

## 7-7 Base e and Natural Logarithms

**Write an equivalent exponential or logarithmic function.**

1.  $e^x = 30$

**SOLUTION:**

$$e^x = 30$$

$$\log_e 30 = x$$

$$\ln 30 = x$$

2.  $\ln x = 42$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln x = 42$$

$$\log_e x = 42$$

$$e^{42} = x$$

3.  $e^3 = x$

**SOLUTION:**

$$e^3 = x$$

$$\log_e x = 3$$

$$\ln x = 3$$

4.  $\ln 18 = x$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln 18 = x$$

$$\log_e 18 = x$$

$$e^x = 18$$

**Write each as a single logarithm.**

5.  $3 \ln 2 + 2 \ln 4$

**SOLUTION:**

$$3 \ln 2 + 2 \ln 4 = \ln 2^3 + \ln 4^2$$

$$= \ln 8 + \ln 16$$

$$= \ln(8 \times 16)$$

$$= \ln 128$$

$$= \ln 2^7$$

$$= 7 \ln 2$$

6.  $5 \ln 3 - 2 \ln 9$

**SOLUTION:**

$$5 \ln 3 - 2 \ln 9 = \ln 3^5 - \ln 9^2$$

$$= \ln 243 - \ln 81$$

$$= \ln \left( \frac{243}{81} \right)$$

$$= \ln 3$$

7.  $3 \ln 6 + 2 \ln 9$

**SOLUTION:**

$$3 \ln 6 + 2 \ln 9 = \ln 6^3 + \ln 9^2$$

$$= \ln 216 + \ln 81$$

$$= \ln(216 \times 81)$$

$$= \ln 17496$$

8.  $3 \ln 5 + 4 \ln x$

**SOLUTION:**

$$3 \ln 5 + 4 \ln x = \ln 5^3 + \ln x^4$$

$$= \ln 125 + \ln x^4$$

$$= \ln 125x^4$$

**Solve each equation. Round to the nearest thousandth.**

9.  $5e^x - 24 = 16$

**SOLUTION:**

$$5e^x - 24 = 16$$

$$5e^x = 40$$

$$e^x = 8$$

$$\ln e^x = \ln 8$$

$$x = \ln 8$$

$$\approx 2.0794$$

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10.  $-3e^x + 9 = 4$

**SOLUTION:**

$$-3e^x + 9 = 4$$

$$-3e^x = -5$$

$$e^x = \frac{-5}{-3}$$

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

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

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

$$\approx 0.5108$$

11.  $3e^{-3x} + 4 = 6$

**SOLUTION:**

$$3e^{-3x} + 4 = 6$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\approx 0.1352$$

12.  $2e^{-x} - 3 = 8$

**SOLUTION:**

$$2e^{-x} - 3 = 8$$

$$2e^{-x} = 11$$

$$e^{-x} = \frac{11}{2}$$

$$\ln e^{-x} = \ln \frac{11}{2}$$

$$-x = \ln \frac{11}{2}$$

$$x = -\ln \frac{11}{2}$$

$$\approx -1.7047$$

**Solve each equation or inequality. Round to the nearest ten-thousandth.**

13.  $\ln 3x = 8$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln 3x = 8$$

$$3x = e^8$$

$$x = \frac{e^8}{3}$$

$$\approx 993.6527$$

The solution is 999.36527.

14.  $-4 \ln 2x = -26$

**SOLUTION:**

$$-4 \ln 2x = -26$$

$$\ln 2x = \frac{-26}{-4}$$

$$\ln 2x = \frac{13}{2}$$

$$2x = e^{6.5}$$

$$x = \frac{e^{6.5}}{2}$$

$$\approx 332.5708$$

The solution is 332.5708.

15.  $\ln(x+5)^2 < 6$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln(x+5)^2 < 6$$

$$e^{\ln(x+5)^2} < e^6$$

$$(x+5)^2 < e^6$$

$$\sqrt{(x+5)^2} < \sqrt{e^6}$$

$$x+5 < \pm e^3$$

$$-e^3 < x+5 < e^3$$

$$-e^3 - 5 < x < e^3 - 5$$

$$-25.0855 < x < 15.0855$$

The solution region is  $\{x \mid -25.0855 < x < 15.0855, x \neq -5\}$ .

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16.  $\ln(x-2)^3 > 15$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln(x-2)^3 > 15$$

$$3\ln(x-2) > 15$$

$$\ln(x-2) > 5$$

$$x-2 > e^5$$

$$x > e^5 + 2$$

$$x > 150.4132$$

The solution region is  $\{x \mid x > 150.4132\}$ .

17.  $e^x > 29$

**SOLUTION:**

$$e^x > 29$$

$$\ln e^x > \ln 29$$

$$x > \ln 29$$

$$x > 3.3673$$

The solution region is  $\{x \mid x > 3.3673\}$ .

18.  $5 + e^{-x} > 14$

**SOLUTION:**

$$5 + e^{-x} > 14$$

$$e^{-x} > 9$$

$$\ln e^{-x} > \ln 9$$

$$-x > \ln 9$$

$$x < -\ln 9$$

$$x < -2.1972$$

The solution region is  $\{x \mid x < -2.1972\}$ .

19. **SCIENCE** A virus is spreading through a computer network according to the formula

$v(t) = 30e^{0.1t}$ , where  $v$  is the number of computers infected and  $t$  is the time in minutes. How long will it take the virus to infect 10,000 computers?

**SOLUTION:**

Substitute 10,000 for  $v(t)$  and solve for  $t$ .

$$30e^{0.1t} = 10000$$

$$e^{0.1t} = \frac{10000}{30}$$

$$0.1t = \ln \frac{10000}{30}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{0.1} \ln \frac{10000}{30}$$
$$\approx 58$$

The virus will take about 58 min to infect 10,000 computers.

**Write an equivalent exponential or logarithmic function.**

20.  $e^{-x} = 8$

**SOLUTION:**

$$e^{-x} = 8$$

$$\log_e 8 = -x$$

$$\ln 8 = -x$$

21.  $e^{-5x} = 0.1$

**SOLUTION:**

$$e^{-5x} = 0.1$$

$$\log_e 0.1 = -5x$$

$$\ln 0.1 = -5x$$

22.  $\ln 0.25 = x$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln 0.25 = x$$

$$\log_e 0.25 = x$$

$$0.25 = e^x$$

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23.  $\ln 5.4 = x$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln 5.4 = x$$

$$\log_e 5.4 = x$$

$$5.4 = e^x$$

24.  $e^{x-3} = 2$

**SOLUTION:**

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

$$\log_e 2 = x - 3$$

$$\ln 2 = x - 3$$

25.  $\ln(x+4) = 36$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln(x+4) = 36$$

$$\log_e(x+4) = 36$$

$$x+4 = e^{36}$$

26.  $e^{-2} = x^6$

**SOLUTION:**

$$e^{-2} = x^6$$

$$\log_e x^6 = -2$$

$$\ln x^6 = -2$$

$$6 \ln x = -2$$

27.  $\ln e^x = 7$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln e^x = 7$$

$$\log_e e^x = 7$$

$$e^7 = e^x$$

**Write each as a single logarithm.**

28.  $\ln 125 - 2 \ln 5$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln 125 - 2 \ln 5 = \ln 125 - \ln 5^2$$

$$= \ln 125 - \ln 25$$

$$= \ln \frac{125}{25}$$

$$= \ln 5$$

29.  $3 \ln 10 + 2 \ln 100$

**SOLUTION:**

$$3 \ln 10 + 2 \ln 100 = \ln 10^3 + \ln 100^2$$

$$= \ln(10^3 \times 100^2)$$

$$= \ln 10^7$$

$$= 7 \ln 10$$

30.  $4 \ln \frac{1}{3} - 6 \ln \frac{1}{9}$

**SOLUTION:**

$$4 \ln \frac{1}{3} - 6 \ln \frac{1}{9} = \ln \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^4 - \ln \left( \frac{1}{9} \right)^6$$

$$= \ln \frac{1}{3^4} - \ln \frac{1}{9^6}$$

$$= \ln \left( \frac{1}{\frac{3^4}{9^6}} \right)$$

$$= \ln \frac{9^6}{3^4}$$

$$= \ln \frac{3^{12}}{3^4}$$

$$= \ln 3^8$$

$$= 8 \ln 3$$

$$= -8 \ln \frac{1}{3}$$

31.  $7 \ln \frac{1}{2} + 5 \ln 2$

**SOLUTION:**

$$7 \ln \frac{1}{2} + 5 \ln 2 = \ln \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^7 + \ln 2^5$$

$$= \ln \frac{1}{2^7} + \ln 2^5$$

$$= \ln \left( \frac{1}{2^7} \cdot 2^5 \right)$$

$$= \ln \frac{1}{2^2}$$

$$= \ln 2^{-2}$$

$$= -2 \ln 2$$

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32.  $8 \ln x - 4 \ln 5$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned}8 \ln x - 4 \ln 5 &= \ln x^8 - \ln 5^4 \\ &= \ln \frac{x^8}{5^4} \\ &= \ln \frac{x^8}{625}\end{aligned}$$

33.  $3 \ln x^2 + 4 \ln 3$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned}3 \ln x^2 + 4 \ln 3 &= \ln (x^2)^3 + \ln 3^4 \\ &= \ln x^6 + \ln 81 \\ &= \ln 81x^6\end{aligned}$$

**Solve each equation. Round to the nearest thousandth.**

34.  $6e^x - 3 = 35$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned}6e^x - 3 &= 35 \\ 6e^x &= 38 \\ e^x &= \frac{38}{6} \\ x &= \ln \frac{38}{6} \\ &\approx 1.8458\end{aligned}$$

The solution is 1.8458.

35.  $4e^x + 2 = 180$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned}4e^x + 2 &= 180 \\ 4e^x &= 178 \\ e^x &= \frac{178}{4} \\ x &= \ln \frac{178}{4} \\ &\approx 3.7955\end{aligned}$$

The solution is 3.7955.

36.  $3e^{2x} - 5 = -4$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned}3e^{2x} - 5 &= -4 \\ 3e^{2x} &= 1 \\ e^{2x} &= \frac{1}{3} \\ 2x &= \ln \frac{1}{3} \\ x &= \frac{\ln \frac{1}{3}}{2} \\ &\approx -0.5493\end{aligned}$$

The solution is  $-0.5493$ .

37.  $-2e^{3x} + 19 = 3$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned}-2e^{3x} + 19 &= 3 \\ -2e^{3x} &= -16 \\ e^{3x} &= 8 \\ \ln e^{3x} &= \ln 8 \\ 3x &= \ln 8 \\ x &= \frac{\ln 8}{3} \\ x &\approx 0.6931\end{aligned}$$

The solution is 0.6931.

38.  $6e^{4x} + 7 = 4$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned}6e^{4x} + 7 &= 4 \\ 6e^{4x} &= -3 \\ e^{4x} &= -\frac{1}{2} \\ \ln e^{4x} &= \ln \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Logarithm is not defined for negative values. Therefore, there is no solution.

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39.  $-4e^{-x} + 9 = 2$

**SOLUTION:**

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

$$-4e^{-x} = -7$$

$$e^{-x} = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\ln e^{-x} = \ln \frac{7}{4}$$

$$-x = \ln \frac{7}{4}$$

$$x = -\ln \frac{7}{4}$$

$$x \approx -0.5596$$

The solution is  $-0.5596$

40. **CCSS SENSE-MAKING** The value of a certain car depreciates according to  $v(t) = 18500e^{-0.186t}$ , where  $t$  is the number of years after the car is purchased new.

- What will the car be worth in 18 months?
- When will the car be worth half of its original value?
- When will the car be worth less than \$1000?

**SOLUTION:**

- 18 months is equal to 1.5 years. Substitute 1.5 for  $t$  and evaluate.

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= 18500e^{-0.186(1.5)} \\ &= 18500e^{-0.279} \\ &\approx 13996 \end{aligned}$$

The car will be worth about 13,996 in 18 months.

- Substitute 9250 for  $v(t)$  and solve for  $t$ .

$$9250 = 18500e^{-0.186t}$$

$$\frac{9250}{18500} = e^{-0.186t}$$

$$e^{-0.186t} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-0.186t = \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t = -\frac{1}{0.186} \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\approx 3.73$$

The car will be worth half of its original value in about 3.73 years.

- Substitute 1,000 for  $v(t)$  and solve for  $t$ .

$$1000 = 18500e^{-0.186t}$$

$$e^{-0.186t} = \frac{1000}{18500}$$

$$-0.186t = \ln \frac{1000}{18500}$$

$$t = -\frac{1}{0.186} \ln \frac{1000}{18500}$$

$$\approx 15.69$$

The car will be worth less than \$1000 after 15.69 years.

**Solve each inequality. Round to the nearest ten-thousandth.**

41.  $e^x \leq 8.7$

**SOLUTION:**

$$e^x \leq 8.7$$

$$\ln e^x \leq \ln 8.7$$

$$x \leq \ln 8.7$$

$$x \leq 2.1633$$

The solutions are  $\{x \mid x \leq 2.1633\}$ .

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42.  $e^x \geq 42.1$

**SOLUTION:**

$$e^x \geq 42.1$$

$$\ln e^x \geq \ln 42.1$$

$$x \geq \ln 42.1$$

$$x \geq 3.7400$$

The solutions are  $\{x \mid x \geq 3.7400\}$ .

43.  $\ln(3x + 4)^3 > 10$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln(3x + 4)^3 > 10$$

$$3 \ln(3x + 4) > 10$$

$$\ln(3x + 4) > \frac{10}{3}$$

$$\log_e(3x + 4) > \frac{10}{3}$$

$$3x + 4 > e^{\frac{10}{3}}$$

$$3x > e^{\frac{10}{3}} - 4$$

$$x > \frac{e^{\frac{10}{3}} - 4}{3}$$

$$x > 8.0105$$

The solutions are  $\{x \mid x > 8.0105\}$ .

44.  $4 \ln x^2 < 72$

**SOLUTION:**

$$4 \ln x^2 < 72$$

$$\ln x^2 < 18$$

$$e^{\ln x^2} < e^{18}$$

$$x^2 < e^{18}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} < \sqrt{e^{18}}$$

$$x < \pm e^9$$

$$-e^9 < x < e^9$$

$$-8103.0839 < x < 8103.0839$$

The solutions are  $\{x \mid -8103.0839 < x < 8103.0839\}$ .

45.  $\ln(8x^4) > 24$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\ln(8x^4) > 24$$

$$e^{\ln(8x^4)} > e^{24}$$

$$8x^4 > e^{24}$$

$$x^4 > \frac{e^{24}}{8}$$

$$\sqrt[4]{x^4} > \sqrt[4]{\frac{e^{24}}{8}}$$

$$x > \frac{e^6}{\sqrt[4]{8}} \quad \text{or} \quad x < -\frac{e^6}{\sqrt[4]{8}}$$

$$x > 239.8802 \quad \text{or} \quad x < -239.8802$$

The solutions are

$\{x \mid x > 239.8802 \text{ or } x < -239.8802\}$ .

46.  $-2[\ln(x - 6)]^{-1} \leq 6$

**SOLUTION:**

$$-2[\ln(x - 6)]^{-1} \leq 6$$

$$2 \ln(x - 6) \leq 6$$

$$\ln(x - 6) \leq 3$$

$$\log_e(x - 6) \leq 3$$

$$x - 6 \leq e^3$$

$$x \leq e^3 + 6$$

$$x \leq 26.0855$$

Logarithms are not defined for negative values. So, the inequality is defined for  $x - 6 > 0$ .

Therefore,  $x > 6$ .

The solutions are  $\{x \mid 6 < x \leq 26.0855\}$ .

47. **FINANCIAL LITERACY** Use the formula for continuously compounded interest.

**a.** If you deposited \$800 in an account paying 4.5% interest compounded continuously, how much money would be in the account in 5 years?

**b.** How long would it take you to double your money?

**c.** If you want to double your money in 9 years, what rate would you need?

**d.** If you want to open an account that pays 4.75%

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interest compounded continuously and have \$10,000 in the account 12 years after your deposit, how much would you need to deposit?

**SOLUTION:**

a. Substitute 800, 0.045 and 5 for  $P$ ,  $r$  and  $t$  in the continuously compounded interest.

$$\begin{aligned}A &= Pe^{rt} \\ &= 800e^{0.045(5)} \\ &= 800e^{0.225} \\ &\approx 1001.86\end{aligned}$$

b. Substitute 1600, 800 and 0.045 for  $A$ ,  $P$  and  $r$  in the continuously compounded interest.

$$\begin{aligned}A &= Pe^{rt} \\ 1600 &= 800e^{0.045t} \\ 2 &= e^{0.045t} \\ 0.045t &= \ln 2 \\ t &= \frac{\ln 2}{0.045} \\ &\approx 15.4\end{aligned}$$

c. Substitute 1600, 800 and 9 for  $A$ ,  $P$  and  $t$  in the continuously compounded interest.

$$\begin{aligned}A &= Pe^{rt} \\ 1600 &= 800e^{9r} \\ 2 &= e^{9r} \\ 9r &= \ln 2 \\ r &= \frac{\ln 2}{9} \\ &\approx 0.077 \\ &= 7.7\%\end{aligned}$$

d. Substitute 10000, 0.0475 and 12 for  $A$ ,  $r$  and  $t$  in the continuously compounded interest.

$$\begin{aligned}A &= Pe^{rt} \\ 10000 &= Pe^{0.0475(12)} \\ 10000 &= Pe^{0.57} \\ P &= \frac{10000}{e^{0.57}} \\ &\approx 5655.25\end{aligned}$$

**Write the expression as a sum or difference of logarithms or multiples of logarithms.**

48.  $\ln 12x^2$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned}\ln 12x^2 &= \ln 12 + \ln x^2 \\ &= \ln 12 + 2 \ln x\end{aligned}$$

49.  $\ln \frac{16}{125}$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned}\ln \frac{16}{125} &= \ln 16 - \ln 125 \\ &= \ln 4^2 - \ln 5^3 \\ &= 2 \ln 4 - 3 \ln 5\end{aligned}$$

50.  $\ln \sqrt[5]{x^3}$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned}\ln \sqrt[5]{x^3} &= \ln (x^3)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \ln x^3 \\ &= \frac{3}{5} \ln x\end{aligned}$$

51.  $\ln xy^4z^{-3}$

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned}\ln xy^4z^{-3} &= \ln x + \ln y^4 + \ln z^{-3} \\ &= \ln x + 4 \ln y - 3 \ln z\end{aligned}$$



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Use the natural logarithm to solve each equation.

52.  $8^x = 24$

**SOLUTION:**

$$8^x = 24$$

$$\ln 8^x = \ln 24$$

$$x \ln 8 = \ln 24$$

$$x = \frac{\ln 24}{\ln 8}$$

$$\approx 1.5283$$

The solution is about 1.5283.

53.  $3^x = 0.4$

**SOLUTION:**

$$3^x = 0.4$$

$$\ln 3^x = \ln 0.4$$

$$x \ln 3 = \ln 0.4$$

$$x = \frac{\ln 0.4}{\ln 3}$$

$$x \approx -0.8340$$

The solution is about  $-0.8340$ .

54.  $2^{3x} = 18$

**SOLUTION:**

$$2^{3x} = 18$$

$$\ln 2^{3x} = \ln 18$$

$$3x \ln 2 = \ln 18$$

$$3x = \frac{\ln 18}{\ln 2}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\ln 18}{\ln 2}$$

$$x \approx 1.3900$$

The solution is 1.3900.

55.  $5^{2x} = 38$

**SOLUTION:**

$$5^{2x} = 38$$

$$\ln 5^{2x} = \ln 38$$

$$2x \ln 5 = \ln 38$$

$$2x = \frac{\ln 38}{\ln 5}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\ln 38}{\ln 5}$$

$$x \approx 1.1301$$

The solution is 1.1301.

56. **CCSS MODELING** Newton's Law of Cooling, which can be used to determine how fast an object will cool in given surroundings, is represented by

$$T(t) = T_s + (T_0 - T_s)e^{-kt},$$
 where  $T_0$  is the initial

temperature of the object,  $T_s$  is the temperature of the surroundings,  $t$  is the time in minutes, and  $k$  is a constant value that depends on the type of object.

**a.** If a cup of coffee with an initial temperature of  $180^\circ$  is placed in a room with a temperature of  $70^\circ$ , then the coffee cools to  $140^\circ$  after 10 minutes, find the value of  $k$ .

**b.** Use this value of  $k$  to determine the temperature of the coffee after 20 minutes.

**c.** When will the temperature of the coffee reach  $75^\circ$ ?

**SOLUTION:**

**a.** Substitute 180, 70, 10 and 140 for  $T_0$ ,  $T_s$ ,  $t$  and  $T(t)$  respectively then solve for  $k$ .

$$T(t) = T_s + (T_0 - T_s)e^{-kt}$$

$$140 = 70 + (180 - 70)e^{-10k}$$

$$140 = 70 + 110e^{-10k}$$

$$70 = 110e^{-10k}$$

$$\frac{7}{11} = e^{-10k}$$

$$\ln \frac{7}{11} = -10k$$

$$\frac{\ln \frac{7}{11}}{-10} = k$$

$$k \approx 0.045$$

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The value of  $k$  is about 0.045.

- b.** Substitute 0.094446, 180, 70 and 20 for  $k$ ,  $T_0$ ,  $T_s$  and  $t$  respectively and simplify.

$$T(t) = T_s + (T_0 - T_s)e^{-kt}$$

$$T(t) = 70 + (180 - 70)e^{-(0.045)(20)}$$

$$T(t) = 70 + 110e^{-0.9}$$

$$T(t) \approx 114.7$$

The temperature of the coffee after 20 minutes is about 114.7°.

- c.** Substitute 0.094446, 180, 70 and 75 for  $k$ ,  $T_0$ ,  $T_s$  and  $T(t)$  respectively then solve for  $t$ .

$$T(t) = T_s + (T_0 - T_s)e^{-kt}$$

$$75 = 70 + (180 - 70)e^{-0.045t}$$

$$75 = 70 + 110e^{-0.045t}$$

$$5 = 110e^{-0.045t}$$

$$\frac{1}{22} = e^{-0.045t}$$

$$\ln \frac{1}{22} = -0.045t$$

$$\frac{\ln \frac{1}{22}}{-0.045} = t$$

$$t \approx 68$$

The temperature of the coffee will reach 75° in about 68 min.

### 57. MULTIPLE REPRESENTATIONS In this

problem, you will use  $f(x) = e^x$  and  $g(x) = \ln x$ .

- a. GRAPHICAL** Graph both functions and their axis of symmetry,  $y = x$ , for  $-5 \leq x \leq 5$ . Then graph  $a(x) = e^{-x}$  on the same graph.

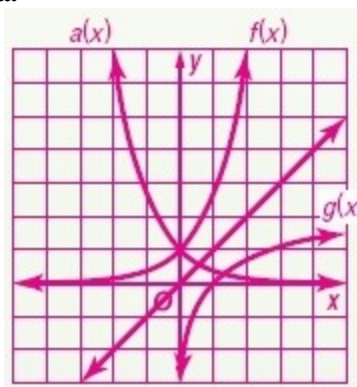
**b. ANALYTICAL** The graphs of  $a(x)$  and  $f(x)$  are reflections along which axis? What function would be a reflection of  $f(x)$  along the other axis?

**c. LOGICAL** Determine the two functions that are reflections of  $g(x)$ . Graph these new functions.

**d. VERBAL** We know that  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are inverses. Are any of the other functions that we have graphed inverses as well? Explain your reasoning.

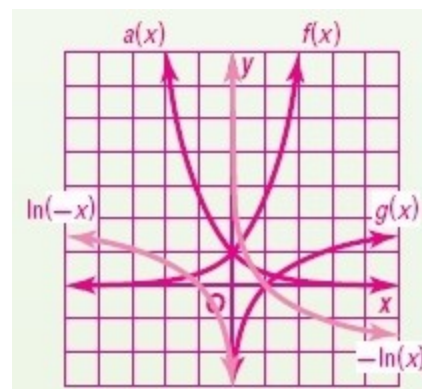
**SOLUTION:**

**a.**



**b.**  $y$ -axis;  $a(x) = -e^x$

**c.**  $\ln(-x)$  is a reflection across the  $y$ -axis.  $-\ln x$  is a reflection across the  $x$ -axis.



**d.** Sample answer: no; These functions are reflections along  $y = -x$ , which indicates that they are not inverses

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58. **CHALLENGE** Solve  $4^x - 2^{x+1} = 15$  for  $x$ .

**SOLUTION:**

$$4^x - 2^{x+1} = 15$$

$$(2^2)^x - 2^{x+1} = 15$$

$$(2^x)^2 - 2^x \cdot 2 = 15$$

Let  $2^x = y$

$$y^2 - 2y = 15$$

$$y^2 - 2y - 15 = 0$$

$$(y - 5)(y + 2) = 0$$

By the Zero Product Property:

$$y - 5 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad y + 2 = 0$$

$$y = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad y = -2$$

$$2^x = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad 2^x = -2$$

$$x \log 2 = \log 5 \quad \text{or} \quad x \log 2 = \log(-2)$$

Logarithms are not defined for negative values.

$$\text{Therefore, } x = \frac{\log 5}{\log 2} \approx 2.3219$$

59. **PROOF** Prove  $\ln ab = \ln a + \ln b$  for natural logarithms.

**SOLUTION:**

Let  $p = \ln a$  and  $q = \ln b$ .

That means that  $e^p = a$  and  $e^q = b$ .

$$ab = e^p \times e^q$$

$$ab = e^{p+q}$$

$$\ln(ab) = (p+q)$$

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

60. **REASONING** Determine whether  $x > \ln x$  is *sometimes*, *always*, or *never* true. Explain your reasoning.

**SOLUTION:**

Sample answer: Always; the graph of  $y = x$  is always greater than the graph of  $y = \ln x$  and the graphs never intersect.

61. **OPEN ENDED** Express the value 3 using  $e^x$  and the natural log.

**SOLUTION:**

Sample answer:  $e^{\ln 3}$

62. **WRITING IN MATH** Explain how the natural log can be used to solve a natural base exponential function.

**SOLUTION:**

Sample answer: The natural log and natural base are inverse functions, so taking the natural log of a natural base will undo the natural base and make the problem easier to solve.

63. Given the function  $y = 2.34x + 11.33$ , which statement best describes the effect of moving the graph down two units?

**A** The  $x$ -intercept decreases.

**B** The  $y$ -intercept decreases.

**C** The  $x$ -intercept remains the same.

**D** The  $y$ -intercept remains the same.

**SOLUTION:**

The  $y$ -intercept decreases if the graph moves down two units.

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

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64. **GRIDDED RESPONSE** Aidan sells wooden picture frames over the Internet. He purchases supplies for \$85 and pays \$19.95 for his website. If he charges \$15 for each frame, how many will he need to sell in order to make a profit of at least \$270.

**SOLUTION:**

Let  $x$  be the number of frames.  
She will earn  $15x$  for each necklace that she sells but will need to subtract from that her fixed costs of supplies (\$85) and website fee (\$19.95)

$$270 < 15x - 85 - 19.95$$

$$270 < 15x - 104.95$$

$$374.95 < 15x$$

$$24.997 < x$$

Therefore, she needs to sell 25 frames to make a profit of at least \$270.

65. Solve  $|2x - 5| = 17$ .

**F** -6, -11

**G** -6, 11

**H** 6, -11

**J** 6, 11

**SOLUTION:**

$$|2x - 5| = 17$$

$$2x - 5 = 17 \quad \text{and} \quad -(2x - 5) = 17$$

$$2x = 22 \quad \text{and} \quad -2x + 5 = 17$$

$$x = 11 \quad \text{and} \quad -2x = 12$$

$$x = 11 \quad \text{and} \quad x = -6$$

The solutions are -6 and 11.

Therefore, option G is the correct answer.

66. A local pet store sells rabbit food. The cost of two 5-pound bags is \$7.99. The total cost  $c$  of purchasing  $n$  bags can be found by—

**A** multiplying  $n$  by  $c$ .

**B** multiplying  $n$  by 5.

**C** multiplying  $n$  by the cost of 1 bag.

**D** dividing  $n$  by  $c$ .

**SOLUTION:**

The total cost  $c$  of purchasing  $n$  bags can be found by multiplying  $n$  by the cost of 1 bag.

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

**Solve each equation or inequality. Round to the nearest ten-thousandth**

67.  $2^x = 53$

**SOLUTION:**

$$2^x = 53$$

$$\ln 2^x = \ln 53$$

$$x \ln 2 = \ln 53$$

$$x = \frac{\ln 53}{\ln 2}$$

$$\approx 5.7279$$

68.  $2.3^{x^2} = 66.6$

**SOLUTION:**

$$2.3^{x^2} = 66.6$$

$$\ln 2.3^{x^2} = \ln 66.6$$

$$x^2 \ln 2.3 = \ln 66.6$$

$$x^2 = \frac{\ln 66.6}{\ln 2.3}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\ln 66.6}{\ln 2.3}}$$

$$\approx \pm 2.2452$$

69.  $3^{4x-7} < 4^{2x+3}$

**SOLUTION:**

$$3^{4x-7} < 4^{2x+3}$$

$$\ln 3^{4x-7} < \ln 4^{2x+3}$$

$$(4x-7) \ln 3 < (2x+3) \ln 4$$

$$(4x-7)1.0986 < (2x+3)1.3863$$

$$4.3944491x - 7.6902860 < 2.7725887x + 4.1588831$$

$$1.6218604x < 11.849169$$

$$x < 7.3059$$

The solution region is  $\{x \mid x < 7.3059\}$ .

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$$70. 6^{3y} = 8^{y-1}$$

**SOLUTION:**

$$6^{3y} = 8^{y-1}$$

$$\log 6^{3y} = \log 8^{y-1}$$

$$3y \log 6 = (y-1) \log 8$$

$$3y \frac{\log 6}{\log 8} = y-1$$

$$3y(0.8617) = y-1$$

$$2.5851y = y-1$$

$$1.5851y = -1$$

$$y = -0.6309$$

The solution is  $-0.6309$ .

$$71. 12^{x-5} \geq 9.32$$

**SOLUTION:**

$$12^{x-5} \geq 9.32$$

$$\log 12^{x-5} \geq \log 9.32$$

$$(x-5) \log 12 \geq \log 9.32$$

$$x-5 \geq 0.8983$$

$$x \geq 5.8983$$

The solution region is  $\{x \mid x \geq 5.8983\}$ .

$$72. 2.1^{x-5} = 9.32$$

**SOLUTION:**

$$2.1^{x-5} = 9.32$$

$$\log 2.1^{x-5} = \log 9.32$$

$$(x-5) \log 2.1 = \log 9.32$$

$$x-5 = \frac{\log 9.32}{\log 2.1}$$

$$x = \frac{\log 9.32}{\log 2.1} + 5$$

$$\approx 8.0086$$

The solution is  $8.0086$ .

73. **SOUND** Use the formula  $L = 10 \log_{10} R$ , where  $L$  is the loudness of a sound and  $R$  is the sound's relative intensity. Suppose the sound of one alarm clock is 80 decibels. Find out how much louder 10 alarm clocks would be than one alarm clock.

**SOLUTION:**

Substitute 80 for  $L$  and solve for  $R$ .

$$80 = 10 \log_{10} R$$

$$8 = \log_{10} R$$

$$R = 10^8$$

If 10 alarm clocks ring at a time, the relative velocity of the sound is  $10 \times 10^8$ .

Substitute  $10 \times 10^8$  for  $R$  and solve for  $L$ .

$$L = 10 \log_{10} (10 \times 10^8)$$

$$= 10 \log_{10} 10^9$$

$$= 90$$

The loudness would be increased by 10 decibels.

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Given a polynomial and one of its factors, find the remaining factors of the polynomial. Some factors may not be binomials.

74.  $x^3 + 5x^2 + 8x + 4; x + 1$

**SOLUTION:**

Divide the polynomial  $x^3 + 5x^2 + 8x + 4$  by  $x + 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 4x + 4 \\ x+1 \overline{)x^3 + 5x^2 + 8x + 4} \\ \underline{(-) x^3 + x^2} \phantom{+ 4} \\ 4x^2 + 8x \phantom{+ 4} \\ \underline{(-) 4x^2 + 4x} \phantom{+ 4} \\ 4x + 4 \\ \underline{(-) 4x + 4} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Factor the quotient  $x^2 + 4x + 4$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 4x + 4 &= x^2 + 2x + 2x + 4 \\ &= x(x + 2) + 2(x + 2) \\ &= (x + 2)(x + 2) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the factors are  $x + 2$  and  $x + 2$ .

75.  $x^3 + 4x^2 + 7x + 6; x + 2$

**SOLUTION:**

Divide the polynomial  $x^3 + 4x^2 + 7x + 6$  by  $x + 2$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x + 3 \\ x+2 \overline{)x^3 + 4x^2 + 7x + 6} \\ \underline{(-) x^3 + 2x^2} \phantom{+ 6} \\ 2x^2 + 7x \phantom{+ 6} \\ \underline{(-) 2x^2 + 4x} \phantom{+ 6} \\ 3x + 6 \\ \underline{(-) 3x + 6} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

The quotient is a prime. So the factor is  $x^2 + 2x + 3$ .

76. **CRAFTS** Mrs. Hall is selling crocheted items. She sells large afghans for \$60, baby blankets for \$40, doilies for \$25, and pot holders for \$5. She takes the following number of items to the fair: 12 afghans, 25 baby blankets, 45 doilies, and 50 pot holders.

a. Write an inventory matrix for the number of each item and a cost matrix for the price of each item.

b. Suppose Mrs. Hall sells all of the items. Find her total income as a matrix.

**SOLUTION:**

a.  $[12 \ 25 \ 45 \ 50]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 40 \\ 25 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

b. Multiply the matrixes.

$$[12 \ 25 \ 45 \ 50] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 40 \\ 25 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = [720 + 1000 + 1125 + 250] = [3095]$$

**Solve each equation.**

77.  $2^{3x+5} = 128$

**SOLUTION:**

$$2^{3x+5} = 128$$

$$\log 2^{3x+5} = \log 128$$

$$(3x + 5) \log 2 = \log 128$$

$$3x + 5 = \frac{\log 128}{\log 2}$$

$$3x = \frac{\log 128}{\log 2} - 5$$

$$x = \frac{\frac{\log 128}{\log 2} - 5}{3}$$

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

The solution is  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

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$$78. 5^{n-3} = \frac{1}{25}$$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned}5^{n-3} &= \frac{1}{25} \\ \log 5^{n-3} &= \log \frac{1}{25} \\ (n-3) \log 5 &= \log 5^{-2} \\ (n-3) \log 5 &= -2 \log 5 \\ n-3 &= -2 \\ n &= 1\end{aligned}$$

The solution is 1.

$$79. \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^m = 81^{m+4}$$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^m &= 81^{m+4} \\ \log \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^m &= \log 81^{m+4} \\ \log \frac{1}{9^m} &= \log (9^2)^{m+4} \\ \log 9^{-m} &= \log 9^{2m+8} \\ -m \log 9 &= (2m+8) \log 9 \\ -m &= 2m+8 \\ m &= -\frac{8}{3}\end{aligned}$$

The solution is  $-\frac{8}{3}$ .

$$80. \left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^{y-3} = 343$$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^{y-3} &= 343 \\ \log \left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^{y-3} &= \log 343 \\ \log \frac{1}{7^{y-3}} &= \log 7^3 \\ \log 7^{-(y-3)} &= \log 7^3 \\ -(y-3) \log 7 &= 3 \log 7 \\ -(y-3) &= 3 \\ y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The solution is 0.

$$81. 10^{x-1} = 100^{2x-3}$$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned}10^{x-1} &= 100^{2x-3} \\ 10^{x-1} &= (10^2)^{2x-3} \\ 10^{x-1} &= 10^{4x-6} \\ \log 10^{x-1} &= \log 10^{4x-6} \\ (x-1) \log 10 &= (4x-6) \log 10 \\ x-1 &= 4x-6 \\ 3x &= 5 \\ x &= \frac{5}{3}\end{aligned}$$

The solution is  $\frac{5}{3}$ .

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$$82. 36^{2p} = 216^{p-1}$$

**SOLUTION:**

$$36^{2p} = 216^{p-1}$$

$$(6^2)^{2p} = (6^3)^{p-1}$$

$$6^{4p} = 6^{3p-3}$$

$$4p = 3p - 3$$

$$p = -3$$

The solution is 3.