
EXPONENTIALS AND LOGARITHMS
Answers

1 **a** $42 = 60e^{100k}$

$$100k = \ln 0.7$$

$$k = \frac{1}{100} \ln 0.7 = -0.00357 \text{ (3sf)}$$

b $30 = 60e^{kt}$

$$kt = \ln 0.5$$

$$t = \frac{100 \ln 0.5}{\ln 0.7} = 194 \text{ (3sf)}$$

2 **a** $e^{3x} = 5.7$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \ln 5.7 = 0.58 \text{ (2dp)}$$

b $\ln \frac{x}{x-1} = \frac{1}{2}$

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

$$x = e^{\frac{1}{2}}(x-1)$$

$$x(e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1) = e^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$x = \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1} = 2.54 \text{ (2dp)}$$

3 **a** $\ln(4x-3) = 0$

$$4x-3 = 1$$

$$x = 1 \quad \therefore A(1, 0)$$

$$1 + \ln x = 0$$

$$\ln x = -1$$

$$x = e^{-1} \quad \therefore B(e^{-1}, 0)$$

b $\ln(4x-3) = 1 + \ln x$

$$\ln(4x-3) - \ln x = 1$$

$$\ln \frac{4x-3}{x} = 1$$

$$\frac{4x-3}{x} = e$$

$$4x-3 = ex$$

$$x(4-e) = 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{4-e}$$

4 $2e^{2x} - 7e^x + 3 = 0$

$$(2e^x - 1)(e^x - 3) = 0$$

$$e^x = \frac{1}{2}, 3$$

$$x = \ln \frac{1}{2}, \ln 3$$

5 **a** $t=0 \Rightarrow N=800$

b $t=20 \Rightarrow N=800e^{0.2}$

$$= 977 \text{ (nearest unit)}$$

c $800e^{0.01t} > 2000$

$$e^{0.01t} > 2.5$$

$$0.01t > \ln 2.5$$

$$t > 91.6 \quad \therefore 92 \text{ days}$$

6 **a** $1 + e^{2x+1} = 10$

$$e^{2x+1} = 9$$

$$2x+1 = \ln 9$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}(-1 + \ln 9)$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} + \ln 3$$

b $1 + e^{2x+1} = 3 - e^x$

$$e(e^{2x}) + e^x - 2 = 0$$

$$e^x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+8e}}{2e}$$

$$x = \ln \frac{-1 - \sqrt{1+8e}}{2e} \text{ (not real)}$$

$$\text{or } \ln \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1+8e}}{2e}$$

$$\therefore x = -0.366 \text{ (3sf)}$$

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7 a $4x - 1 = e^2$
 $x = \frac{1}{4}(e^2 + 1)$

b $7 = e^{1-3y}$
 $1 - 3y = \ln 7$
 $y = \frac{1}{3}(1 - \ln 7)$

8 a $a = 800$
b $7200 = 800e^{2b}$
 $b = \frac{1}{2}\ln 9 = \ln 3$
c $1600 = 800e^{t\ln 3}$
 $t = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3} = 0.631$ hours
 $\therefore 60 \times 0.631 = 38$ minutes

9 a $= \frac{(x-1)(x-3)}{(x+2)(x-1)}$

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

b $\ln(x^2 - 4x + 3) - \ln(x^2 + x - 2) = 1$

$$\ln \frac{x^2 - 4x + 3}{x^2 + x - 2} = \ln \frac{x-3}{x+2} = 1$$

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

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

$$x(1-e) = 2e + 3$$

$$x = \frac{2e+3}{1-e}$$

10 $e^y + 5 - 9x = 0 \Rightarrow y = \ln(9x - 5)$

sub. $\ln(9x - 5) - \ln(x + 4) = 2$

$$\frac{9x-5}{x+4} = e^2$$

$$9x - 5 = e^2(x + 4)$$

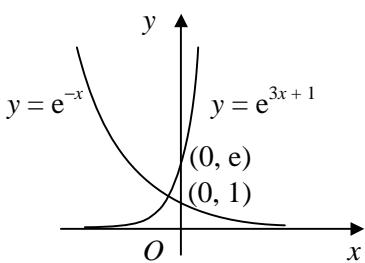
$$x(9 - e^2) = 4e^2 + 5$$

$$x = \frac{4e^2 + 5}{9 - e^2} = 21.4509$$

$\therefore x = 21.5, y = 5.24$ (3sf)

11 a reflection in y -axis

b



c $e^{-x} = e^{3x+1}$

$$1 = e^{4x+1}$$

$$4x + 1 = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore \left(-\frac{1}{4}, e^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)$$

12 a i $= \ln x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \ln x = \frac{1}{2} t$

ii $= \ln e^2 + \ln x = 2 + t$

b $5 + \frac{1}{2}t = 2 + t$

$$t = \ln x = 6$$

$$x = e^6$$

13 a when $t = 0, v = 13$

$$\therefore 13 = c - 2$$

$$c = 15$$

b $7 = 15e^{-5.1k} - 2$

$$e^{-5.1k} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$k = \frac{\ln \frac{3}{5}}{-5.1} = 0.1002$$

c $10 = 15e^{-0.1002t} - 2, \quad 4 = 15e^{-0.1002T} - 2$

$$t = \frac{\ln \frac{4}{5}}{-0.1002} = 2.2278, \quad T = \frac{\ln \frac{2}{5}}{-0.1002} = 9.1481$$

$$T - t = 6.92 \text{ seconds (3sf)}$$