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UNIT 4 • EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS Lesson 4.11: Comparing Linear to Exponential Functions

Practice 4.11: Comparing Linear to Exponential Functions

Use what you know about linear and exponential functions to complete problems 1-6.

- 1. Which increases faster, f(x) = 4x or $g(x) = 3^{x}$? Justify your answer using a graph.
- 2. Which increases faster, f(x) = 4x + 3 or $g(x) = 4^x + 3$? Justify your answer using a table of values.
- 3. Which decreases faster, $f(x) = 200(0.82)^x$ or g(x) = 200 8.2x? Justify your answer using a graph.
- 4. Which decreases faster, $f(x) = 2000(0.75)^x$ or g(x) = 2000 0.25x? Justify your answer using a table of values.
- 5. At what point does the value of f(x) exceed the value of g(x) if $f(x) = 3(2)^{\overline{2}}$ and g(x) = 3x + 2? Justify your answer with a graph.
- 6. At what point does the value of f(x) exceed the value of g(x) if $f(x) = 200(1.194)^{\overline{8}}$ and g(x) = 8x + 225? Justify your answer with a graph.

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Use the following information to answer questions 7–10.

You are looking to invest \$1,200. One savings option follows the function

f(x) = 1200 + 1200(0.055)x, where f(x) is the amount of money in savings after x years. The second option is represented by the function $g(x) = 1200 \left(1 + \frac{0.035}{12}\right)^{12x}$, where g(x) is the amount of money after x years.

- 7. Which increases faster, f(x) or g(x)? Use a graph to explain your answer.
- 8. After what point does the value of g(x) exceed the value of f(x)?
- 9. If you were looking to invest your money for less than 10 years, which option would you choose? Explain your reasoning.
- 10. If you were looking to invest your money for more than 25 years, which option would you choose? Explain your reasoning.