

## 7-6 Natural Logs

The function  $y = e^x$  has an inverse, the **natural logarithmic function**,  $y = \log_e x$ , or  $y = \ln x$ .

**Same conversion rule:**

$$e^b = a \longleftrightarrow \ln a = b$$

*Don't overcomplicate this!!!*

**Same properties:**

Product:  $\ln a + \ln b = \ln ab$

*think of it as base e!*

Quotient:  $\ln a - \ln b = \ln a/b$

Power:  $p \ln a = \ln a^p$

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1. What is each expression written as a single natural logarithm?

a.  $\ln 7 - 2\ln 5$

$$\ln 7 - \ln 25$$

$$\boxed{\ln \frac{7}{25}}$$

b.  $3 \ln x + 2 \ln y + \ln 5$

$$\ln x^3 + \ln y^2 + \ln 5$$

$$\boxed{\ln 5x^3y^2}$$

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2. What are the solutions of each equation?

a.  $\ln_e x = 2$

$$e^2 = x$$

Calc. ↓

$$7.3891 = x$$

b.  $\ln 2x + \ln 3 = 2$

$$\ln 2x \cdot 3 = 2$$

$$\ln_e 6x = 2$$

$$e^2 = 6x$$

$$x \approx 1.2315$$

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3. What is the solution of  $e^{x-2} = 12$  ?

$$\ln e^{x-2} = \ln 12$$

$$(x-2) \cdot \ln e = \ln 12$$

$$x-2 = \ln(12)$$

$$\underline{+2} \quad \underline{+2}$$

$$x \approx 4.4849$$

Key Fact!!!  
 $\ln e = 1$

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4. What is the solution of  $4e^{2x} + 2 = 16$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4 \cdot e^{2x}}{4} &= \frac{14}{4} \\ e^{2x} &= 3.5 \\ \ln e^{2x} &= \ln(3.5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x &= \ln(3.5) \\ x &= \frac{\ln(3.5)}{2} \\ x &\approx 0.6264 \end{aligned}$$

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**Word Problem:**

An initial investment of \$350 is worth \$420 after six years of continuous compounding. Find the annual interest rate.

Use:  $y = Pe^{rt}$

What do we know?

$$P = 350$$

$$y = 420$$

$$t = 6$$

$$\frac{420}{350} = \frac{350 \cdot e^{6r}}{350}$$

$$1.2 = e^{6r}$$

$$\ln(1.2) = \ln e^{6r}$$

$$\frac{\ln(1.2)}{6} = r$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &\approx 0.030386... \\ &\quad \times 100 \\ \hline r &= 3.04\% \end{aligned}$$

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# Homework:

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|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>11.</b> $\ln 125$                      | <b>13.</b> $\ln 4$         | <b>53.</b> $\approx 301$ days |
| $\frac{m^5}{n^3}$                         | $\frac{\sqrt[3]{xy}}{z^4}$ | <b>60.</b> 27,347.9           |
| <b>15.</b> $\ln \frac{\sqrt[3]{xy}}{z^4}$ | $\frac{m^3\sqrt{z}}{b^2}$  | <b>61.</b> 78.342             |
| <b>17.</b> $\ln 40,960$                   | $\frac{1}{81}$             | <b>66.</b> 5.78               |
| <b>19.</b> $\ln 1$                        |                            |                               |
| <b>21.</b> 0.135                          |                            |                               |
| <b>23.</b> $\pm 11.588$                   |                            |                               |
| <b>25.</b> $\pm 2.241$                    |                            |                               |
| <b>27.</b> 1488.979                       |                            |                               |
| <b>29.</b> $\approx 2.890$                |                            |                               |
| <b>31.</b> $\approx 1.242$                |                            |                               |
| <b>33.</b> $\approx 2.401$                |                            |                               |
| <b>35.</b> 0                              |                            |                               |
| <b>37.</b> $\approx 2.2$                  |                            |                               |

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**ANS to HW:**  
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