

In 1996, there were 2573 computer viruses. During the next 7 years, the number of incidents increased by about 92% each year. What is the exponential growth model giving the number  $n$  of incidents  $t$  years after 1996.

In what year will there be more than 5,000 incidents?

$$5000 = 2573(1 + 0.92)^t \quad \text{in the year 1997}$$

$$\frac{5000}{2573} = 1.92^t$$

$$\log_{1.92} \left( \frac{5000}{2573} \right) = t$$

$$\frac{\log \left( \frac{5000}{2573} \right)}{\log 1.92} \approx 1.018$$

An exponential function goes through the points (3, 64) and (2, 16) write a model for the function.

$$y = ab^x$$

$$y = 1.4^x$$

$$64 = ab^3$$

$$\frac{64}{b^3} = a$$

$$\frac{64}{4^3} = 1$$

$$16 = ab^2$$

$$16 = 64 \left( \frac{b^2}{b^3} \right)$$

$$\frac{16}{64} = b^{-1}$$

$$b = \frac{64}{16} = 4$$

A power function goes through the points (3, 3) and (6, 12) write a model for the function.

$$y = ax^b$$

$$12 = a(6^b)$$

$$\frac{12}{6^b} = a$$

$$\frac{12}{6^2} = a$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = a$$

$$3 = a3^b$$

$$3 = 12 \left( \frac{3^b}{6^b} \right)$$

$$\frac{3}{12} = \left( \frac{3}{6} \right)^b$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^b$$

$$\log_5 \frac{1}{4} = b$$

$$b = 2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} x^2$$