

Took Unit 2 Quiz First

2.2 Power Functions with Modeling

Objective: Describe and create power functions

Power function:

FORM: $f(x) = k \cdot x^a$

power

variable

*constant of variation
(constant of proportion)*

Common Power Functions:

Power? Constant of variation

Circumference

$$C = 2\pi r$$

Area of a circle

$$A = \pi r^2$$

Force of gravity

$$f = mg$$

9.8 m/s^2
 32 ft/s^2

~~Boyle's Law~~

Higgins' Law

$$y = \frac{k}{w^2}$$

$$y = k w^{-2}$$

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|----|--------|
| 1 | 2π |
| 2 | π |
| 1 | g |
| -2 | k |

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In Exercises 1–10, determine whether the function is a power function, given that c , g , k , and π represent constants. For those that are power functions, state the power and constant of variation.

answers:

1. $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^5$

2. $f(x) = 9x^{5/3}$

3. $f(x) = 3 \cdot 2^x$

4. $f(x) = 13$

5. $E(m) = mc^2$


6. $KE(v) = \frac{1}{2}kv^5$

7. $d = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

8. $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

9. $I = \frac{k}{d^2}$

10. $F(a) = m \cdot a$

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- power = 5, constant = $-\frac{1}{2}$
 - power = $\frac{5}{3}$, constant = 9
 - not a power function
 - power = 0, constant = 13
 - power = 1, constant = c^2
 - power = 5, constant = $\frac{k}{2}$
 - power = 2, constant = $\frac{g}{2}$
 - power = 3, constant = $\frac{4\pi}{3}$
 - power = -2, constant = k
 - power = 1, constant = m

Positive powers are statements of Direct variation.

$$y = kx$$

Negative powers are statements of Inverse variation.

$$y = \frac{k}{x}$$

Write the statement as a power function. Use 'k' for the constant of variation if one is not given.

$$y = kx$$

1. The area of a rectangle with a fixed width varies directly with its length.

$$A = k\ell$$

2. The length of a rectangle with an area 50ft^2 varies inversely with its height.

$$y = \frac{k}{x} \quad \ell = \frac{k}{h}$$

Analyzing Power

Functions:

$$\sqrt[3]{x} \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) =$$

$$f(x) = x$$

Domain: all reals

Range: all reals

Continuous

Increasing for all x

*Symmetric with respect to
the origin (an odd function)*

Not bounded above or below

No local extrema

No asymptotes

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) =$$

Domain: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

Range: $(0, \infty)$

*Continuous on domain,
discontinuous at $x = 0$*

Increasing $(-\infty, 0)$

Decreasing $(0, \infty)$

Symmetric with respect to:

y-axis

Bounded below

No local extrema

Horizontal asymptote: $y = 0$,

Vertical asymptotes: $x = 0$



Analyzing Power Functions:

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

End Behavior: *limit notation*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$$

Ex

My paycheck varies directly
with the # of hours I work.

If I make $\$480$ by working 27 hours

how much will I make if I work 9.75 hours?

find formula

$$P = kW$$

P = paycheck

W = hrs worked

find var. constant

$$P = kW$$

$$480 = k(27)$$

$$k = \frac{480}{27}$$

$$k = 17.77$$

ans. Q hours

$$P = 17.77w$$

$$P = 17.77(9.75)$$

$$P = \$173.33$$

Ex The number of bats in a belfree is inversely proportional to the square of the # of fruit trees on the land. If there are 480 bats when 207 trees are present, determine # trees for 11,001 bats.

$$b = \text{bats}$$

$$t = \text{trees}$$

$$b = \frac{k}{t^2}$$

$$480 = \frac{k}{(207)^2}$$

$$k = 20567520$$

$$b = \frac{20567520}{t^2}$$

$$11001 = \frac{20567520}{t^2}$$

$$t^2 = \frac{20567520}{11001}$$

$$\sqrt{t^2} = \sqrt{1869.6}$$

$$t = 43.2 \text{ trees}$$