

Properties of Exponentials and Logarithms
and Solving Exponential and Logarithmic equations

Write the equation in its equivalent exponential form.

1) $\log_4 16 = 2$

$$4^2 = 16$$

2) $\log_b 64 = 2$

$$b^2 = 64$$

Write the equation in its equivalent logarithmic form.

3) $6^3 = 216$

$$\log_6 216 = 3$$

4) $\sqrt[3]{343} = 7 \rightarrow 343^{1/3} = 7$

$$\log_{343} 7 = 1/3$$

Solve the exponential equation. Use a calculator to obtain a decimal approximation, correct to two decimal places, for the solution.

5) $10^x = 3.19$

$$\log 3.19 = x$$

$$x = 0.504$$

6) $e^{(3x)} = 5$

$$\ln e^{3x} = \ln 5$$

$$3x = 1.609$$

$$x = 0.536$$

$$7) e^{(4x-5)} - 2 = 1182$$

$$\ln e^{4x-5} = \ln 1184$$

$$4x-5 = 7.077$$

$$4x = 12.077$$

$$x = 3.019$$

Solve the logarithmic equation. Be sure to reject any value that is not in the domain of the original logarithmic expressions. Give the exact answer.

$$8) \log_3(x-5) + \log_3(x-11) = 3$$

$$\log_3(x-5)(x-11) = 3$$

$$3^3 = x^2 - 11x - 5x + 55$$

$$27 = x^2 - 16x + 55$$

$$x^2 - 16x + 28 = 0$$

$$(x-14)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = 14 \quad x = 2$$

$$9) 4 + 8 \ln x = 8$$

$$8 \ln x = 4$$

$$e \ln x = e^{1/2}$$

$$x = e^{1/2} \quad x = 1.649$$

or

$$8 \ln x = 4$$

$$\ln x = 1/2$$

$$\ln x = \log_e x = 1/2$$

$$e^{1/2} = x$$

$$x = 1.649$$

$$10) \log_2(x+3) = 4 + \log_2(x-2)$$

$$\log_2(x+3) - \log_2(x-2) = 4$$

$$\log_2 \frac{x+3}{x-2} = 4$$

$$2^4 = \frac{x+3}{x-2}$$

$$16(x-2) = x+3$$

$$16x - 32 = x+3$$

$$15x = 35$$

$$x = 7/3$$

$$11) \log(3+x) - \log(x-2) = \log 2$$

$$\log \frac{3+x}{x-2} = \log 2 \rightarrow \frac{3+x}{x-2} = 2 \rightarrow 2x-4 = 3+x$$

$$x = 7$$

$$12) \ln x + \ln(x+1) = \ln 6$$

$$\ln(x^2+x) = \ln 6$$

$$x^2+x-6=0$$

$$(x+3)(x-2)=0$$

$$x = 2 \quad x \neq -3$$

$$13) \log(x+20) - \log 2 = \log(3x+4)$$

$$\log \frac{x+20}{2} = \log 3x+4$$

$$\frac{x+20}{2} = \frac{3x+4}{1}$$

$$x+20 = 6x+8$$

$$12 = 5x$$

$$x = 12/5$$

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Solve the problem.

- 1) The population of wolves in a state park after t years is modeled by the function $P(t) = \frac{800}{1 + 99e^{-0.3t}}$.

What was the initial population of wolves?

$$P(0) = \frac{800}{1 + 99} = 8$$

What is the maximum sustainable population?

800

About how many years will it take for the wolf population to reach 200?

$$\frac{200}{1} = \frac{800}{1 + 99e^{-0.3t}}$$

$$800 = 200(1 + 99e^{-0.3t})$$

$$4 = 1 + 99e^{-0.3t}$$

$$3 = 99e^{-0.3t}$$

$$\frac{3}{99} = e^{-0.3t}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{33}\right) = -0.3t$$

$$-3.4965 = -0.3t$$

$$\boxed{11.6 \text{ years} = t}$$

- 2) How long will it take for \$5500 to grow to \$22,600 at an interest rate of 3% if the interest is compounded continuously? Round the number of years to the nearest hundredth.

$$22,600 = 5500e^{.03t}$$

$$4.109 = e^{.03t}$$

$$\ln(4.109) = .03t$$

$$1.4132 = .03t$$

$$47.11 = t$$

- 3) Find how long it will take for \$6200 invested at 9.275% per year compounded daily to triple in value. Find the answer to the nearest year.

$$18600 = 6200 \left(1 + \frac{.09275}{365}\right)^{365t}$$

$$3 = 1.00025^{365t}$$

$$\log_{1.00025} 3 = 365t$$

$$4323.93 = 365t$$

$$11.85 = t$$

About 12 years

Use Newton's Law of Cooling, $T = C + (T_0 - C)e^{-kt}$, for problems 4 & 5.

- 4) A lasagna removed from the oven has a temperature of 430°F. It is left sitting in a room that has a temperature of 65°F. After 6 minutes, the temperature of the lasagna is 320°F. Use Newton's Law of Cooling to find a model for the temperature of the lasagna, T , after t minutes.

$$320 = 65 + (430 - 65)e^{-k(6)}$$

$$320 = 65 + 365e^{-6k}$$

$$255 = 365e^{-6k}$$

$$0.6986 = e^{-6k}$$

$$\ln(0.6986) = -6k$$

$$-0.3586 = -6k$$

$$0.0598 = k$$

$$T = 65 + (430 - 65)e^{-0.0598t}$$

$$T = 65 + 365e^{-0.0598t}$$

- 5) A cake is removed from an oven at 325 °F and cools to 150 °F after 25 minutes in a room 68 °F. How long will it take the cake to cool to 113 °F?

$$150 = 68 + (325 - 68)e^{-k(25)}$$

$$82 = 257e^{-25k}$$

$$0.319 = e^{-25k}$$

$$\ln 0.319 = -25k$$

$$-1.1424 = -25k$$

$$0.0457 = k$$

$$113 = 68 + (257)e^{-0.0457t}$$

$$45 = 257e^{-0.0457t}$$

$$0.1751 = e^{-0.0457t}$$

$$\ln(0.1751) = -0.0457t$$

$$-1.742 = -0.0457t$$

$$38.1 \text{ minutes} = t$$