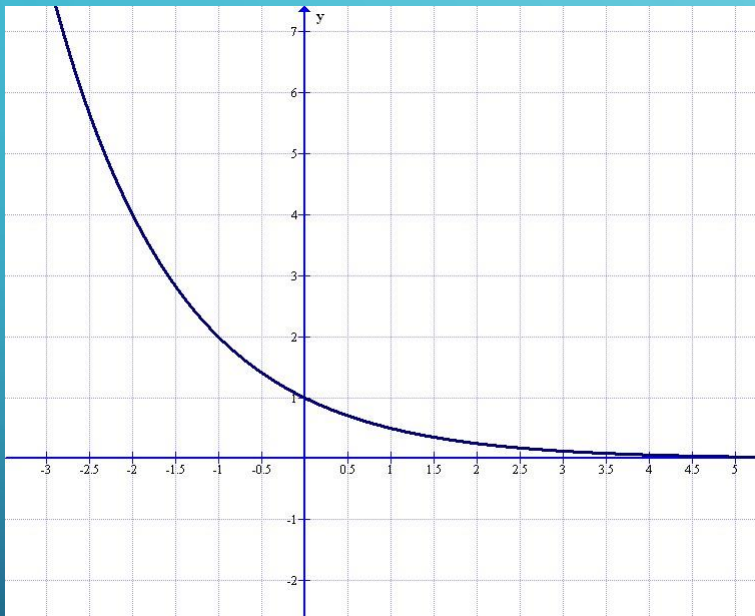
Decreasing Exponential

Graph:  $y = \frac{1}{2}^x$



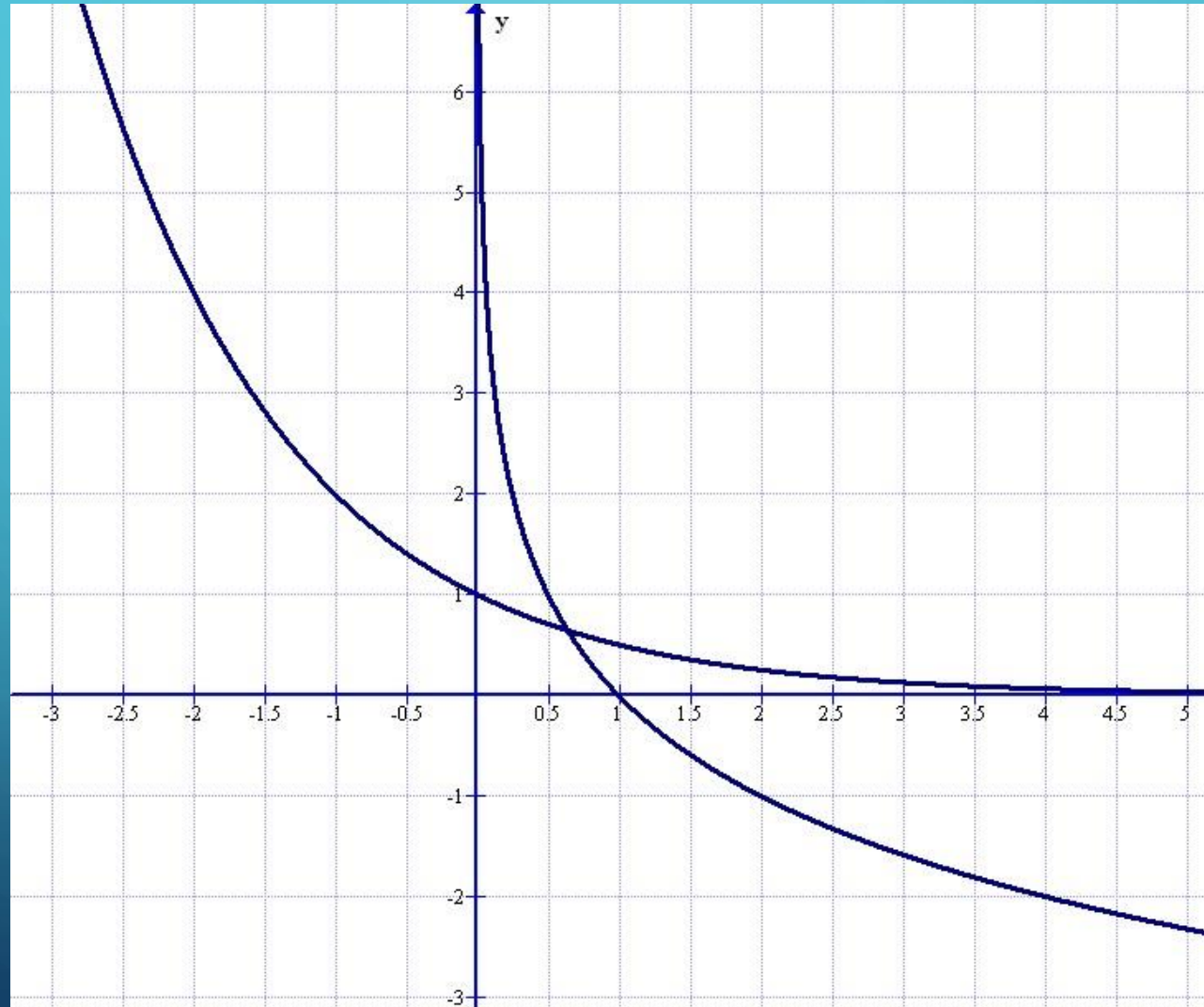
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Graph:  $y = \log_{\frac{1}{2}}x$



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# DECREASING EXPONENTIAL AND LOG GRAPHS ....



# EXERCISE 1

- Sketch the function and inverse of the following:

- A.  $f(x) = 3^x$

- B.  $g(x) = \frac{1}{3}^x$

# EXERCISE 1 ANSWERS

