

5.4 Exponential and Logarithmic Equations

One-to-One property - If $a^x = a^y$, then $x = y$

converting between exponential / logarithmic

$$\log_b A = P \qquad B^P = A$$

Recall:

$$\log(ab) = \log a + \log b$$

$$\log\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \log a - \log b$$

$$\log a^n = n \log a$$

$$\log_b x = \log_b y \quad \text{iff } x = y$$

$$a^x = a^y \quad \text{iff } x = y$$

$$\ln e = 1$$

$$\log 10 = 1$$

$$\log_a a = 1$$

$$\ln 1 = 0$$

$$\log 1 = 0$$

$$\log_a 1 = 0$$

$$\ln e^x = x$$

$$\log 10^x = x$$

$$\log_a a^x = x$$

Example 1 Solve for x

Ⓐ $\frac{1}{4}^x = 64$

$$4^{-x} = 4^3$$

$$-x = 3$$

$$\boxed{x = -3}$$

Ⓑ $e^x = 4$

$$\ln e^x = \ln 4$$

$$x \ln e = \ln 4$$

$$\boxed{x = \ln 4}$$

$$\textcircled{C} \log x = -2$$

$$10^{-2} = x$$

$$\frac{1}{10^2} = x$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{100} = x}$$

$$\textcircled{D} \log_5 x = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$\boxed{\sqrt{5} = x}$$

Graphically - solutions are intersections
 Intersections of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are
 located @ $f(x) = g(x)$

Example 2 Find the intersection algebraically
 and graphically

$$\textcircled{A} f(x) = 27^x \quad g(x) = 9$$

$$f(x) = g(x)$$

$$27^x = 9$$

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

$$3x = 2$$

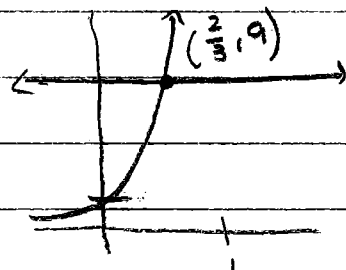
$$\boxed{x = \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 27^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= (\sqrt[3]{27})^2$$

$$= 9$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}, 9\right)$$



Example 3 Solve Round to 3 decimals

$$\textcircled{A} e^{2x} = e^{x^2-8}$$

$$2x = x^2 - 8$$

$$0 = x^2 - 2x - 8$$

$$0 = (x-4)(x+2)$$

$$\boxed{x = 4, -2}$$

$$\textcircled{B} 2(5^x) = 32$$

$$\frac{2}{2} \quad \frac{32}{2}$$

$$5^x = 16$$

$$x \ln 5 = \ln 16$$

$$\frac{\ln 5}{\ln 5} \quad \frac{\ln 16}{\ln 5}$$

$$\boxed{x = 1.723}$$

* Do not round until the end *

5.4 cont'd

$$\textcircled{C} 4^{-3t} = 10$$

$$\frac{-3t(\ln 4)}{\ln 4} = \frac{\ln 10}{\ln 4}$$

$$\frac{-3t}{-3} = \left(\frac{\ln 10}{\ln 4} \right) \div -3$$

$$\boxed{t = .554}$$

$$\textcircled{D} 8^{-2-x} = 431$$

$$(-2-x)\ln 8 = \ln 431$$

$$\frac{-2-x}{+2} = \frac{\ln 431}{\ln 8} + 2$$

$$-1(-x) = -\left(\frac{\ln 431}{\ln 8} + 2 \right)$$

$$\boxed{x = -4.917}$$

$$\textcircled{E} \frac{8(3^{6-x})}{8} = \frac{40}{8}$$

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

$$\frac{(6-x)\ln 3}{\ln 3} = \frac{\ln 5}{\ln 3}$$

$$\frac{6-x}{-6} = \frac{\ln 5}{\ln 3} - 6$$

$$-1(-x) = -\left(\frac{\ln 5}{\ln 3} - 6 \right)$$

$$\boxed{x = 4.535}$$

$$\textcircled{F} 8(4^{6-2x}) + 13 = 41$$

$$8(4^{6-2x}) = 28$$

$$4^{6-2x} = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$(6-2x)\ln 4 = \ln \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\frac{6-2x}{-6} = \left(\frac{\ln(3.5)}{\ln 4} - 6 \right) \div -2$$

$$-x = -\left[\left(\frac{\ln 3.5}{\ln 4} - 6 \right) \div 2 \right]$$

$$\boxed{x = 2.548}$$

$$\textcircled{G} \quad 6 \ln 3x = 15$$

$$\ln 3x = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\frac{e^{2.5}}{3} = \frac{3x}{3}$$

$$\boxed{4.061 = x}$$

$$\textcircled{H} \quad \log_3 x + \log_3 (x-8) = 2$$

$$\log_3 x(x-8) = 2$$

$$x(x-8) = 3^2$$

$$x^2 - 8x - 9 = 0$$

$$(x-9)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = 9 \quad x = -1$$

$$\boxed{x = 9}$$

Extraneous Solution - solution that appears to be true but does not satisfy the original function.

Graphing Solutions are zeros (x-intercepts)

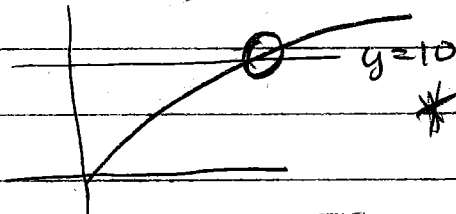
Example 4 Solve using a graphing calc

$$10 = 4 \ln(x-2)$$

Intersection

$$y_1 = 10$$

$$y_2 = 4 \ln(x-2)$$

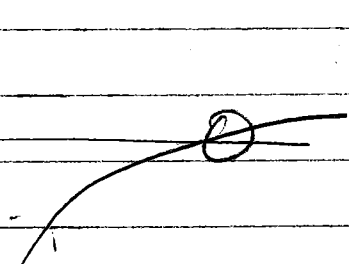


2nd calc intersect

$$(14.182, 10)$$

X-intercepts (zeros)

$$y_1 = 4 \ln(x-2) - 10 = 0$$



2nd calc zero

$$(14.182, 0)$$