

Method 2

The general linear model

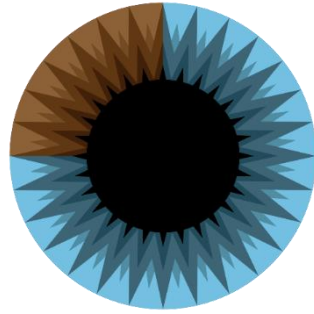
Mathematical foundations

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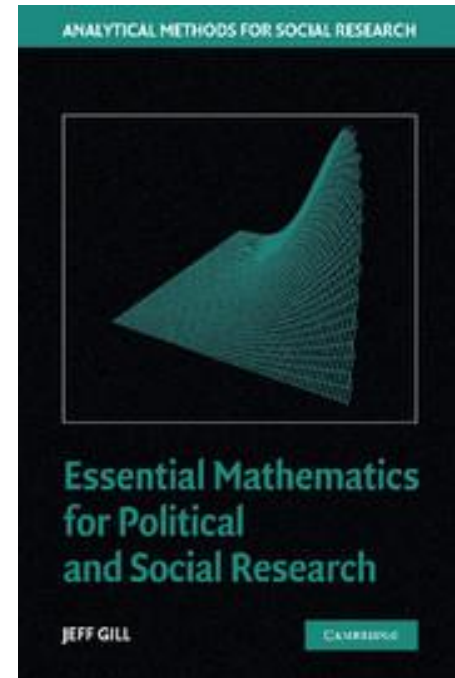
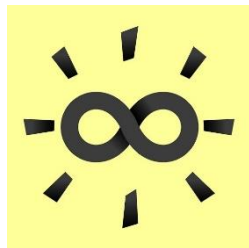
Math basics



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The Bright Side of Mathematics



Textbook:

Gill, J. (2006). Essential Mathematics for Political and Social Research (Analytical Methods for Social Research). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [doi:10.1017/CBO9780511606656](https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511606656)

No need to buy it! You have access to PDFs of the chapters via the Royal Library.

- This course is on YouTube!

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvJwKACYy5_MTdnrzxx_1sN389dS9OB3S

Powers

$$b^n$$

base → → power

Zero property

$$x^0 = 1$$

When n is a positive integer, exponentiation corresponds to repeated multiplication of the base.

One property

$$x^1 = x$$

$$b^n = \underbrace{b \times b \times \cdots \times b \times b}_{n \text{ times}}$$

Power notation

$$\text{power}(x, a) = x^a$$

Nested Exponents

$$(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$$

Fraction Property

$$\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^a = \left(\frac{x^a}{y^a}\right) = x^a y^{-a}$$

Distributive Property

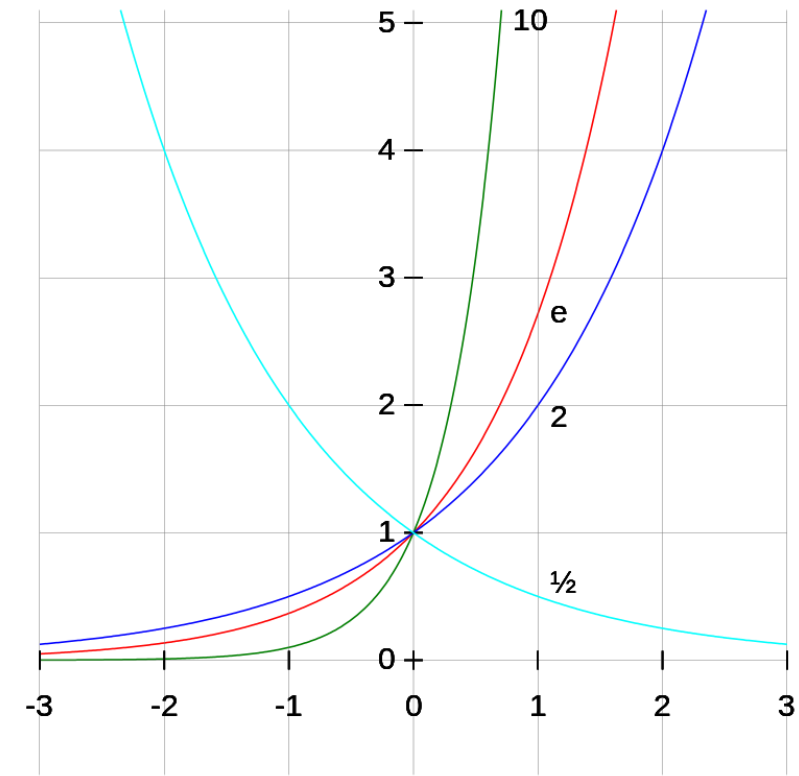
$$(xy)^a = x^a y^a$$

Product Property

$$x^a * x^b = x^{a+b}$$

Ratio Property

$$x^{\frac{a}{b}} = (x^a)^{\frac{1}{b}} = \left(x^{\frac{1}{b}}\right)^a = \sqrt[b]{x^a}$$



Logarithms

The logarithm of a number x to the base b is the exponent to which b must be raised to produce x .

$$y = \log_b x \leftrightarrow x = b^y$$

Exponentiation

$$\log_b(b^x) = b^{\log_b(x)} = x$$

Zero/one

$$\log_b(1) = 0$$

Division

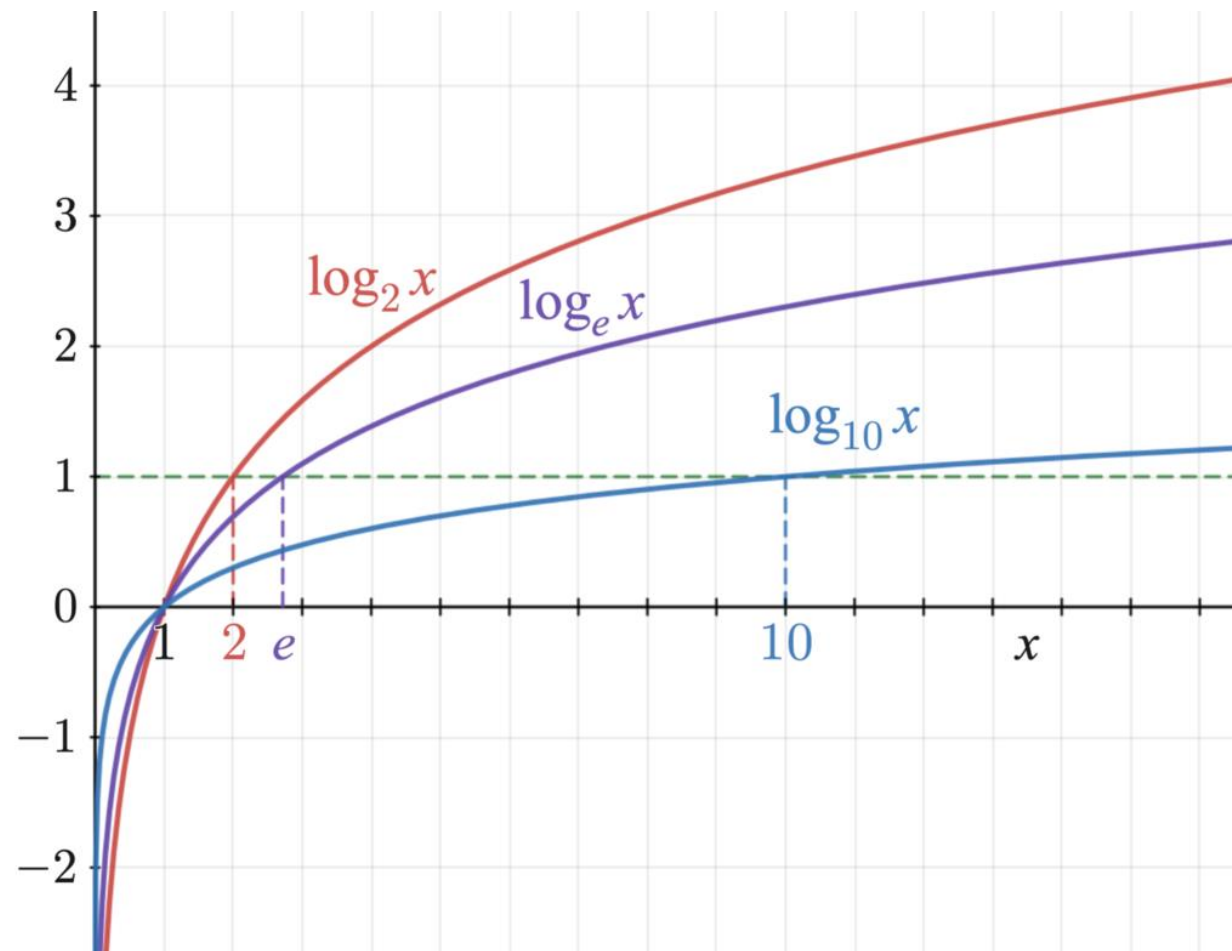
$$\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log(x) - \log(y)$$

Multiplication

$$\log(x * y) = \log(x) + \log(y)$$

Changing base

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$





Find the value of y

a. $\log_8 \frac{1}{64} = y$

b. $\log_6 36 = y$

c. $\log_7 1 = y$

d. $\log_4 \frac{1}{4} = y$

Write the following expressions in terms of logs of x, y and z .

e. $\log(xy)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

f. $\log x\sqrt{z}$

g. $\log \frac{x^3 y^2}{z}$

h. $\log \frac{\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt[3]{y^2}}{z^4}$

True or False?

i. $\frac{\log a}{\log b} = \log(a - b)$

j. $\log(a - b) = \log a - \log b$

k. $-\ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \ln x$