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Mixed practice

Exponential Equations

& Log Equations

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Solve for exact answers, then find approximations with four decimal places.

1) $\ln(3x) - \ln(x-3) = 2$

6) $5^{3x-5} = 4$

2) $3^{2x} = 7$

7) $\log_2 x + \log_2 2x - 3 = 1$

3) $\log_5 2 + \log_5 x = 2$

8) $3 \cdot 4^{x+5} = 2$

4) $3^{2x+1} = 6$

9) $-\log_6(4x+7) + \log_6 x = 1$

5) $\log(5x) - \log(x+1) = 4$

10) $2 \cdot 5^{x-1} = 1$

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Key

Solve for exact answers, then find approximations with four decimal places.

$$\log_5 4 = 3x - 5 \quad \frac{\log(4) + 5}{3} = x$$

1) $\ln(3x) - \ln(x-3) = 2$

$$\ln\left(\frac{3x}{x-3}\right) = 2$$

$$x = \frac{-3e^2}{(3-e^2)}$$

$$e^2 = \frac{3x}{x-3}$$

$$x \approx 5.05055$$

$$e^2 x - 3e^2 = 3x$$

$$5.0506$$

$$-3e^2 = 3x - e^2 x$$

$$-3e^2 = x(3 - e^2)$$

2) $3^{2x} = 7$

$$\log 3^{2x} = \log 7$$

$$2x \log 3 = \log 7$$

$$x = \frac{\log 7}{2 \log 3} = \frac{\log 7}{\log 9} \approx 0.88562$$

$$\approx 0.8856$$

3) $\log_5 2 + \log_5 x = 2$

$$\log_5 2x = 2$$

$$5^2 = 2x$$

$$25 = 2x$$

$$\frac{25}{2} = x$$

$$x = 12.5$$

4) $3^{2x+1} = 6$

$$\log 3^{2x+1} = \log 6$$

$$(2x+1) \log 3 = \log 6$$

$$2x+1 = \frac{\log 6}{\log 3}$$

$$2x = \frac{\log 6}{\log 3} - 1$$

5) $\log(5x) - \log(x+1) = 4$

$$\log \frac{5x}{x+1} = 4$$

$$10^4 = \frac{5x}{x+1}$$

$$10000(x+1) = 5x$$

$$10000x + 10000 = 5x$$

$$9995x = -10000$$

$$x = \frac{-10000}{9995} = \frac{-2000}{1999}$$

$$x \approx -1.00050$$

$$x \approx -1.0005$$

NO SOLUTION

6) $5^{3x-5} = 4$

$$\log 5^{3x-5} = \log 4$$

$$(3x-5) \log 5 = \log 4$$

$$3x-5 = \frac{\log 4}{\log 5}$$

$$3x = \frac{\log 4}{\log 5} + 5$$

7) $\log_2 x + \log_2 2x - 3 = 1$

$$\log_2 (x \cdot 2x) = 4$$

$$\log_2 2x^2 = 4$$

$$2^4 = 2x^2$$

$$16 = 2x^2$$

$$8 = x^2$$

$$x = +\sqrt{8} \text{ or } -\sqrt{8}$$

$$x = \sqrt{8} =$$

$$x = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$x = 2.82842$$

$$x \approx 2.8284$$

8) $\frac{3 \cdot 4^{x+5}}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$4^{x+5} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$(x+5) \log 4 = \log \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x+5 = \frac{\log \frac{2}{3}}{\log 4}$$

$$x = \frac{\log \frac{2}{3}}{\log 4} - 5$$

$$x = -5.29248$$

$$x \approx -5.2925$$

9) $-\log_6(4x+7) + \log_6 x = 1$

$$\log_6 x - \log_6 (4x+7) = 1$$

$$\log_6 \left(\frac{x}{4x+7} \right) = 1$$

$$6 = \frac{x}{4x+7}$$

$$6(4x+7) = x$$

$$24x + 42 = x$$

$$\frac{23x = -42}{x = \frac{-42}{23}}$$

NO SOLUTION

10) $\frac{2 \cdot 5^{x-1}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$5^{x-1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(x-1) \log 5 = \log \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$x-1 = \frac{\log \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}{\log 5}$$

$$x = \frac{\log .5}{\log 5} + 1$$

$$x = .56932$$

$$x \approx .5693$$

★ Absolutely do not ever try to "divide by" a log.

$$\log_2 x = 7$$

means

$$2^7 = x$$

$$128 = x$$

NOT

~~$$\log_2 x = 7$$
$$x = \frac{7}{\log_2}$$~~

↗ This says you have learned very little, so it will get zero credit.

Ditto $\ln x = 2$

means

$$e^2 = x$$

NOT

~~$$x = \frac{2}{\ln}$$~~

★ $\ln$ or $\log$ without an argument is nonsense. We must always take the $\log$ or $\ln$ of something. $\ln(x)$
 $\log(2)$

Our main strategies for equations:

If we have a log, write an exponential.

If we have an exponential, take logs of both sides of the eqn.

9.7.47

Use the formula $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$ to solve the compound interest problem.

Find how long it takes for \$1500 to double if it is invested at 4% interest compounded monthly.

The money will double in value in approximately 8.7 years.

(Do not round until the final answer. Then round to the nearest tenth as needed.)

$$P = 1500$$

$$A = \text{double } 1500 = 3000$$

$$r = .04$$

$$n = 12 \text{ (monthly } \Rightarrow 12 \text{ times per year)}$$

$$t = \text{unknown.}$$

$$3000 = \underbrace{1500}_{\substack{\text{div} \\ \text{by} \\ 1500 \\ \text{to} \\ \text{isolate the exponential}}} \left(1 + \frac{.04}{12} \right)^{12t}$$

$$\frac{3000}{1500} = \left(1 + \frac{.04}{12} \right)^{12t}$$

Simplify

$$2 = \left(1 + \frac{.04}{12} \right)^{12t}$$

Take logs

$$\log 2 = \log \left(1 + \frac{.04}{12} \right)^{12t}$$

Log property #3:

$$\log 2 = 12t \cdot \log \left(1 + \frac{.04}{12} \right)$$

Isolate t : by dividing

$$\frac{\log 2}{12 \log \left(\frac{301}{300} \right)} = t$$

← Notice: Double reduces to 2. You can start at this step if you remember this.

← $1 + \frac{.04}{12} = \frac{301}{300}$
if you prefer

Calculate $\log(2) / (12 * \log(301/300))$ enter
 $t \approx 17.35 \Rightarrow \boxed{t \approx 17.4 \text{ yrs}}$

China is experiencing an annual growth rate of 0.606%. In 2007, the population of China was 1,321,851,888. How long will it take for the population to be 1,500,000,000? Round to the nearest tenth of a year.

$$y = y_0 e^{rt}$$

population model

y = Population at time t = 1,500,000,000

y_0 = population at time 0 = 1,321,851,888

r = growth rate = 0.606% = 0.00606

$$1\,500\,000\,000 = 1\,321\,851\,888 e^{0.00606t}$$

subst given values.

$$\frac{1\,500\,000\,000}{1\,321\,851\,888} = e^{0.00606t}$$

isolate exponential

$$\ln\left(\frac{1\,500\,000\,000}{1\,321\,851\,888}\right) = \ln e^{0.00606t}$$

$\ln x = \log_e x$ stuff
so RHS is $\log_e e = \text{stuff}$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1\,500\,000\,000}{1\,321\,851\,888}\right) = 0.00606t$$

isolate t

$$\frac{\ln\left(\frac{1\,500\,000\,000}{1\,321\,851\,888}\right)}{0.00606} = t$$

$$t \approx 20.86 \dots$$

$t = 0$ means 2007

$$\boxed{20.9 \text{ yrs}}$$

$t = 20 \Rightarrow$ means 2027

during 2027 the population will pass 1.5 billion

9.7.49

Use the formula $A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$ to solve the compound interest problem.

Find how long it takes a \$1400 investment to earn \$500 interest if it is invested at 2% interest compounded quarterly.

\$500 interest will be earned in approximately years. (Round to the nearest tenth.)

$$P = 1400$$

$$A = 1400 + 500 = 1900$$

$$r = .02$$

$$n = 4 \text{ (quarterly)} \Rightarrow 4 \text{ times per year}$$

$$t = \text{unknown}$$

← "earn \$500 interest"
means add 500 to account

$$1900 = 1400\left(1 + \frac{.02}{4}\right)^{4t}$$

proceed as in previous problem

- isolate exponential
- take logs
- use log property #3
- isolate variable
- calculate & round.

$$\frac{1900}{1400} = (1.005)^{4t} \quad \text{or} \quad \left(\frac{201}{200}\right)^{4t}$$

$$\frac{19}{14} = (1.005)^{4t}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{19}{14} = \left(\frac{201}{200}\right)^{4t}$$

- isolate exponential,
- simplify the base of exponential

$$\log\left(\frac{19}{14}\right) = \log(1.005)^{4t}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \log\left(\frac{19}{14}\right) = \log\left(\frac{201}{200}\right)^{4t}$$

- take logs both sides

$$\log\left(\frac{19}{14}\right) = 4 \cdot t \cdot \log(1.005)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \log\left(\frac{19}{14}\right) = 4 \cdot t \cdot \log\left(\frac{201}{200}\right)$$

- log property

$$\frac{\log\left(\frac{19}{14}\right)}{[4 \log(1.005)]} = t$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\log\left(\frac{19}{14}\right)}{[4 \log\left(\frac{201}{200}\right)]} = t$$

- isolate t

$$[4 \log(1.005)]$$

$$[4 \log\left(\frac{201}{200}\right)]$$

$$15.307... \approx t$$

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$$\boxed{15.3 \approx t \text{ years}}$$

9.7.51

Find how long it takes \$2000 to double if it is invested at 5% interest compounded semiannually.

Use the formula $A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$ to solve the compound interest problem.It will take approximately years.

(Do not round until the final answer. Then round to the nearest tenth as needed.)

$$P = 2000$$

$$A = 2(2000) = 4000$$

$$r = .05$$

$$n = 2 \text{ (semi-annually means 2 times per year)}$$

$$t = \text{unknown}$$

$$4000 = 2000\left(1 + \frac{.05}{2}\right)^{2t}$$

proceed as in previous problem

- isolate exponential

- take logs

- use log property # 3

- isolate variable

- calculate & round.

$$\frac{4000}{2000} = \left(\frac{41}{40}\right)^{2t}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{4000}{2000} = (1.025)^{2t}$$

- isolate exponential
- simplify the base of exponential.

$$2 = \left(\frac{41}{40}\right)^{2t}$$

$$\text{or } 2 = (1.025)^{2t}$$

$$\log(2) = \log\left(\frac{41}{40}\right)^{2t}$$

$$\text{or } \log(2) = \log(1.025)^{2t}$$

$$\log(2) = 2t \cdot \log\left(\frac{41}{40}\right) \quad \text{or} \quad \log(2) = 2t \cdot \log(1.025)$$

$$\frac{\log(2)}{2 \log\left(\frac{41}{40}\right)} = t$$

$$\frac{\log(2)}{2 \log(1.025)} = t$$

$$14.0355 \approx t$$

$$\boxed{14.0 \approx t \text{ years}}$$