

1. Solve for x in following equations. Your answers should be simplified and have no log expressions.

1a. $16^{x+2} = 2^x$

1b. $27 \cdot 9^x = 3^{1-x}$

1c. $\log_3(x^2) - \log_3(x^2 - 2) = 1$

2. A gardener has 100 ft of fencing wishes to construct a rectangular enclosure with one side along a 200 ft building and the other three sides using fencing material as show below. Assume that all the fencing material are used in the construction.



2a. Let x be the length of the side of the enclosure as shown. Find the area of the enclosure in terms of x .

2b. Find the dimensions (Length and Width) of the enclosure where the area enclosed is maximum. What is the maximum area.

The Richter scale

$$\text{Richter value} = \log_{10} \left(\frac{x}{A} \right),$$

where A is the amplitude of the seismic wave of a reference earthquake and x is the amplitude of the seismic wave of the earthquake in question.

3. One of the worst earthquakes in history occurred in Tokyo and registered 8.3 on the Richter scale. A more recent earthquake in California in 1989 registered 7.2. How much more severe was the earthquake in Tokyo in terms of the amplitude of its seismic wave?