

**ERROR ANALYSIS** Describe and correct the error in simplifying the expression.

17.  $(3e^{5x})^2 = 3e^{(5x)(2)}$   
 $= 3e^{10x}$

18.  $\frac{e^{6x}}{e^{-2x}} = e^{6x - 2x}$   
 $= e^{4x}$

**EXAMPLE 2**

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**EVALUATING EXPRESSIONS** Use a calculator to evaluate the expression.

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|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 19. $e^3$       | 20. $e^{-3/4}$ | 21. $e^{2.2}$   | 22. $e^{1/2}$    |
| 23. $e^{-2/5}$  | 24. $e^{4.3}$  | 25. $e^7$       | 26. $e^{-4}$     |
| 27. $2e^{-0.3}$ | 28. $5e^{2/3}$ | 29. $-6e^{2.4}$ | 30. $0.4e^{4.1}$ |

**GROWTH OR DECAY** Tell whether the function is an example of *exponential growth* or *exponential decay*.

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| 31. $f(x) = 3e^{-x}$            | 32. $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}e^{4x}$ | 33. $f(x) = e^{-4x}$ | 34. $f(x) = \frac{3}{5}e^x$ |
| 35. $f(x) = \frac{1}{4}e^{-5x}$ | 36. $f(x) = e^{3x}$            | 37. $f(x) = 2e^{4x}$ | 38. $f(x) = 4e^{-2x}$       |

**EXAMPLE 3**

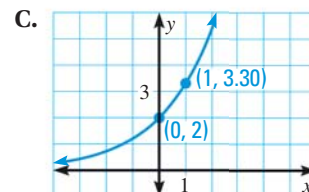
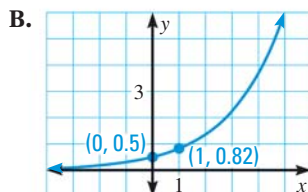
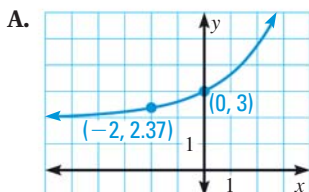
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**MATCHING GRAPHS** Match the function with its graph.

39.  $y = 0.5e^{0.5x}$

40.  $y = 2e^{0.5x}$

41.  $y = e^{0.5x} + 2$



**GRAPHING FUNCTIONS** Graph the function. State the domain and range.

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| 42. $y = e^{-2x}$                   | 43. $y = 3e^x$                      | 44. $y = 0.5e^x$             |
| 45. $y = 2e^{-3x} - 1$              | 46. $y = 2.5e^{-0.5x} + 2$          | 47. $y = 0.6e^{x-2}$         |
| 48. $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{x+3} - 2$ | 49. $g(x) = \frac{4}{3}e^{x-1} + 1$ | 50. $h(x) = e^{-2(x+1)} - 3$ |

51. **GRAPHING CALCULATOR** Use the *table* feature of a graphing calculator to find the value of  $n$  for which  $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$  gives the value of  $e$  correct to 9 decimal places. Explain the process you used to find your answer.

52. **SHORT RESPONSE** Can  $e$  be expressed as a ratio of two integers? Explain your reasoning.

53. **OPEN ENDED** Find values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $r$ , and  $q$  such that  $f(x) = ae^{rx}$  and  $g(x) = be^{qx}$  are exponential *decay* functions and  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  is an exponential *growth* function.

54. **CHALLENGE** Explain why  $A = P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^{nt}$  approximates  $A = Pe^{rt}$  as  $n$  approaches positive infinity. (Hint: Let  $m = \frac{n}{r}$ .)