

Using a function to approximate the logarithm

An approximation to the natural logarithm is given by

$$\log(1+x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \left(\frac{x}{1+x} \right)^i \quad (1)$$

Otherwise, simply:

$$\log(1+x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i} \left(\frac{x}{1+x} \right)^i \quad (2)$$

Write a python function that verifies that

$$\log(1.1) = 0.09531 \quad (3)$$

You will want to replace ‘infinity’ with just a large number, like 1000. You can even set your program to stop when the difference between two successive computations is small enough.

Using the math module

There’s actually a much simpler (and more efficient) way to calculate the logarithm:

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import math
print math.log(1.1)
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