

# Welcome To Math 34A!

## Differential Calculus

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# Chapter 7 (Logs)

## §7.0 Logarithms and Exponentials

### Applications:

- **Chemistry:** alkalinity and acidity, pH scale
- **Finance:** compound interest (get rich slow)
- **Geology:** Richter scale for earthquakes (did you feel the earth move too ?)
- **Archeology:** radio carbon dating (how old is that bone ?)
- **Astronomy:** stellar magnitude (brightness of stars)
- **Sound:** decibels (what did you say?, the music is too loud)
- **Math:** solving equations with exponents ...by performing an arithmetic operation to both sides (all of the above are examples of the use of this operation)

# Chapter 7 (Logs)

Main Idea of Chapter 7:

$\log(x)$  is how many times you multiply 1 by 10 to get  $x$

Conclusion:

Before we do logs we should be really good at powers of 10.

# Powers of Ten

1 meter  $\approx$  3 feet

1 centimeter = 0.01 meters =  $10^{-2}$  meters  $\approx$  1/2 inch

1 kilometer = 1,000 meters =  $10^3$  meters  $\approx$  1/2 mile

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Approximate distance (in meters), to nearest power of 10

$10^7$ meters	Size of Earth
$10^9$ meters	Distance to moon
$10^{14}$ meters	Size of our solar system
$10^{16}$ meters	One light-year
$10^{21}$ meters	Size of the Milky Way galaxy
$10^{27}$ meters	Size of the universe (about 93 billion light-years)
$10^{80}$	number of protons in the observable universe?
$10^{100}$	1 googol
$10^{1000}$ meters	???

# Exponential Basics

$$\begin{aligned}10^4 &= 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 10,000 \\&= 4 \text{ lots of } 10 \text{ multiplied together} \\&= 1 \text{ followed by } 4 \text{ zeroes}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}10^x &= \underbrace{10 \times 10 \times \cdots \times 10}_x \text{ lots of } 10 = 1 \underbrace{00000 \cdots 0}_x \text{ zeros} \\&= 1 \text{ followed by } x \text{ zeroes}\end{aligned}$$

Ex:  $10^2 \times 10^3 = (10 \times 10) \times (10 \times 10 \times 10)$   
 $= 10^{2+3} = 10^5.$

$$10^x \times 10^y = 10^{x+y} \quad \text{First Law of Exponents}$$

Why?

We can work it out!

# Exponential Basics (cont'd)

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Why?

We can work it out:

$(x \text{ lots of } 10 \text{ multiplied together}) \times (y \text{ lots of } 10 \text{ multiplied together})$   
 $= (x + y) \text{ lots of } 10 \text{ multiplied together}$

For now  $x$  and  $y$  are positive whole numbers.

# More Exponentiation

$$\begin{aligned}(10^2)^3 &= (10 \times 10)^3 \\ &= (10 \times 10) \times (10 \times 10) \times (10 \times 10) \\ &= 10^6\end{aligned}$$

$$(10^a)^b = 10^{ab} \quad \text{Fourth Law of Exponents}$$

Why? We can work it out:

$$10^a = \underbrace{10 \times 10 \times \cdots \times 10}_{a \text{ times}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(10^a)^b &= \underbrace{(10 \times \cdots \times 10) \times \cdots \times (10 \times \cdots \times 10)}_{b \text{ times}} \\ &= 10^{ab}.\end{aligned}$$

Just count the zeros!

# When the power is 0 or negative

What is  $10^0$ ? = 1    **But why?**    We can work it out:

$$10^0 \times 10^1 = 10^{0+1}$$

$$\text{so } 10^0 \times 10 = 10$$

$$\text{and therefore } 10^0 = 10/10 = 1$$

Summary: we used the first law of exponents to figure out what  $10^0$  must be.

There is a second explanation in the book!

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What is  $10^{-2}$ ? =  $1/100 = 0.01$     **But why?**    We can work it out:

$$10^{-2} \times 10^2 = 10^{-2+2} = 10^0 = 1$$

$$\text{therefore } 10^{-2} = \frac{1}{10^2} \quad \text{and} \quad 10^{-a} = \frac{1}{10^a}$$

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# The Five Laws of Exponents

$$(1) 10^a \times 10^b = 10^{a+b}$$

$$(2) 10^0 = 1$$

$$(3) 10^{-a} = 1/10^a$$

$$(4) (10^a)^b = 10^{ab}$$

$$(5) 10^a/10^b = 10^{a-b}$$

**1.** What is  $10^3 \times 10^4$ ?

$$A = 10^{12} \quad B = 10^7 \quad C = 10^{34} \quad D = 10^0 \quad E = 10^{-7} \quad \boxed{B}$$

**2.** Find  $10^3/10^4$

$$A = 10^7 \quad B = 10^1 \quad C = 10^{-4} \quad D = 10^{-1} \quad E = 10^{-7} \quad \boxed{D}$$

**3.** Find  $(10^3)^4$ .

$$A = 10^7 \quad B = 10^1 \quad C = 10^{12} \quad D = 10^{-1} \quad E = 10^0 \quad \boxed{C}$$

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4. What is  $(10^2 \times 10^3)^4$ ?

$$A = 10^8 \quad B = 10^9 \quad C = 10^{12} \quad D = 10^{20} \quad E = 10^{24} \quad \boxed{D}$$

5. What is  $(10^2 \times 10^6)/(10^2 \times 10^3)$ ?

$$A = 10^2 \quad B = 10^3 \quad C = 10^{-1} \quad D = 10^7 \quad E = 10^6 \quad \boxed{B}$$

6. What is  $(10^2/10^5)^{-2}$ ?

$$A = 10^{-6} \quad B = 10^{-5} \quad C = 10^6 \quad D = 10^4 \quad E = 10^5 \quad \boxed{C}$$

## §7.1 Fractional Exponents

We can work them out!

**7.** What is  $10^{0.5} = 10^{1/2}$ ? **Answer:**  $10^{0.5} = \sqrt{10} \approx 3.16288$

**8.** What is  $10^{0.1} = 10^{1/10}$ ? **Answer:**  $10^{0.1} = \sqrt[10]{10} \approx 1.258926$

**9.** Similarly:  $10^{0.01} = \sqrt[100]{10} \approx 1.02329$   
 $10^{0.001} = \sqrt[1000]{10} \approx 1.00231$

**10.** What is  $10^{0.27}$ ? **Answer:**

$$10^{0.27} = 10^{27/100} = \sqrt[100]{10^{27}} = \left( \sqrt[100]{10} \right)^{27} \approx 1.862$$

## §7.2 Logarithms

$\log(y)$  is how many tens you multiply together to get  $y$

$$10^{\log(y)} = y$$

$$\log(10) = ? \textcolor{red}{1} \quad \text{because} \quad 10^{\textcolor{blue}{1}} = \textcolor{blue}{10}$$

$$\log(\textcolor{blue}{100}) = ? = \textcolor{red}{2} \quad \text{because} \quad 10^{\textcolor{red}{2}} = \textcolor{blue}{100}$$

$$\log(\textcolor{blue}{1000}) = ? = \textcolor{red}{3} \quad \text{because} \quad 10^{\textcolor{red}{3}} = \textcolor{blue}{1000}$$

$$\log(\textcolor{blue}{100,000}) =$$

$$A=2 \quad B=3 \quad C=4 \quad D=5 \quad E=6 \quad \boxed{D}$$

# Still moving to Logarithms

$\log(y)$  is how many tens you multiply together to get  $y$

$$10^{\log(y)} = y$$

$$\log(0.1) = ? = -1 \quad \text{because} \quad 10^{-1} = 1/10 = 0.1$$

$$\log(0.01) = ? = -2 \quad \text{because} \quad 10^{-2} = 1/100 = 0.01$$

$$\log(10^x) = ? = x \quad \text{duh?}$$

How confused are you?

A=not at all    B=a bit    C=a lot    D=: '(

You try it:

$$\log(100,000) = ?$$

$$A = 2 \quad B = 3 \quad C = 4 \quad D = 5 \quad E = 6 \quad \boxed{D}$$

$$\log(0.001) = ?$$

$$A = 3 \quad B = 0 \quad C = 0.001 \quad D = -2 \quad E = -3 \quad \boxed{E}$$

$$\log(100 \times 1000) = ?$$

$$A = 6 \quad B = 5 \quad C = 3 \quad D = 9 \quad E = -5 \quad \boxed{B}$$

$$\log(100/1000) = ?$$

$$A = -1 \quad B = 0 \quad C = 1 \quad D = -3 \quad E = -5 \quad \boxed{A}$$

# Key Fact Of Logs

$$\text{First Law of Logs} \quad \log(a \times b) = \log(a) + \log(b)$$

This means logs convert **multiplication** into **addition**.

Example:  $\log(100 \times 1000) = \log(100) + \log(1000) = 2 + 3 = 5$

It is easy to understand why the first law works:

$\log(a)$  = (how many 10's you multiply to get **a**)

$\log(b)$  = (how many 10's you multiply to get **b**)

**THEREFORE** multiplying ALL these 10s gives  **$a \times b$**

**CONCLUDE**  $\log(a \times b)$  is this number of 10s: that is,  $\log(a) + \log(b)$ .

## 7.3 Using Log Tables

We are told:  $\log(2) \approx 0.3$  (from table page 289)

$$\begin{aligned}\log(20) &= \log(10 \times 2) \\ &= \log(10) + \log(2) && \text{we know } \log(10) = 1 \\ &\approx 1 + 0.3 \\ &\approx 1.3\end{aligned}$$

Use this method to find  $\log(200)$

$$A = 30 \quad B = 3 \quad C = 2.3 \quad D = 30 \quad \boxed{C}$$



# A few more

We are still told  $\log(2) \approx 0.3$

Find  $\log(0.002)$

$$A = -3.3 \quad B = -2.3 \quad C = -2.7 \quad D = -3.7 \quad \boxed{C}$$

Find  $\log(2 \times 10^x)$

$$A = 2x \quad B = 2 + x \quad C = .3x \quad D = 10x + \log(2) \quad E = x + .3 \quad \boxed{E}$$

# A Trick!

The graph and the table can both be used to find logs of numbers between 1 and 10.

To find the log of ANY number, we move the decimal point:

$$\log(10^n \times x) = n + \log(x)$$

Example:

$$\log(275.67) = \log(10^2 \times 2.7567) = 2 + \underbrace{\log(2.7567)}_{\text{look this up!}}$$

Its called the **MOVING DECIMAL POINT TRICK** because 2 is how many places you need to move the decimal point of 275.67 to obtain a number between 1 and 10.

# Inverses!

logs are “**opposite**” of exponents (inverse function of antilog)

So every fact about exponents corresponds to a fact about logs:

	laws of exponents	corresponding law of logs
(1)	$10^a \times 10^b = 10^{a+b}$	$\log(xy) = \log(x) + \log(y)$
(2)	$10^0 = 1$	$\log(1) = 0$
(3)	$10^{-a} = 1/10^a$	$\log(1/x) = -\log(x)$
(4)	$(10^a)^p = 10^{ap}$	$\log(x^p) = p \log(x)$
(5)	$10^a/10^b = 10^{a-b}$	$\log(x/y) = \log(x) - \log(y)$

Example:  $\log(x^a/y^b) = ?$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= a \log(x)/(b \log(y)) & B &= a \log(x) + b \log(y) \\ C &= a \log(x) - b \log(y) & D &= (a + \log(x)) - (b + \log(y)) \end{aligned} \quad \boxed{C}$$

# Rule (4): $\log(x^p) = p \log(x)$

Explanation of (4)

$$\log(a \times a) = \log(a) + \log(a) = 2 \log(a)$$

$$\log(a \times a \times a) = \log(a) + \log(a) + \log(a) = 3 \log(a)$$

In general: the number of tens you multiply to get  $x^p$  is  $p$  times as many tens as you multiply to get  $x$ .

What is  $\log(\sqrt{x^7})$ ?

$$A = 7 + \log(x) \quad B = (7/2) + \log(x) \quad C = 7/2 \quad D = 7/2 \log(x) \quad \boxed{D}$$

Find  $x$  by solving  $10^x = 5$ .

$$A = 5 \quad B = 0.5 \quad C = \log(5) \quad D = \log(0.5) \quad E = \log(5) - \log(10) \\ \boxed{C}$$

That's it. Thanks for being here.

