

# 1 Lesson 1

## 1.1 Exponentials

Let  $a$ ,  $m$ , and  $n$  be real numbers. Then, the following hold:

- $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$

- $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$

- $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$

- $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$

- $a^0 = 1$ , if  $a \neq 0$

## 1.2 Logarithms

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers. Let  $c > 0$ . Then, the following hold for the logarithm function with base  $c$ , namely  $\log_c(x)$ :

- $\log_c(ab) = \log_c(a) + \log_c(b)$

- $\log_c\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \log_c(a) - \log_c(b)$

- $\log_c(a^b) = b \log_c(a)$

- $\log_c(c) = 1$

- $\log_c(1) = 0$

Recall that the natural logarithm function is defined to be  $\log_e(x) = \ln(x)$ . So, per the above:

- $\ln(ab) = \ln(a) + \ln(b)$

- $\ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \ln(a) - \ln(b)$

- $\ln(a^b) = b \ln(a)$

- $\ln(e) = 1$

- $\ln(1) = 0$

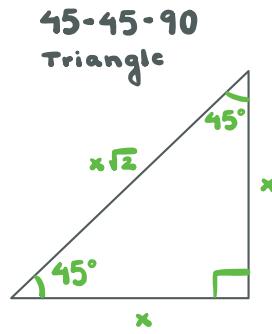
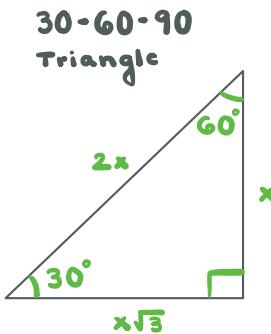
In this course, we will primarily be using the natural logarithm function. Note that  $e^{\ln(x)} = x$ .

and  $\ln(e^x) = x$ .

## 1.3 Trigonometry

### Useful Trigonometric Function Values

$\theta$	$\sin(\theta)$	$\cos(\theta)$
0	0	1
$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	1	0
$\pi$	0	-1
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	-1	0
$2\pi$	0	1



### Useful Identities

- $\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$
- $\cot(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$
- $\sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$
- $\csc(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$
- $\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$

## 1.4 Practice Problems

1. Simplify the following expressions.

$$(a) e^2 \cdot e^3 = e^{2+3} = e^5$$

$$(b) (e^2)^3 = e^{2 \cdot 3} = e^6$$

$$(c) e^{-8} \cdot e^m = e^{m-8}$$

$$(d) \frac{e^{2x} \cdot e^y}{e^z} = \frac{e^{2x+y}}{e^z} = e^{2x+y} \cdot e^{-z} = e^{2x+y-z}$$

$$(e) e^{\ln(5x)} = 5x$$

$$(f) e^{10-2\ln(5)} = e^{10} \cdot e^{-2\ln(5)} = \frac{e^{10}}{e^{2\ln(5)}} = \frac{e^{10}}{e^{\ln(5^2)}} = \frac{e^{10}}{5^2} = \frac{e^{10}}{25}$$

2. Solve the following equation for  $x$ .

$$\ln(x^2) = 20$$

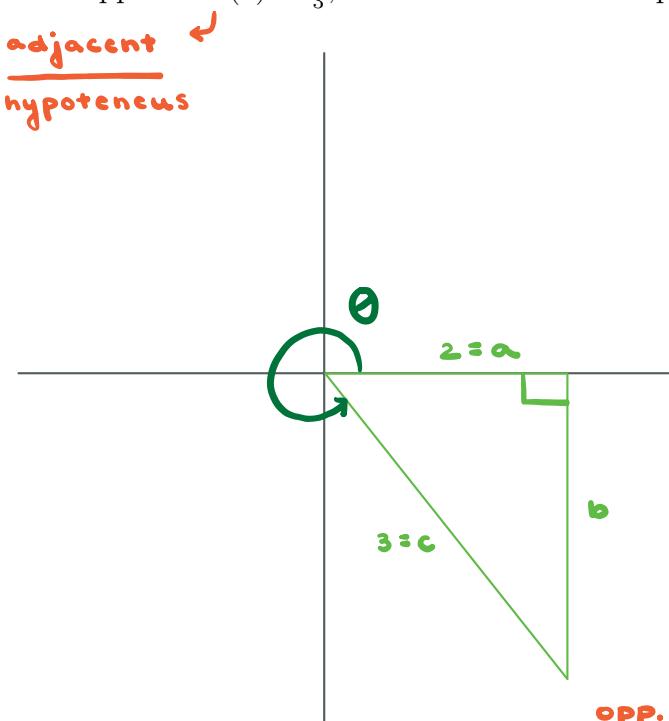
$$e^{\ln(x^2)} = e^{20} \Rightarrow x^2 = e^{20} \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{e^{20}} = \pm (e^{20})^{1/2} = \pm e^{10}$$

3. Express the following as sums, differences, and multiples of basic logarithmic functions, such as  $\ln(x)$ ,  $\ln(y)$ , and  $\ln(z)$ .

$$(a) \ln\left(\frac{xy}{z}\right) = \ln(xy) - \ln(z) = \ln(x) + \ln(y) - \ln(z)$$

$$(b) \ln\left(\frac{x^2}{y\sqrt{z}}\right) = \ln(x^2) - \ln(y\sqrt{z}) = 2\ln(x) - (\ln(y) + \ln(\sqrt{z})) = 2\ln(x) - \ln(y) - \frac{1}{2}\ln(z)$$

4. Suppose  $\cos(\theta) = \frac{2}{3}$ , and  $\theta$  is in the fourth quadrant. Compute  $\sin(\theta)$ ,  $\cot(\theta)$ , and  $\sec(\theta)$ .



By the Pythagorean theorem,

$$(2)^2 + b^2 = 3^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 + b^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \pm \sqrt{5}$$

Since we are in quadrant 4,  $b$  is negative  $\Rightarrow b = -\sqrt{5}$

So,

$$\sin(\theta) = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$$

$$\cot(\theta) = \frac{\cos(\theta)}{\sin(\theta)} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left(-\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}\right) = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} = -\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

$$\sec(\theta) = \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} = \frac{3}{2}$$