

Today

- $\ln(x)$ as inverse function for e^x .
- Derivative of $\ln(x)$.
- Derivative of a^x .
- Converting between a^x and e^{kx} .
- Note that topics covered on Midterm 1 might reappear on Midterm 2 in the context of exponential and logarithmic functions.
(definition of derivative, product/quotient rules, tangent lines, linear approximation, Newton's method)

A note about units

- e is a “pure” number without units, called **dimensionless**.
- This means e^a for any a is also dimensionless.
- Furthermore, the exponent, a , must also be dimensionless.
- If $y(t) = y_0 e^{-kt}$, and t is time in seconds, what must be the units of k ?

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$f^{-1}(x)$ is the function that goes backwards through $f(x)$. If you plug the output of $f(x)$ into $f^{-1}(x)$, you will get back to x .

Let $f(x)=e^x$. Define $\ln(x)$
to be $f^{-1}(x)$.

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(C) If $c=a^d$ then $\ln(c) = d \ln(a)$.

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$\ln(x)$ = natural logarithm of x = $\log_e(x)$

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$g(x) = \ln(x)$

$\rightarrow g'(x) = 1/x$

• Solve for y' : $y' = e^{-y} = 1/x$

$$f(x) = a^x. \quad f'(x) = C_a a^x. \quad C_a = ???$$

- Recall that we got stuck on this derivative.
- Time to get unstuck...

$$f(x) = e^{\ln(2)x}.$$

$$(A) f'(x) = e^{\ln(2)x}.$$

$$(B) f'(x) = \ln(2)e^{\ln(2)x}.$$

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From the last two clicker Qs...

- $f(x) = e^{\ln(2)x} \rightarrow f'(x) = \ln(2)e^{\ln(2)x}.$
- $f(x) = e^{\ln(2)x} \rightarrow f(x) = 2^x.$
- So $f(x) = 2^x \rightarrow f'(x) = 2^x \ln(2).$
- In general, $f(x) = a^x \rightarrow f'(x) = a^x \ln(a).$

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$$\ln(a) = k \ln(e)$$

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$$\ln(a) = k$$

$$f(x) = a^x = e^{\ln(a)x}$$

$$\rightarrow f'(x) = a^x \ln(a).$$

Which of following is the graph of $\ln(x)$?

(A)



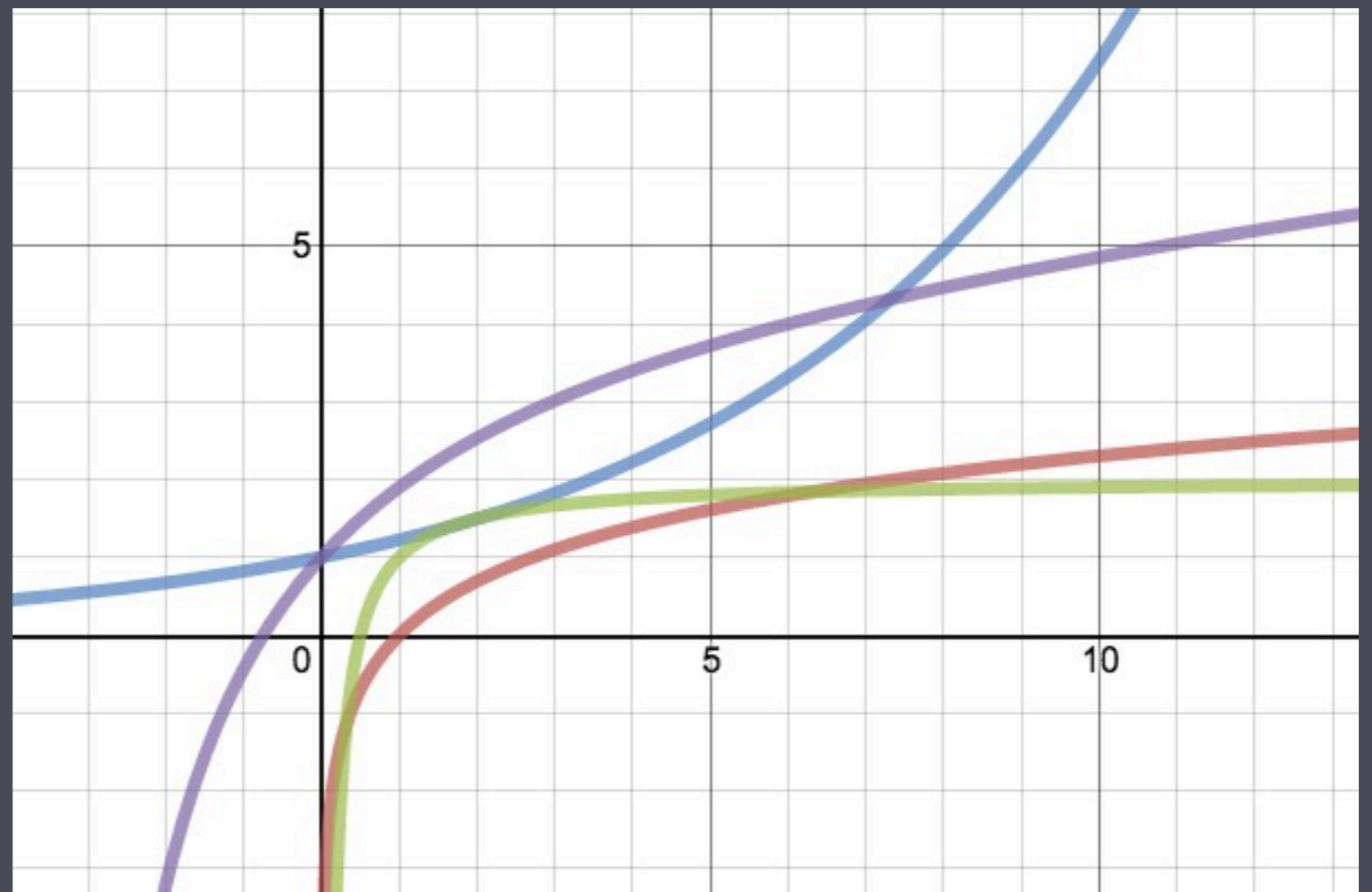
(B)



(C)



(D)



Log-log and semi-log plots

- A log-log plot is a plot on which you plot $\log(y)$ versus $\log(x)$ instead of y versus x .
- A semi-log plot is a plot on which you plot $\log(y)$ versus x instead of y versus x .

←---this is what OSH 5 asks you to use

Semi-log plot of exponential function

- Suppose $y = ae^{kx}$. a and k are constants.
- Define new variable $V = \ln(y)$.
- $V = \ln(y) = \ln(ae^{kx}) = \ln(a) + kx$.
- $V = A + kx$ where $A = \ln(a)$.
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Log-log plot of power function

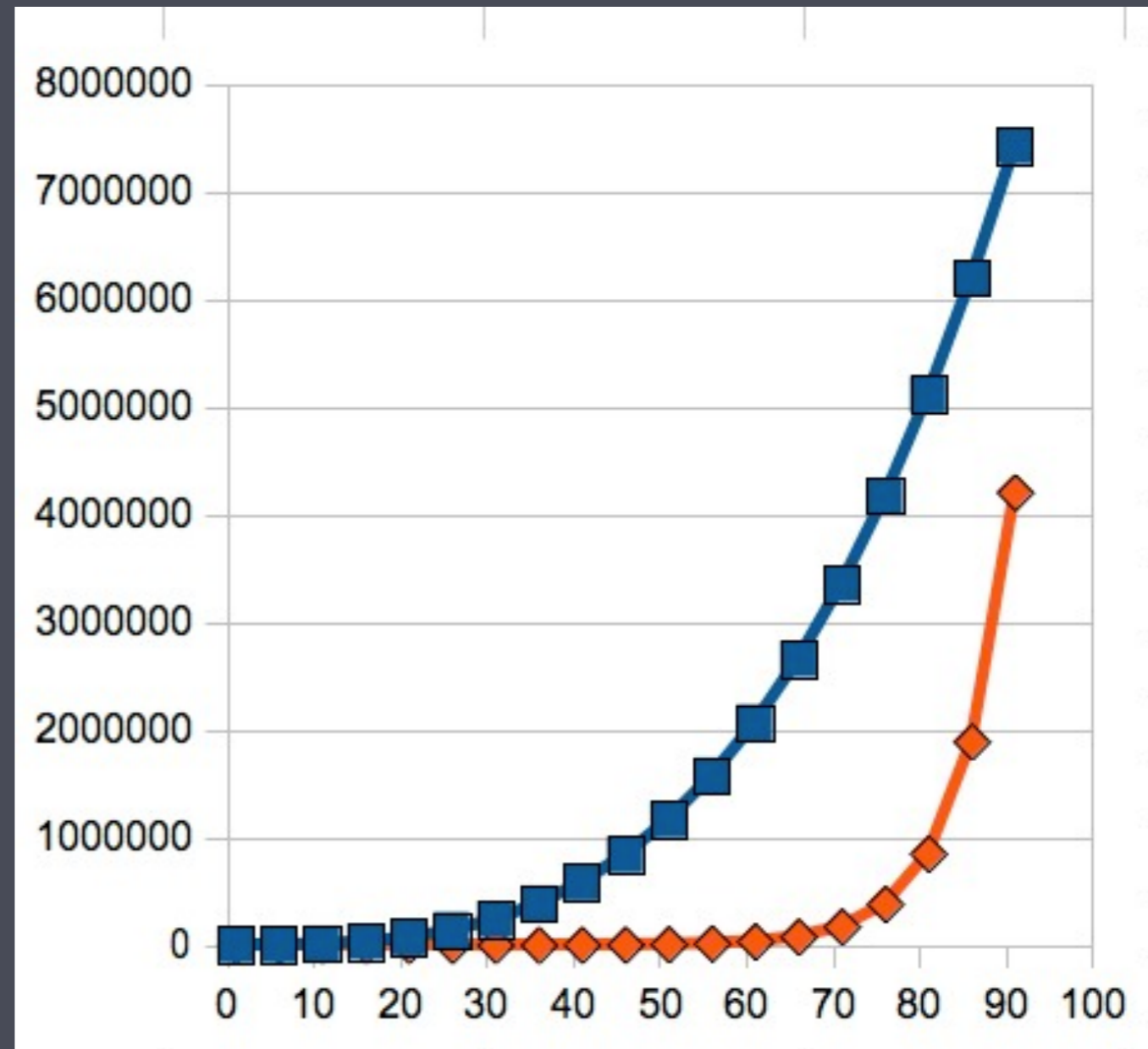
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- $V = A + pU$ where $A = \ln(a)$, $U = \ln(x)$.
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Regular, log-log and semi-log plots

Two data sets.

Power function?

Exponential function?

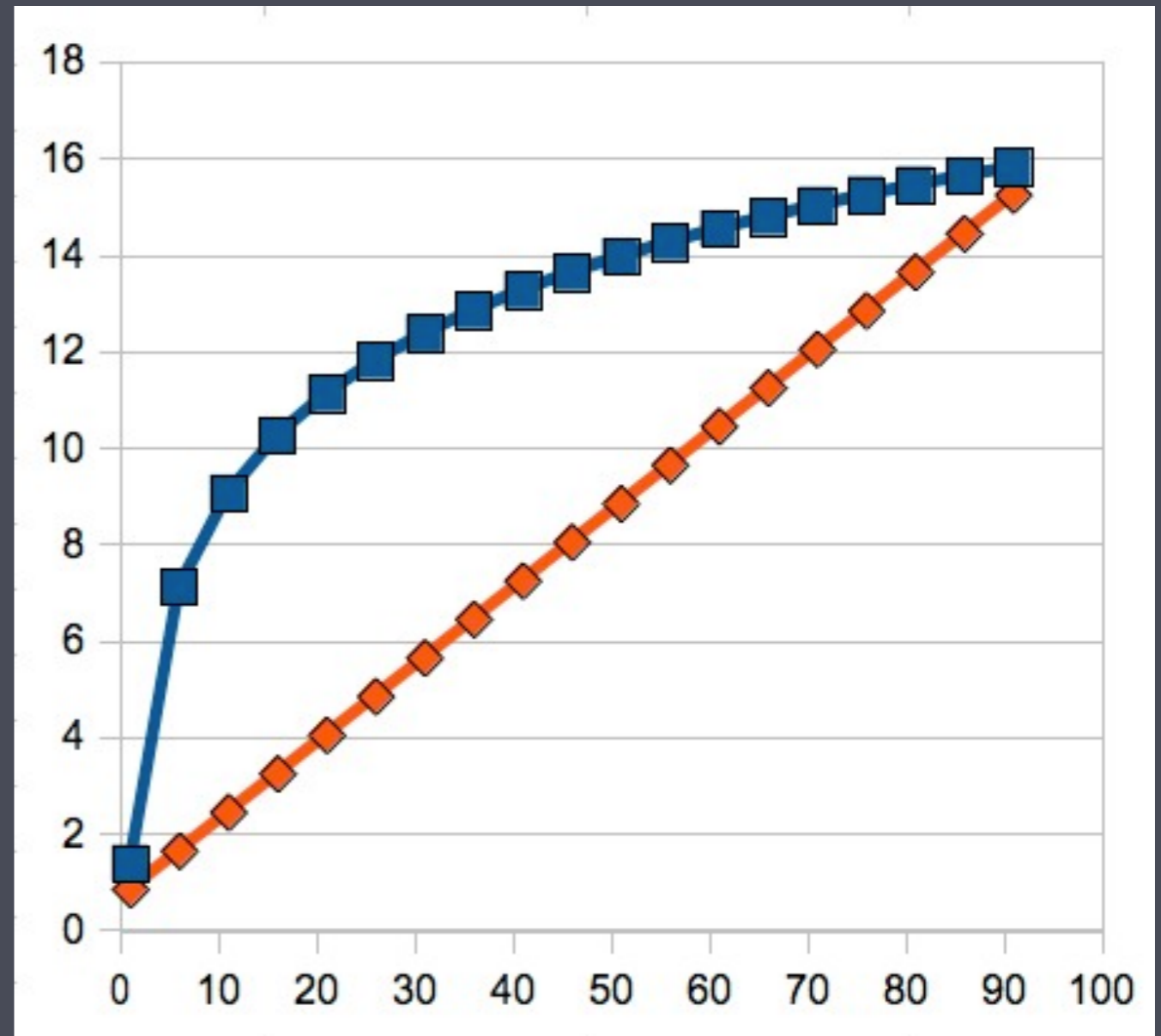


Regular x-y plot.

Plot $Y_i = \ln(y_i)$ versus x_i .

Conclude that:

- (A) Blue is power function.
- (B) Blue is exponential.
- (C) Orange is power function.
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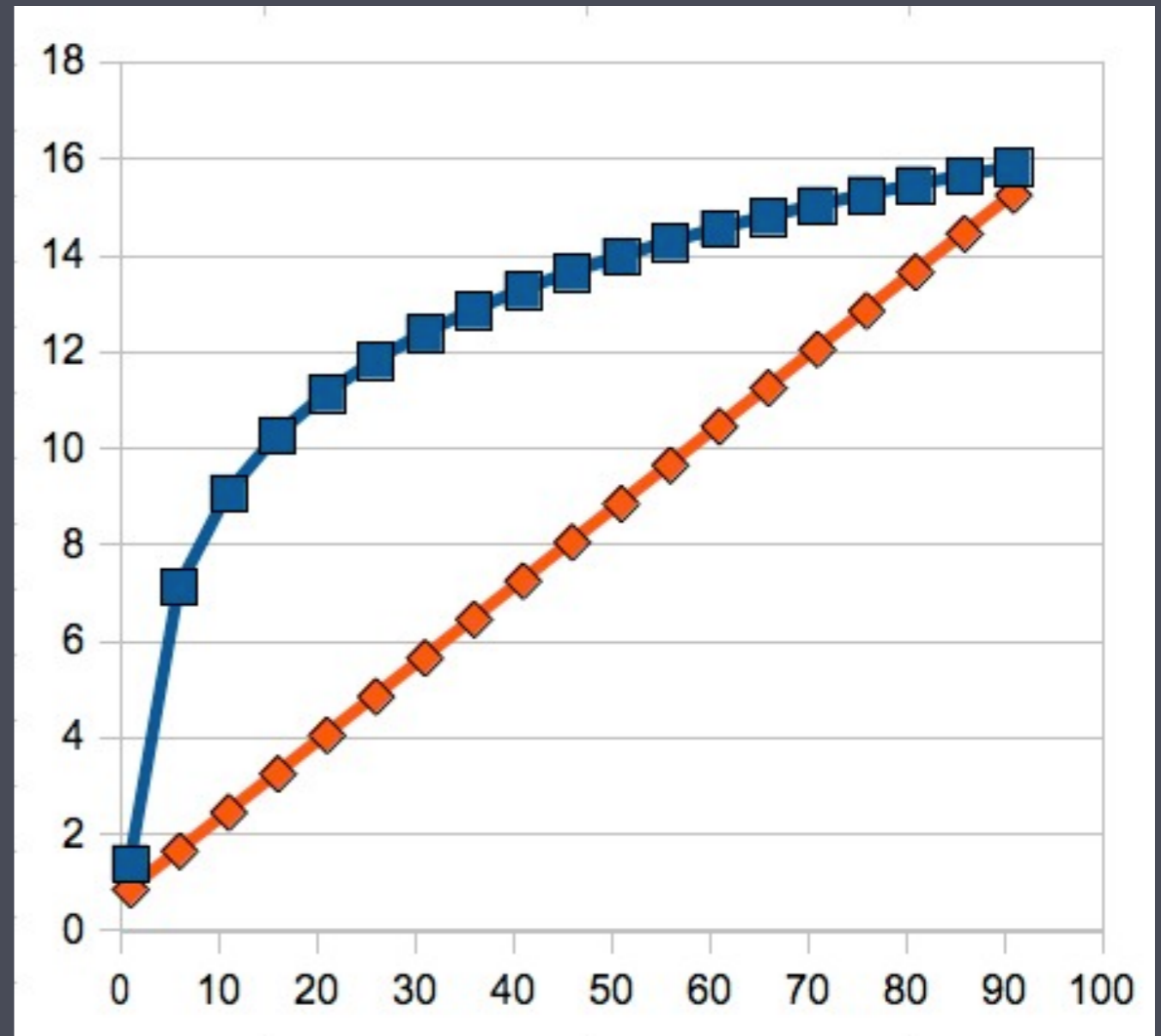


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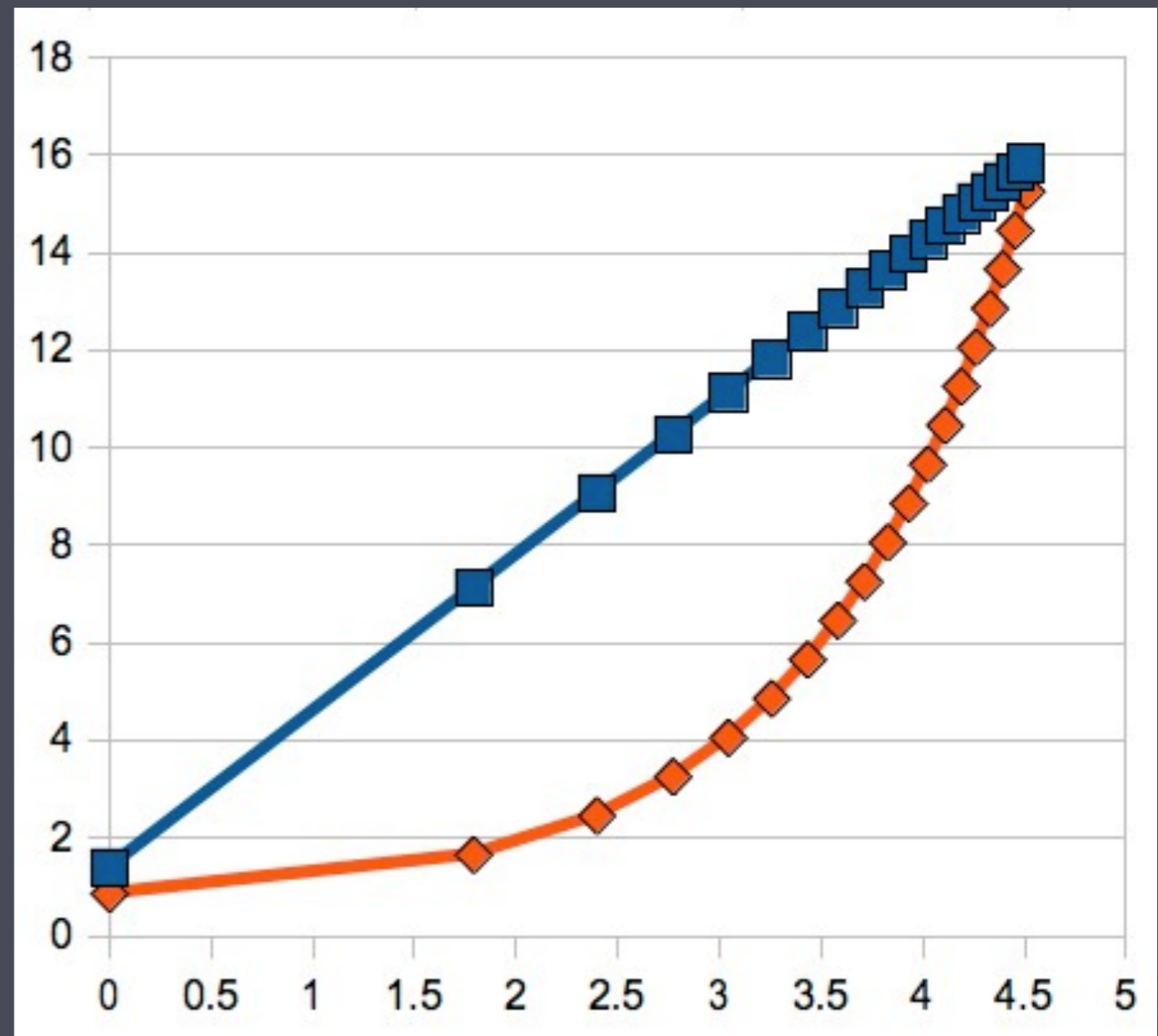


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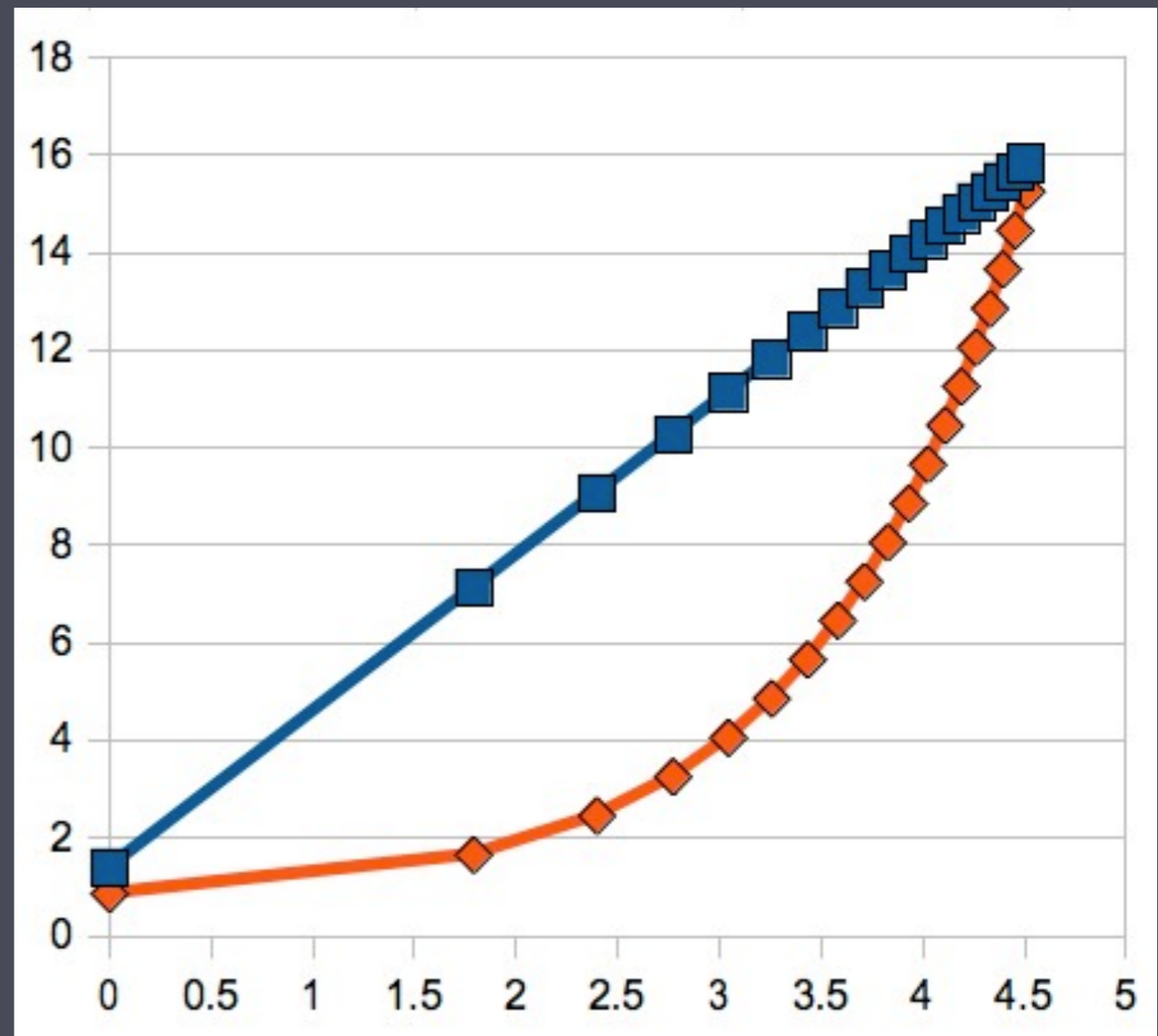


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