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# Survey Time!

Have you used OnLine Math Lab (there is a link on Gauchospace)?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) What is it?
- (D) Prefer not to say

Have you used some other (non-UCSB) videos / web pages for 34A?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) Other people know calculus?
- (D) Prefer not to say

# Today: Start Chapter 7 (Logs)

## 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 (includes all of the above)

# Today: Start Chapter 7 (Logs)

Main Idea of Chapter 7:

$\log(x)$  is how many tens you multiply 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)

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

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!

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

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

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

There is a second explanation in the book

# 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)  $10^{12}$

(B)  $10^7$

(C)  $10^{34}$

(D)  $10^0$

(E)  $10^{-7}$

**B**

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

(A)  $10^7$

(B)  $10^1$

(C)  $10^{-4}$

(D)  $10^{-1}$

(E)  $10^{-7}$

**D**

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

(A)  $10^7$

(B)  $10^1$

(C)  $10^{12}$

(D)  $10^{-1}$

(E)  $10^0$

**C**

# The Five Laws of Exponents

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

(A)  $10^8$

(B)  $10^9$

(C)  $10^{12}$

(D)  $10^{20}$

(E)  $10^{24}$

D

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

(A)  $10^2$

(B)  $10^3$

(C)  $10^{-1}$

(D)  $10^7$

(E)  $10^6$

B

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

(A)  $10^{-6}$

(B)  $10^{-5}$

(C)  $10^6$

(D)  $10^4$

E =  $10^5$

C

# Non-Integer Powers

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:**

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

# Moving to Logarithms

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) 2

(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

(E) 6

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) totes confused

# Try A Few More!

**11.**  $\log(0.001) = ?$

(A) 3

(B) 0

(C) 0.001

(D)  $-2$

(E)  $-3$

**E**

**12.**  $\log(100 \times 1000) = ?$

(A) 6

(B) 5

(C) 3

(D) 9

(E)  $-5$

**B**

**13.**  $\log(100/1000) = ?$

(A)  $-1$

(B) 0

(C) 1

(D)  $-3$

(E)  $-5$

**A**

**14.** How confused are you ?

(A) not at all

(B) a bit

(C) a lot

(D) completely

# Next Time: How To Find Logs

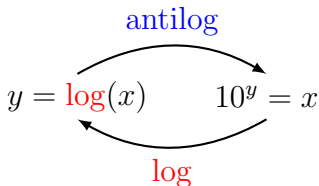
- (1) Use a calculator: efficient but not good for **learning**
- (2) Use the graph on page 290 of textbook / handout (see GS)
- (3) Use table of logarithms on page 289 of textbook / handout (GS)

Our goal: use (2) and (3) to understand:

**logs**, **functions** and **inverse functions**.

Our main use of logs: solving certain kinds of equation.

Mistakes will follow unless you practice finding logs the old fashioned way.



**log** is the inverse function of **antilog**

**antilog** is another name for  
the **10-to-the-power** function:

$$\text{antilog}(y) = 10^y.$$