

Prac 1.

MATHS
(Solution)

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Q1. Simplify:

$$\left(\frac{(75x^3y^{-2}z)^2}{3z^9y^4x^2} \right) \times \left(\frac{5xyz}{15x^2z^{-1}} \right)^{-1} =$$

$$= \frac{75^2 x^6 y^{-4} z^2}{3 z^9 y^4 x^2} \times \frac{15 x^2 z^{-1}}{5 x y z}$$

$$= \frac{(3 \times 25)^2 x^6 z^2}{3 z^9 y^4 \times y^4 x^2} \times \frac{3 \times 5 x^2}{5 x y z \times z^1} =$$

$$= \frac{(3 \times 5^2)^2 x^{6-2}}{3 z^{9-2} y^{4+4}} \times \frac{3 \times 5 x^{2-1}}{5 \times y z^{1+1}}$$

$$= \frac{3^2 \times 5^4 x^4}{\cancel{3} z^7 y^8} \times \frac{\cancel{3} \times \cancel{5} \times x^1}{\cancel{5} \times y z^2}$$

$$= \frac{3^2 \times 5^4 x^{4+1}}{z^{7+2} y^{8+1}} = \frac{3^2 \times 5^4 x^5}{z^9 y^9} = \underline{\underline{3^2 \times 5^4 \times x^5 z^{-9} y^{-9}}}$$

Q2. Solve for x :

(a) $x^2 + 4x = 21$

Is it possible to find a_1, a_2 :

$$a_1 \times a_2 = -21$$

$$a_1 + a_2 = 4$$

$$7 \times -3 = -21$$

$$7 + (-3) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x - 21 = 0$$

Can be written in equivalent form:

$$(x+7)(x-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x+7=0 \text{ or } x-3=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -7 \text{ or } x = 3$$

Answer

Solving quadratic equations:

1. To solve eq: $x^2 + \underline{bx} + \underline{c} = 0$

(If you can find 2 numbers a_1, a_2 such that:

$$a_1 \times a_2 = c$$

$$a_1 + a_2 = b$$

Then the eq.

$$x^2 + bx + c = 0$$

is equivalent:

$$(x+a_1)(x+a_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x+a_1=0 \text{ or } x+a_2=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -a_1 \text{ or } x = -a_2$$

2. To solve eq:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Use quadr. formula:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Method 2 works for any quadr. equation;

Method 1 is easier, but is not alw. working

Q2 (continue)

(b) $e^{2x} - 4e^x + 3 = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow (e^x)^2 - 4e^x + 3 = 0$ (1)

Let $u = e^x$ (Note: $u > 0$ must be!)

Eq. (1) can be written as:

(2) $u^2 - 4u + 3 = 0$ which is a quadr. eq with respect to u .

Let us solve for u :

$(-3) \times (-1) = 3$

$-3 + (-1) = -4$

So (2) $\Leftrightarrow (u - 3)(u - 1) = 0$

$u = 3$ or $u = 1$

We have to solve for x , so go back to old variable ($u = e^x$)

$\ln e^x = 3$ or $\ln e^x = 1$

$x = \ln 3$

(is the same as $x = \log_e 3$)

$x = \ln 1 = \log_e 1$

$x = 0$

Ans: $x = 0$ or $x = \ln 3$ ($\log_e 3$)

Q2 (continue)

(c) $6^x - 1 = 6^{1-x}$

Split term 3 into product/quotient using Law 1 or 2

$\Leftrightarrow 6^x - 1 \stackrel{\text{(Law 2)}}{=} \frac{6^1}{6^x}$ ($\times 6^x$ both sides of the equation)

$\Leftrightarrow 6^x \times 6^x - 1 \times 6^x = 6^1$

$\Leftrightarrow (6^x)^2 - 6^x = 6$

$\Leftrightarrow 6^{2x} - 6^x - 6 = 0$

Let $u = 6^x$, $u > 0$

$\Leftrightarrow u^2 - u - 6 = 0$

$-3 \times 2 = -6$

$-3 + 2 = -1$

$\Leftrightarrow (u - 3)(u + 2) = 6$

$u = 3$ or $u = -2 < 0$

Back to x : (reject).

$6^x = 3$ or $6^x = -2$

$\Leftrightarrow \log_6 6^x = \log_6 3$

$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{x = \log_6 3}$

Ans: $x = \log_6 3$

(If needed use calculator to evaluate this)

No solution, as there is no such x so that 6^x is a negative number.

Q2 (continue)

(d) $4^x - 2^{\frac{x+3}{2}} + 12 = 0$ (1)

white this term with basis 2 \swarrow split this term in the product using index law 1

(the goal is to have all terms with the same basis)

eq. (1) is equivalent to:

$$(2^2)^x - 2^x \times 2^3 + 12 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2^{2x} - 8 \times 2^x + 12 = 0$$
 (2)

Similar to (b) & (c):

let: $u = 2^x$, $u > 0$!

Eq (2) is equivalent:

$$u^2 - 8u + 12 = 0$$
 (3)

$$\begin{pmatrix} -b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} \\ -6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 48} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow eq (3) is equivalent to:

$$(u-6)(u-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u-6=0 \text{ or } u-2=0$$

$$u=6 > 0$$

$$u=2 > 0$$

(So both u are > 0 \Rightarrow all good)

Back to x : $2^x = 6$ or $2^x = 2$

Answer: $x = \log_2 6$ or $x = 1$

Qd continue

(e) $9^x = 3^x + 1$

1. Goal: to make all terms with the same basis.

$$(3^2)^x = 3^x + 1$$

make the right hand side = 0
To make it quadratic with respect to 3^x ,

So: $3^{2x} - 3^x - 1 = 0$

Let: $u = 3^x, u > 0$

Then $u^2 - u - 1 = 0$ (1)

It is inconvenient to find a_1, a_2 :

$$a_1 \times a_2 = -1$$

$$a_1 + a_2 = -1$$

So it is better to solve this eq. using

Quadratic formula:

$$u = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

For eq (1), $a=1, b=-1, c=-1$

$$\Rightarrow u = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4 \times 1 \times (-1)}}{2 \times 1} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4}}{2}$$

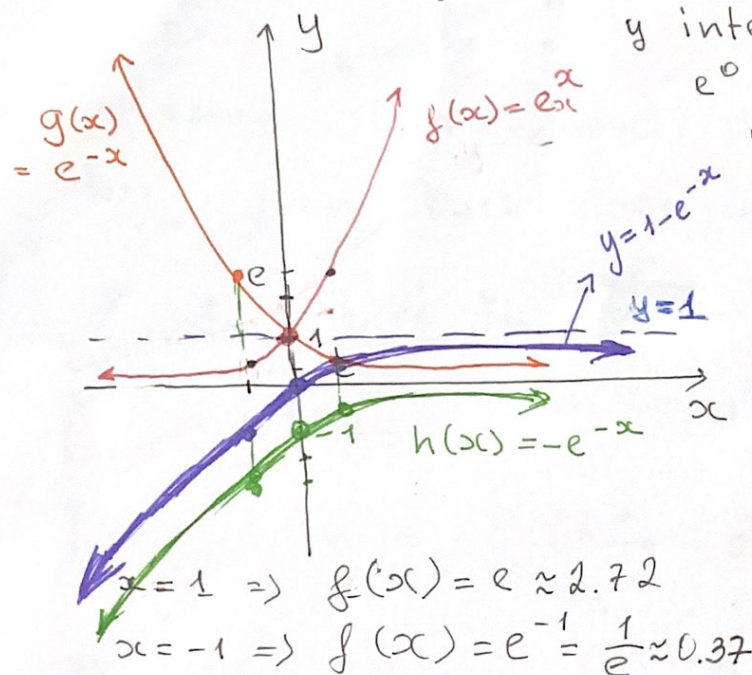
$u = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} > 0$ or $u = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} < 0$, so reject

\Rightarrow Back to x : $3^x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ **Ans: only 1 solution**
 $\Rightarrow x = \log_3 \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)$

Q3. Sketch the graph of $y = 1 - e^{-x}$

Follow the steps:

(1) Sketch the graph $f(x) = e^x$



y intercepts: $x = 0$

$e^0 = 1 \Rightarrow$ y-intercept of e^x (and of any exp. function a^x) is $(0, 1)$

if $x \rightarrow -\infty$
 $e^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0$
 i.e. it will never touch or cross the x-axis

if $x \rightarrow +\infty$
 $e^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} e^x = \infty$

$x = 1 \Rightarrow f(x) = e \approx 2.72$

$x = -1 \Rightarrow f(x) = e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e} \approx 0.37$

(2) Sketch $g(x) = e^{-x}$ by reflecting graph $f(x) = e^x$ with respect to y-axis (so y-axis is the mirror)

(3) Sketch $h(x) = -e^{-x}$ by reflecting $g(x) = e^{-x}$ with respect to x-axis

the same as

(4) Sketch the graph $y = -e^{-x} + 1 = 1 - e^{-x}$ by moving up by 1 unit.

Q4

Consider: $a = b^m$ (1)take \log_b from both sides of eq (1):

$$\log_b a = \log_b b^m$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \log_b a = m \quad (2)$$

Now for some (unrelated) let's take

 \log_d from both sides of eq. (1):

$$\log_d a = \log_d b^m$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \log_d a = m \log_d b \quad (\text{log Law 4})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m = \frac{\log_d a}{\log_d b} \quad (3)$$

Combining (2) & (3) we obtain:

$$\log_b a = \frac{\log_d a}{\log_d b}$$

(change of base rule)

Calculators usually have options to calculate \log_e & \log_{10} . All other log-s (with different basis) can be calculated using change of base rule, e.g.

$$\log_2 8 = \frac{\log_e 8}{\log_e 2} = \frac{\log_{10} 8}{\log_{10} 2}$$

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Q5 Solve for x

(a) $2 \log_3(x) + \log_9(x) = 10$ (1)

The goal is to make all term of same base and bring this equation to the form $\log_a b = \log_a c$.

To do this, first use change of-base rule and then Law 3 to get rid of all coefficients:

(1) $\Leftrightarrow 2 \log_3(x) + \frac{\log_3 x}{\log_3 9} = 10$ (change of base)

$\Leftrightarrow \log_3 9 = \log_3 3^2 = 2$ $2 \log_3 x + \frac{\log_3 x}{2} = 10$ (2)

$\Leftrightarrow 4 \log_3 x + \log_3 x = 20$

(x 2) eq (2) to get rid of denominator

\Leftrightarrow (Law 3) $\log_3 x^4 + \log_3 x = \log_3 3^{20}$

\Leftrightarrow (Law 1) $\log_3 (x^4 \times x) = \log_3 3^{20}$

$\Leftrightarrow \log_3 x^5 = \log_3 3^{20}$

$\Leftrightarrow x^5 = 3^{20}$

$x = (3^{20})^{\frac{1}{5}}$

$x = 3^4 = 81$

Q5. Solve for x

(b) $\frac{1}{2} \log_e x = \log_e (2x-1)$
 $x > 0$ $2x-1 > 0 \Rightarrow x > \frac{1}{2}$ (*)

Get rid of all coefficients by log:

$$\log_e x = 2 \log_e (2x-1)$$

(\Leftrightarrow)
(Law 3)

$$\log_e x = \log_e (2x-1)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = (2x-1)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 4x^2 - 4x + 1$$

Perfect square rule:
 $(a \pm b)^2 = a^2 \pm 2ab + b^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$$

(\Leftrightarrow)
quadr. formula

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 16}}{8} = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{9}}{8}$$

$$x = \frac{5+3}{8} = 1$$

$$\text{or } x = \frac{5-3}{8} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Ans} \Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{4}$$

but x must be $> \frac{1}{2}$

so we reject $x = \frac{1}{4}$

as $\log(2 \times \frac{1}{4} - 1) = \log(\frac{1}{2} - 1)$

$= \log(-\frac{1}{2})$ does NOT exist

Answer: $x = 1$

Q 6 To get rid of \log_{10} we have to apply exponent. function, e.g.

$$\log_{10} x = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 10^0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 1$$

Or $\log_{10} x = -1$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 10^{-1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{1}{10}}$$

Or $\log_{10} x = 1$

$$x = 10^1$$

$$\boxed{x = 10}$$

Q 7. Similarly to q. 6 :

$$\log_2 x = 0$$

$$x = 2^0$$

$$x = 1$$

Or $\log_2 x = 1$

$$x = 2^1 = 2$$

Or $\log_2 x = -1$

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

Or $\log_2 x = 2 \Rightarrow x = 2^2 = 4.$

Q8. It is log-lin graph

(a)

x-axis has lin scale

(distance between all units (marks) on the x-axis is the same)

y-axis has log scale (marks)

units are not equally distanced; every mark is power of 2; consequent marks differ in multiplication factor 2.

(b)

let us consider

fatalities on Jun 29

and # ~~deaths~~ ^{infections} on Jun 29:

$$\# \text{ fatalities} \approx 256 = 2^8$$

$$\# \text{ infections} \approx 2^{16} = 65536$$

$$\text{Ratio } \frac{\# \text{ fatalities}}{\# \text{ infections}} = \frac{2^8}{2^{16}} = \frac{1}{2^8} = \frac{1}{256} \approx 0.004 = 0.4\% < \frac{1}{2}$$

so it is ~~too~~ much smaller than half.

(c)

Green (dark) indicates # of infections in USA

Blue = # of infections total

On Jun 29 for example

$$\# \text{ inf. in USA} = 2^{15}$$

$$\# \text{ inf tota} = 2^{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\# \text{ inf USA}}{\# \text{ inf tot}} = \frac{2^{15}}{2^{16}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

So Half of all infection occurred in USA

Q9 (continue)

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- (c) Fig 3 is a barchart; lin-log barchart
- Conclusion: barchart of log datas follows approx. normal distribution

- (d) Fig 5, graph is log-log
- That means it would be correct to say: log of frequencies against log of daily rainfall is linear.