

# Exponential and logarithm functions

Software 2 – Mathematics Python Labs

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# Power function and floating point numbers

 $10^2$  $10^{-3}$ 

```
[2]: 10**2
```

```
[5]: 10**(-3)
```

```
[2]: 100
```

```
[5]: 0.001
```

 $2.0 \times 10^2$  $3.0 \times 10^{-3}$ 

```
[3]: 2.0*10**2
```

```
[6]: 3.0*10**(-3)
```

```
[3]: 200.0
```

```
[6]: 0.003
```

```
[4]: 2e2
```

```
[7]: 3.0e-3
```

```
[4]: 200.0
```

```
[7]: 0.003
```

# Common prefixes

Common Prefixes used with SI Units			
Prefix	Symbol	Meaning	Order of Magnitude
<i>giga-</i>	G	1 000 000 000	$10^9$
<i>mega-</i>	M	1 000 000	$10^6$
<i>kilo-</i>	k	1 000	$10^3$
<i>hecto-</i>	h	100	$10^2$
<i>deka-</i>	da	10	$10^1$
	base unit	1	$10^0$
<i>deci-</i>	d	0.1	$10^{-1}$
<i>centi-</i>	c	0.01	$10^{-2}$
<i>milli-</i>	m	0.001	$10^{-3}$
<i>micro-</i>	$\mu$	0.000 001	$10^{-6}$
<i>nano-</i>	n	0.000 000 001	$10^{-9}$

# Common pitfalls with prefixes

One milli-Volt  $1.0mV$  vs. one mega-Volt  $1.0MV$

```
[8]: V = [1.0e-3, 1.0e6]
      V
```

```
[8]: [0.001, 1000000.0]
```

Ten micro-Amps  $10 \mu A = 10\mu A$

Note the prefix  $\mu$  =  $\mu$

```
[9]: I = 10e-6
      I
```

```
[9]: 1e-05
```

# Common pitfalls – square mm

Twenty square centimeters  $A = 20\text{mm}^2$  in square meters?

```
[10]: # One square mm in square m  
       (1e-3)**2
```

```
[10]: 1e-06
```

```
[11]: # Twenty square mm in square m  
       20*(1e-3)**2
```

```
[11]: 1.999999999999998e-05
```

# Exponential functions

# Power functions

```
[12]: x = np.arange(8)  
y = 2**x  
print(y)
```

```
[ 1  2  4  8 16 32 64 128]
```

```
[13]: x = np.arange(5)  
y = 10**x  
print(y)
```

```
[ 1 10 100 1000 10000]
```

# Exponential function

There is a function for  $y = e^x$

```
[14]: x = np.arange(5)
       y = np.exp(x)
       print(y)
```

```
[ 1.           2.71828183  7.3890561  20.08553692 54.59815003]
```

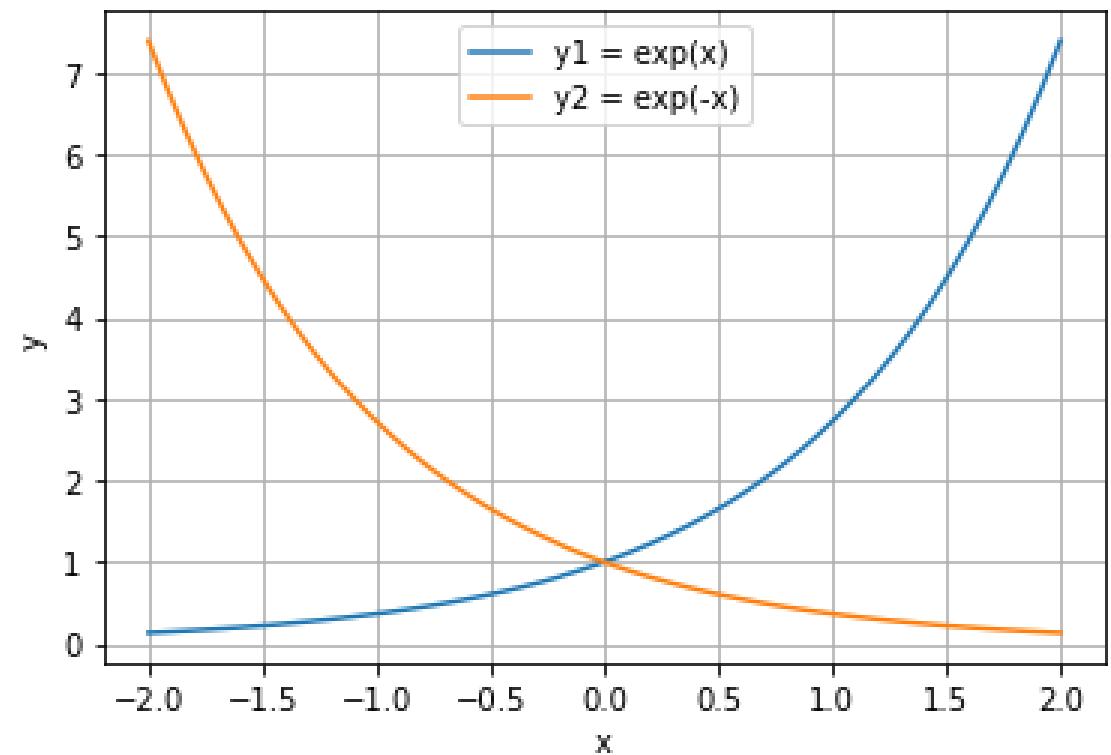
$y = e^{-x}$  can be calculated

```
[15]: y = np.exp(-x)
       print(y)
```

```
[1.           0.36787944 0.13533528 0.04978707 0.01831564]
```

# $\exp(x)$ vs. $\exp(-x)$

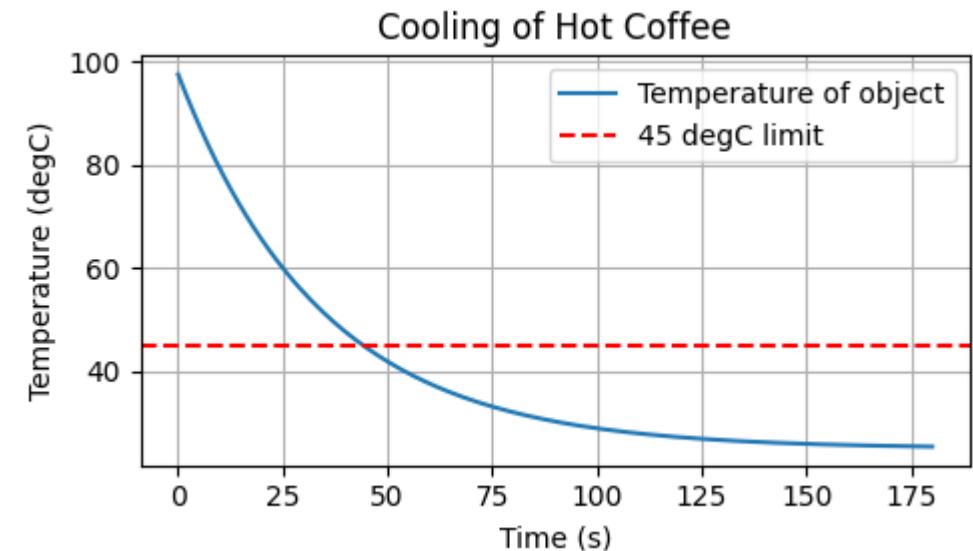
```
[20]: x = np.linspace(-2, 2)
y1 = np.exp(x)
y2 = np.exp(-x)
plt.plot(x, y1, label = 'y1 = exp(x)')
plt.plot(x, y2, label = 'y2 = exp(-x)')
plt.grid()
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



# Example – Heating or cooling of a body

Heat transfer is a classical example of exponential behaviour. **Isaac Newton** (1701) was first to formulate the rate of heat loss of a body is directly proportional to the difference in the temperatures between the body and its environment. When this is solved, the temperature of the body follows an exponential expression.

$$T(t) = T_{\text{env}} + (T(0) - T_{\text{env}})e^{-rt}$$



[Newton's law of cooling - Wikipedia](#)

# Logarithmic functions

# Natural logarithm

$$y = \ln(x) \leftrightarrow x = e^y$$

```
[17]: x = np.array([1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50])
y = np.log(x)
print(y)
```

```
x2 = np.exp(y)
print(x2)
```

```
[0.          0.69314718 1.60943791 2.30258509 2.99573227 3.91202301]
[ 1.  2.  5. 10. 20. 50.]
```

# 10-base logarithm

$$y = \log(x) \leftrightarrow x = 10^y$$

```
[18]: x = np.array([1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50])
y = np.log10(x)
print(y)
```

```
x2 = 10**y
print(x2)
```

```
[0.          0.30103  0.69897  1.          1.30103  1.69897]
[ 1.   2.   5.  10.  20.  50.]
```

# Two-base logarithm

Two-base logarithm  $y = \log_2(x) \leftrightarrow x = 2^y$

```
[19]: x = np.array([1, 2, 4, 8, 16])
y = np.log2(x)
print(y)
```

```
x2 = 2**y
print(x2)
```

```
[0.  1.  2.  3.  4.]
[ 1.  2.  4.  8. 16.]
```

# Example – Sound intensity in decibels

One of the most common examples of logarithmic functions is **sound intensity measured in decibels (dB)**. Sound intensity level (in decibels) is related to the actual intensity (in  $W/m^2$ ) by:

$$I_{dB} = 10 \cdot \log_{10} \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

Where  $I_0 = 1 \times 10^{-12} W/m^2$  is the reference intensity (threshold of human hearing). Human ears perceive sound intensity logarithmically rather than linearly. Examples:

- A whisper  $\sim 30$  dB ( $I = 1 \times 10^{-9} W/m^2$ )
- Normal conversation  $\sim 60$  dB ( $I = 1 \times 10^{-6} W/m^2$ )
- Rock concert at stadium  $\sim 120$  dB ( $I = 1 W/m^2$ )

[Sound intensity - Wikipedia](#)

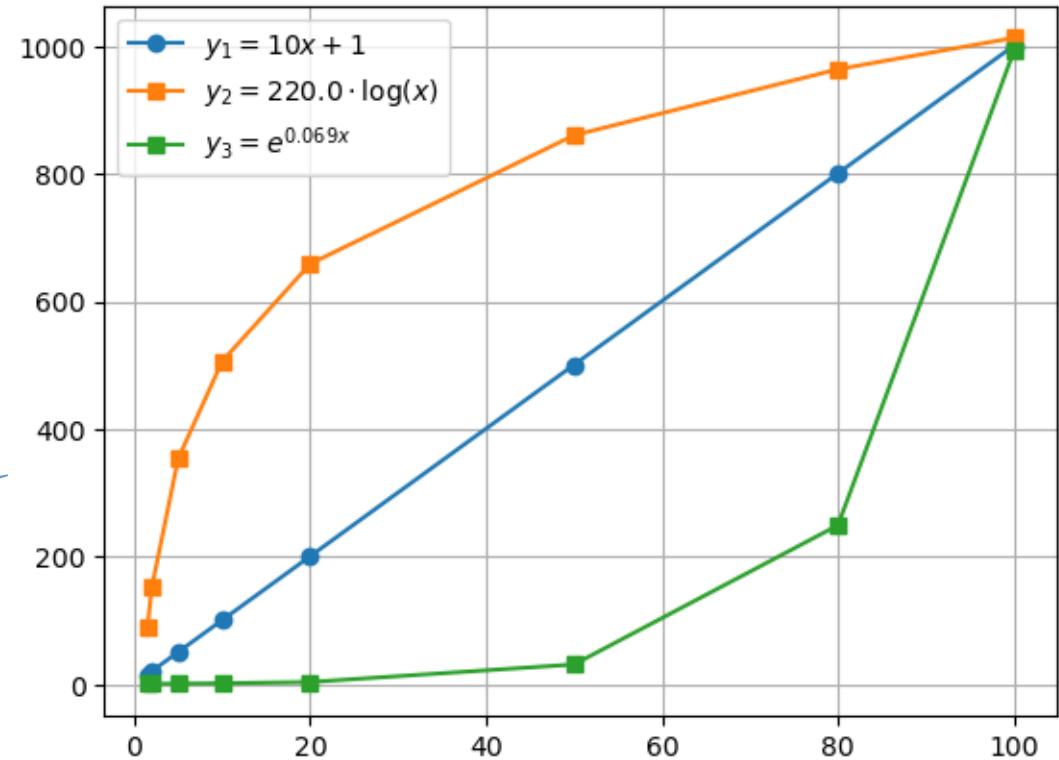
# Semilog and log-log scales

# Example functions – linear, logarithmic, and exponential

Three functions in linear scales (plt.plot).

```
[20]: x = np.array([1.5, 2.0, 5.0, 10.0, 20.0, 50.0, 80.0, 100.0])
y1 = 10*x + 1
y2 = 220.0*np.log(x)
y3 = np.exp(0.069*x)
plt.plot(x, y1, 'o-', label = '$y_1 = 10x + 1$')
plt.plot(x, y2, 's-', label = '$y_2 = 220.0 \cdot \log(x)$')
plt.plot(x, y3, 's-', label = '$y_3 = e^{0.069x}$')
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

In this example, we have used plot function. It is usually tried first. Both x and y axis are linear, so linear function, such as  $y = kx + b$ , is shown as a line (blue curve).

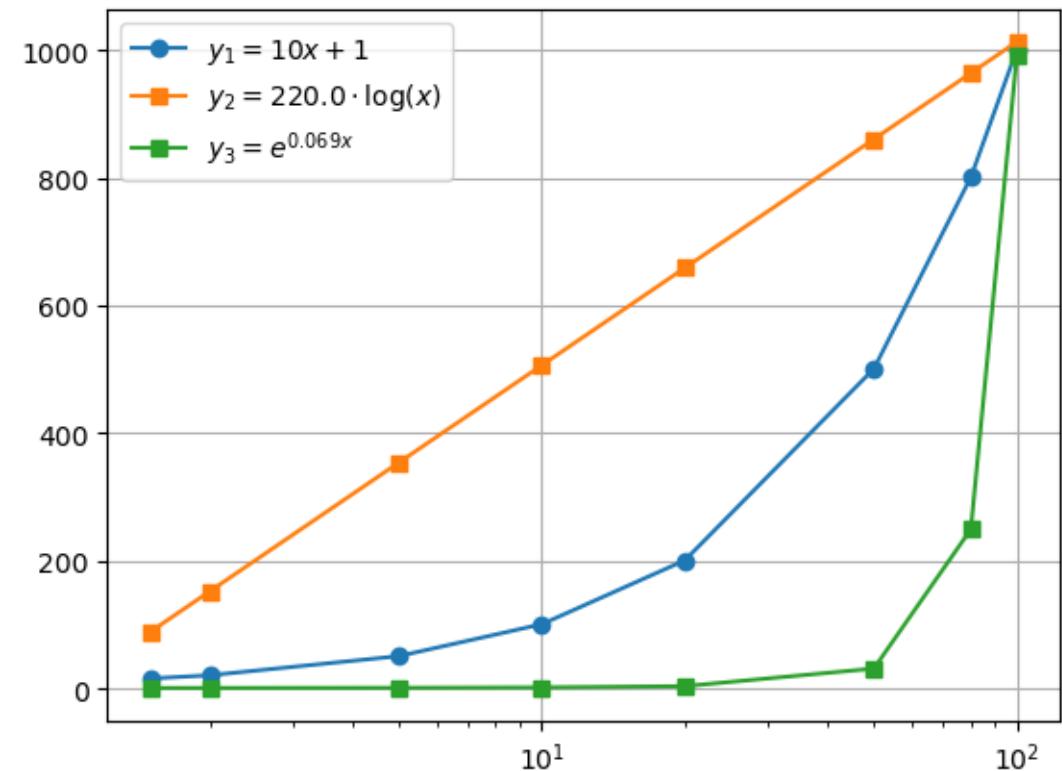


# Semilogx scale (x - logarithmic, y - linear)

## semilogx scale

```
[21]: plt.semilogx(x, y1, 'o-', label = '$y_1 = 10x + 1$')
plt.semilogx(x, y2, 's-', label = '$y_2 = 220.0 \cdot \log(x)$')
plt.semilogx(x, y3, 's-', label = '$y_3 = e^{0.069x}$')
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

In this second example, we have used **semilogx** function. Now x-axis is logarithmic and y-axis is linear. This scale is usually used, if the x values vary over several decades. The logarithmic function  $y = b + k \cdot \log(x)$  is shown linear (orange curve).

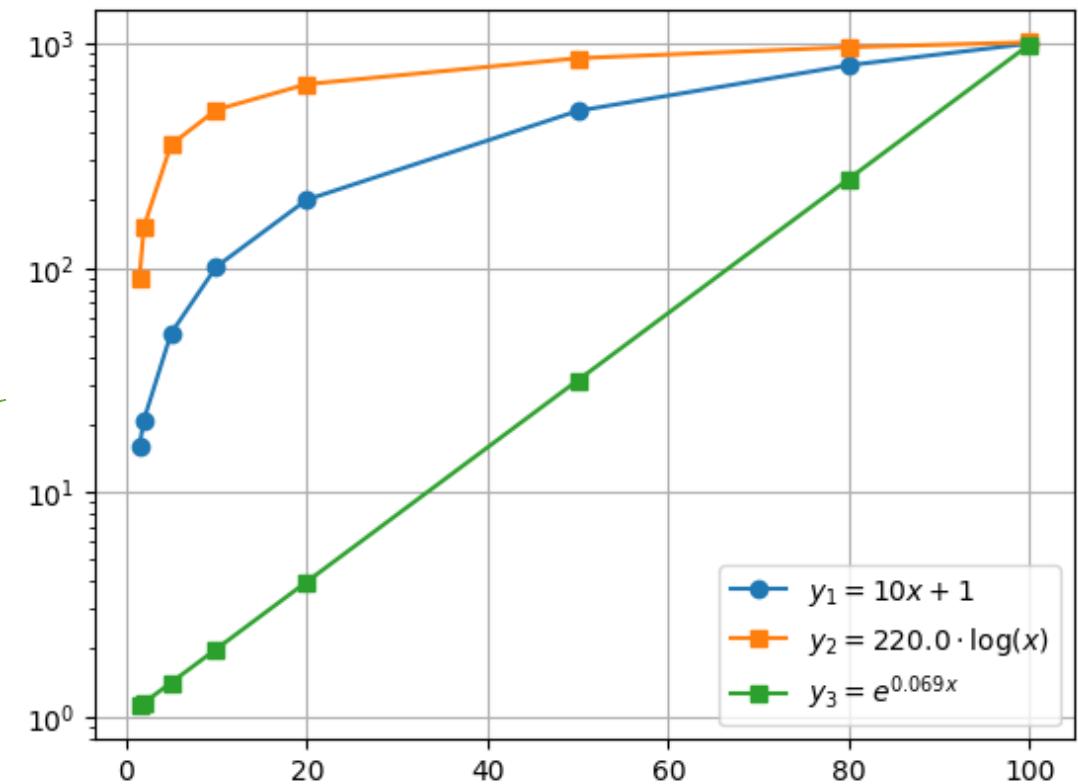


# Semilogy scale (x - linear, y - logarithmic)

## semilogy scale

```
[22]: plt.semilogy(x, y1, 'o-', label = '$y_1 = 10x + 1$')
plt.semilogy(x, y2, 's-', label = '$y_2 = 220.0 \cdot \log(x)$')
plt.semilogy(x, y3, 's-', label = '$y_3 = e^{0.069x}$')
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

In this third example, we have used **semilogy** scale.  
In this case x-axis is linear and y-axis is logarithmic.  
It is typically used, when y values can vary a lot. The exponential function  $y = \exp(k*x)$  is shown linear (green curve).

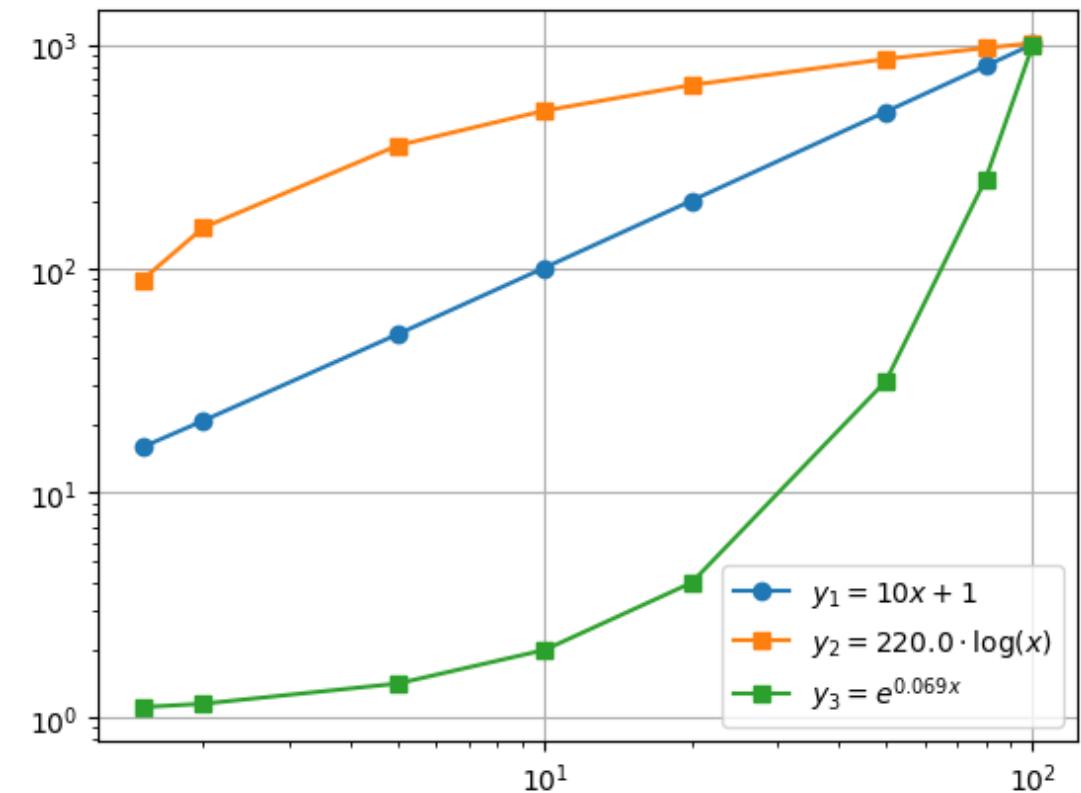


# Log-log scale (both x and y are logarithmic)

## loglog scale

```
plt.loglog(x, y1, 'o-', label = '$y_1 = 10x + 1$')
plt.loglog(x, y2, 's-', label = '$y_2 = 220.0 \cdot \log(x)$')
plt.loglog(x, y3, 's-', label = '$y_3 = e^{0.069x}$')
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

Log-log-scales are used if both x-and y-values vary over several decades. Linear functions are drawn linear in these scales, logarithmic function is almost similar as in linear scales, and exponential function rises up, like with linear scale, as it can be seen in this graph.

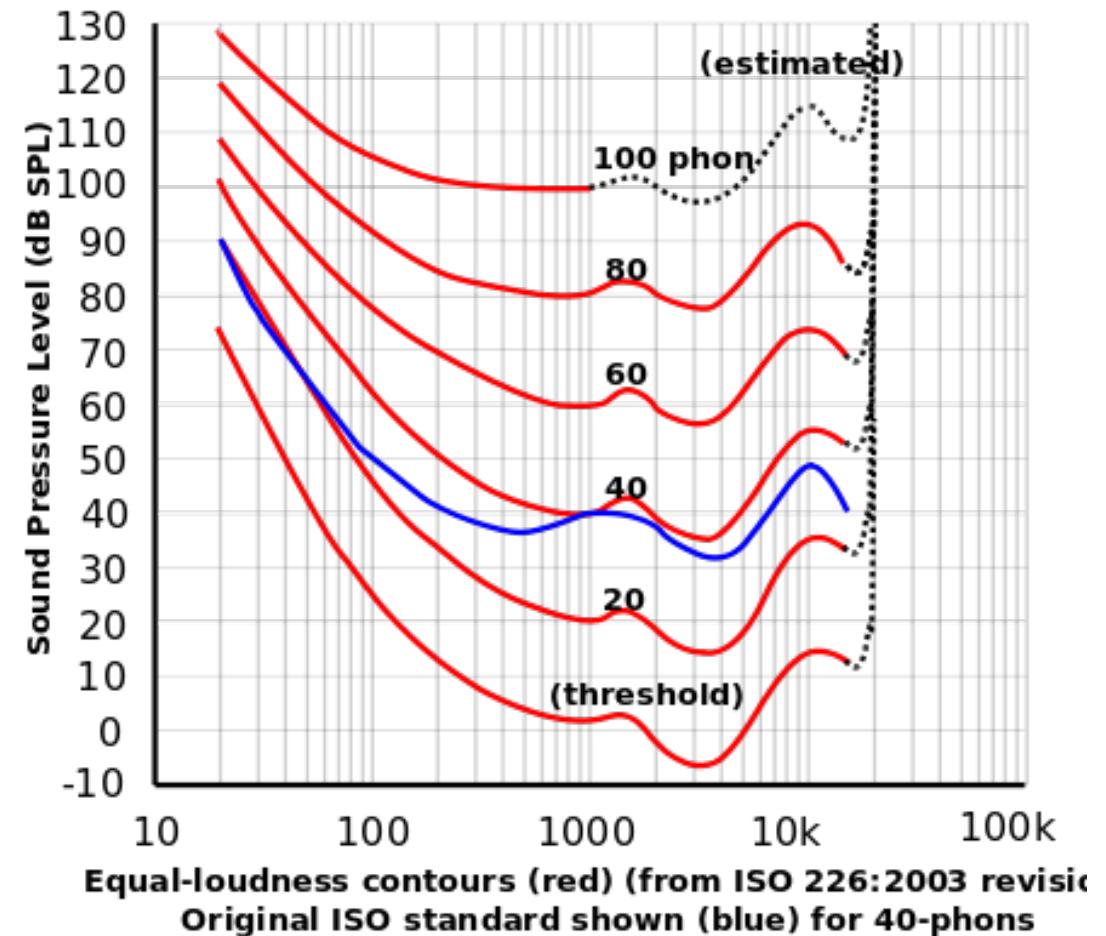


# Typical engineering applications

Logarithmic scales are commonly used in engineering applications as the measured values can vary a lot:

- Sound pressure level measurements
- Spectral density calculations
- Decibel scale
- Signal-to-noise ratio
- Dynamic range

On the right is a graph of equal-loudness contours of normal human auditory system. Notice both x and y scales are logarithmic (decibel, dB, is a logarithmic function).

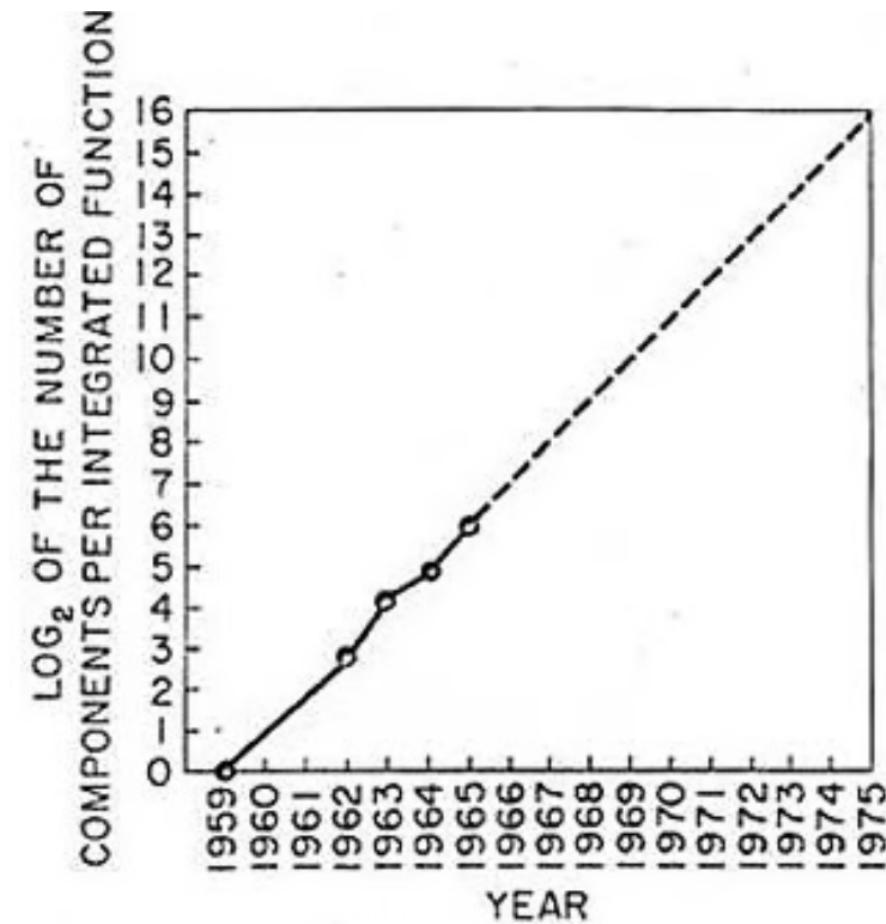


# Example – Number of transistors in ICs

A classical example of exponential growth and use of semilog scales is the observation that the number of transistors in integrated electronic circuits (IC) in computers doubles every two years.

This was first observed by Gordon E. Moore in 1965, when he was asked to predict the future of electronics for the next 10 years.

[What is Moore's Law? - Our World in Data](#)



# Next steps

- Practice – Lab 4
  - Moodle contains a practice quiz
  - Notebook can be found from OMA assignments
- Read more
  - [Exponents and Logs with Python - Python for Undergraduate Engineers](#)
    - Note: the same naming convention is used both in basic Python math-package and in numpy functions!
    - If you need numerical arrays, remember use the numpy package (`np.exp()`)
  - [numpy.exp — NumPy v1.23 Manual](#)
  - [numpy.log — NumPy v1.23 Manual](#)