

# Welcome To Math 34A!

## Differential Calculus

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# Quiz Corrections

While doing well on the quizzes is important, what is more important to me is that you learn the material so that you can do well on the Midterm Exams and the Final. To that end, you can optionally do **Quiz Corrections** after your quiz is graded. To get credit back on your quizzes, please answer the following in your own **words**:

- What was the problem was asking you to do?
- What was the mistake(s) in your work?
- Correctly and completely rework the problem, explaining your steps as you go.
- We know that mistakes are simply an opportunity to learn; what did you learn from this mistake?

then **for each problem you correct, you will earn 50% of the missing points back on the corresponding Quiz.** This means a 50% can be corrected to a 75%, a 90% to a 95%, etc. Quiz corrections are due 1 week after the graded quiz is posted.

# Announcements

- Thursday is the last day to drop a class in Session A.
- I will have the exams graded ASAP (hopefully today or tomorrow morning).

# Counting and Our Logarithmic Perception of the World

Vsauce:

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,  
28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pxb5lSPLy9c>

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- Is my answer 4.3 reasonable? Yes, about  $2 \times 2 = 4$ .

## §7.5: Using logs to divide

Remember Log Rule (5):  $\log(a \div b) = \log(a) - \log(b)$

**Example:** Use this rule to find  $38.2/1.77$

### Method

(i) Look up  $\log(3.82)$  and  $\log(1.77)$ , find  $\log(38.2)$

★ You can find  $\log(38.2)$  by adding 1 to  $\log(3.82)$  because 38.2 is 3.82 times one more power of 10.★

(ii) **Subtract!**

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**Conclusion:** Money approximately doubles in 10 years!

So in 20 years multiplies by 4, in 30 years by 8,...

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