

4. [7 points] On a warm fall day, Schinella decides to walk home from work. Let $d = f(t)$ be the function giving Schinella's distance **from work**, in miles, t minutes after she leaves work.
- a. [3 points] Her walk home from work is 3 miles. Schinella wants to write a new function $g(h)$ that gives her distance **from home**, in miles, h hours after she leaves work. Write a formula for $g(h)$ in terms of f .

$$g(h) = \underline{\hspace{2cm} 3 - f(60h) \hspace{2cm}}$$

- b. [2 points] Schinella (who is from Canada) wants to write another new function $k(t)$ that gives her distance from work in **kilometers** t minutes after she leaves work. Given that 1 mile is about 1.6 kilometers, circle the correct formula for $k(t)$ below.

$$\boxed{1.6f(t)} \qquad f(1.6t) \qquad \frac{1}{1.6}f(t) \qquad f\left(\frac{t}{1.6}\right)$$

- c. [2 points] Let $c(t)$ be the function that gives the number of episodes of the podcast *Canadaland* that Schinella has listened to in the first t minutes of her walk. Assume that both $c(t)$ and $f(t)$ are invertible. Using those functions or their inverses, write an expression for Schinella's distance from work, in miles, after she's listened to 2.5 episodes of *Canadaland* while walking home.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm} f(c^{-1}(2.5)) \hspace{2cm}} \text{ miles}$$

5. [13 points]

- a. [4 points] A zookeeper has determined that the function $w(t)$ below provides a good model of the weight, in ounces, of a certain kind of snake t years after it hatches.

$$w(t) = -2e^{-(t-16)/5} + 52$$

Find the value of each of the following **as numbers rounded to two decimal places**. Then **briefly interpret** what each quantity means in the context of the problem.

i. $w(0) = \underline{\hspace{2cm} \approx 2.93 \hspace{2cm}}$ **Meaning:** When the snake is first born, it weighs approximately 2.93 ounces.

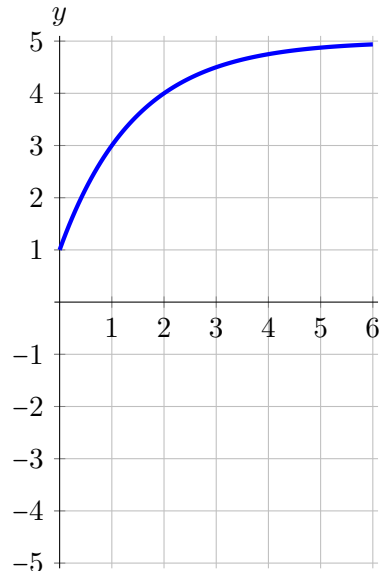
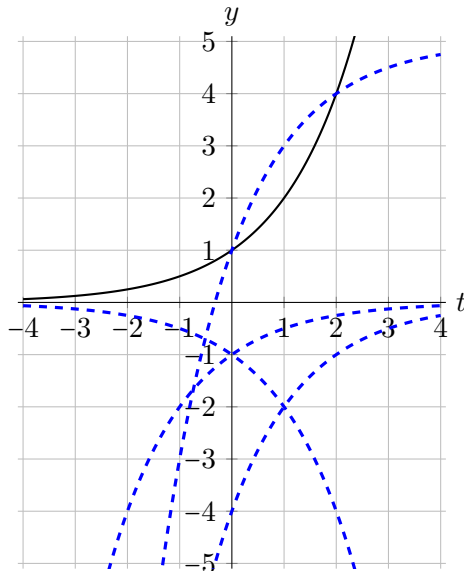
ii. $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} w(t) = \underline{\hspace{2cm} 52 \hspace{2cm}}$ **Meaning:** As the snake ages, its weight gets closer and closer to 52 ounces.

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- b. [2 points] The zookeeper also has a model $\ell(t)$ of the length, in feet, of this type of snake t years after it hatches.

$$\ell(t) = -2^{-(t-2)} + 5$$

Using the graph of $y = 2^t$ below as a starting point, sketch a graph of $y = \ell(t)$, for $0 \leq t < 6$, on the axes provided to the right.



Solution: The graph of the left shows sketches of the transformations done, in order, to the original graph as a way of arriving at the final graph. One could also plug in points such as $t = 1$, $t = 2$, etc., to get a sense for the final graph.

- c. [5 points] List the transformations you need to apply to the graph of $y = 2^t$ to transform it to that of $y = \ell(t)$. Fill in the first blank with one of the phrases below. Fill in the second blank with a number, “by a factor of” and a number, or N/A for reflections.

SHIFT IT TO THE LEFT

STRETCH IT HORIZONTALLY

REFLECT IT ACROSS THE y -AXIS

SHIFT IT TO THE RIGHT

COMPRESS IT HORIZONTALLY

REFLECT IT ACROSS THE t -AXIS

SHIFT IT UP

SHIFT IT DOWN

STRETCH IT VERTICALLY

COMPRESS IT VERTICALLY

First, Reflect it across the t -axis by N/A

then, Reflect it across the y -axis by N/A

then, Shift it to the right by 2

then, Shift it up by 5

Note that there are multiple orders this could be listed in. What's important is that the reflection across the t -axis is listed before the shift up; and that the reflection across the y -axis is listed before the shift right. If either shift is listed *first*, then the direction of the shift would have to be reversed from what is shown here in order to account for the reflection coming second.

Also note that there is a wholly other way to think about this problem. Because $-2^{-(t-2)} + 5$ is algebraically equivalent to $-2^{-t}2^4 + 5$ the horizontal shift is actually equivalent to a vertical stretch by 16. Any students who gave a vertical stretch instead of a horizontal shift would also have received full credit.

- d. [2 points] Give equations for all vertical and horizontal asymptotes of $\ell(t)$. If there are none, write NONE.

Vertical Asymptotes: **NONE**

Horizontal Asymptotes: $y = 5$

Solution: Because this is a shifted exponential function, there are no vertical asymptotes, only horizontal ones. We can see that as we plug in larger and larger values of t , that the term $-2^{-(t-2)}$ gets smaller and smaller, approaching 0, because we are raising 2 to higher and higher negative powers. So overall the function will approach 5.

Another way to see this is by looking at how the original asymptote $y = 0$ is transformed under the transformations in the list above. The only one that affects it is the final shift up by 5, making an asymptote of $y = 5$.