

$y = 20x$

x	y
0.5	
1	
2	
4	
10	

Power = 1
[x]
Slope = _____

$y = 10x^2$

x	y
1	
2	
4	
6	

Power = 2
[+]
Slope = _____

$y = 10x^3$

x	y
1	
2	
3	

Power = 3
[*]
Slope = _____

$y = 10\sqrt{x}$

x	y
1	
4	
9	

Power = $\frac{1}{2}$
[q]
Slope = _____

$y = 50$

x	y
1	
3	
5	
10	

Power = 0
[o]
Slope = _____

$y = \frac{100}{x}$

x	y
0.5	
1	
2	
5	
10	

Power = -1
[>]
Slope = _____

$y = \frac{1000}{x^2}$

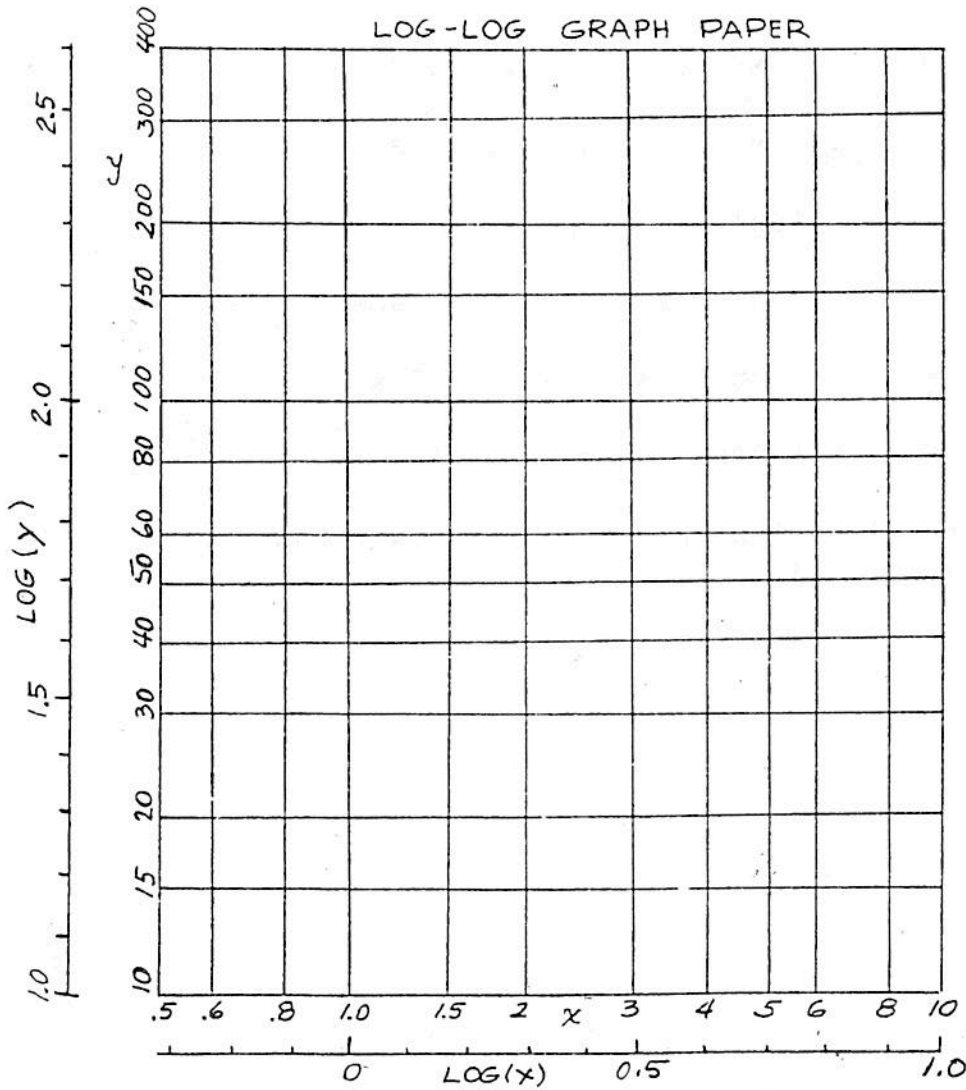
x	y
2	
5	
10	

Power = -2
[<]
Slope = _____

$y = 20 + x^2$

x	y
1	
2	
3	
5	
10	

not a Power Relation
[#]
Is it a straight line?



Learn: How to use log-log graph paper to graph the logarithms of two variables, without having to calculate their logs.

Learn: What a "power function" is [$y = (\text{constant})(x^n)$]

Learn: that all power functions graph as straight lines when their variables are transformed to their logs.

Learn: the relation between the power (n in the equation $y = Ax^n$) and the slope of the graph of $\log(y)$ vs $\log(x)$

Learn: what a negative power means in a power function, and what such a function looks like on the log-log graph.

On the log-log graph paper you are given for this homework, the range of x-values goes from 0.5 to 10, and the range of y-values goes from 10 to 400. In each of the following problems, calculate 'y' for each of the values of 'x' that are given. Then graph $\log(y)$ vs $\log(x)$, without calculating the logarithms. So that you can tell which points go with which function, use the symbols [] given with each problem. Connect the points and measure the slope -- using centimeters, or log values, not the numbers whose logs you have graphed.

1. [x] Power: 1 $y = 20x$ (x is the same as x^1) for $x = 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 10$
2. [+] Power: 2 $y = 10x^2$ for $x = 1, 2, 4, 6$
3. [*] Power: 3 $y = 10x^3$ for $x = 1, 2, 3$
4. [q] Power: 1/2 $y = 10x^{(1/2)}$ (same as 10 x square root of x) for $x = 1, 4,$
5. [o] Power: 0 $y = 50x^0$ ($x^0 = 1$, so the same as: $y = 50$) for $x = 1, 3, 5, 10$
6. [>] Power: -1 $y = 100x^{-1}$ (same as $y = 100/x$) for $x = 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10$
7. [<] Power: -2 $y = 1000x^{-2}$ (same as $y = 1000/(x^2)$) for $x = 2, 5, 10$
8. [#] Finally a function that is not a power function: $y = 20 + x^2$
for $x = 1, 2, 3, 5, 10$