

ARITHMETIC IN R

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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- Perform basic numerical operations
- Translate complex mathematical formulas
- Use logarithms and exponentials
- Brush up on mathematical E-notation
- Know R's special numbers
- Understand logical values and operators

ARITHMETIC OPERATORS

1. Parentheses: ()
2. Exponentiation: ^ or **
3. Multiplication: *
4. Division: /
5. Addition: +
6. Subtraction: -

FORMULA TRANSLATOR I

$$24 + 6/3 \times 5 \times 2^3 - 9 \quad (1)$$

- What is the result of this expression?
- Compute in your head first
- Then check in the R console

FORMULA TRANSLATOR I

```
23 = 2^3 = 8  
6/3 = 2  
2 * 5 * 8 = 80  
24 + 80 = 104  
104 - 9 = 95
```

You can check this in an R session:

```
> 24 + 6/3*5*8-9  
[1] 95
```

- Remember the PEMDAS order
- Instead of ^ you can use **

FORMULA TRANSLATOR II

$$10^2 + \frac{3 \times 60}{8} - 3 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{5^3 \times (6 - 2)}{61 - 3 + 4} \quad (3)$$

$$2^{2+1} - 4 + 64^{-2^{2.25} - \frac{1}{4}} \quad (4)$$

$$\left(\frac{0.44 \times (1 - 0.44)}{34} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (5)$$

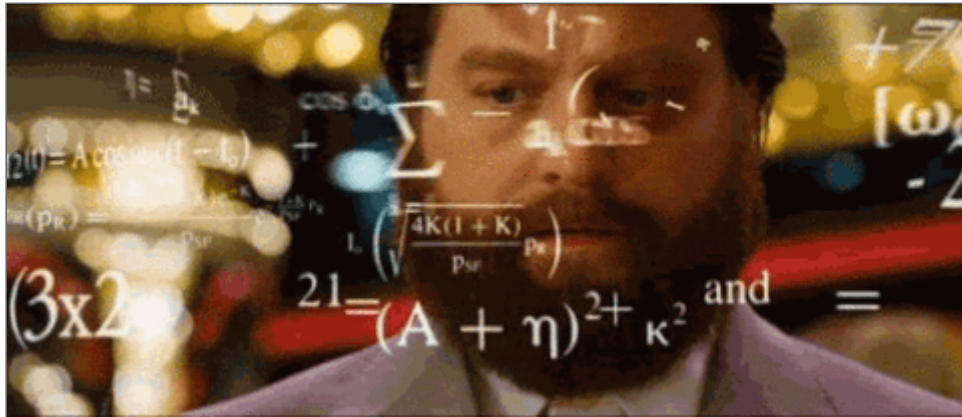
- Compute the expressions (2)-(5)
- Use the R console

FORMULA TRANSLATOR II

$10^2 + \frac{3 \times 60}{8} - 3$	R> 10^2+3*60/8-3 [1] 119.5
$\frac{5^3 \times (6 - 2)}{61 - 3 + 4}$	R> 5^3*(6-2)/(61-3+4) [1] 8.064516
$2^{2+1} - 4 + 64^{-2^{.25}-\frac{1}{4}}$	R> 2^(2+1)-4+64^((-2)^(2.25-1/4)) [1] 16777220
$\left(\frac{0.44 \times (1 - 0.44)}{34} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$	R> (0.44*(1-0.44)/34)^(1/2) [1] 0.08512966

- You need parentheses in the exponent
- -2 is interpreted as $-1 * 2$
- What does $(-1)^{(1/2)}$ return?

MATHEMATICAL FUNCTIONS



?sqrt

?log10

?exp

?pi

LOGARITHMIC TRANSFORMATION

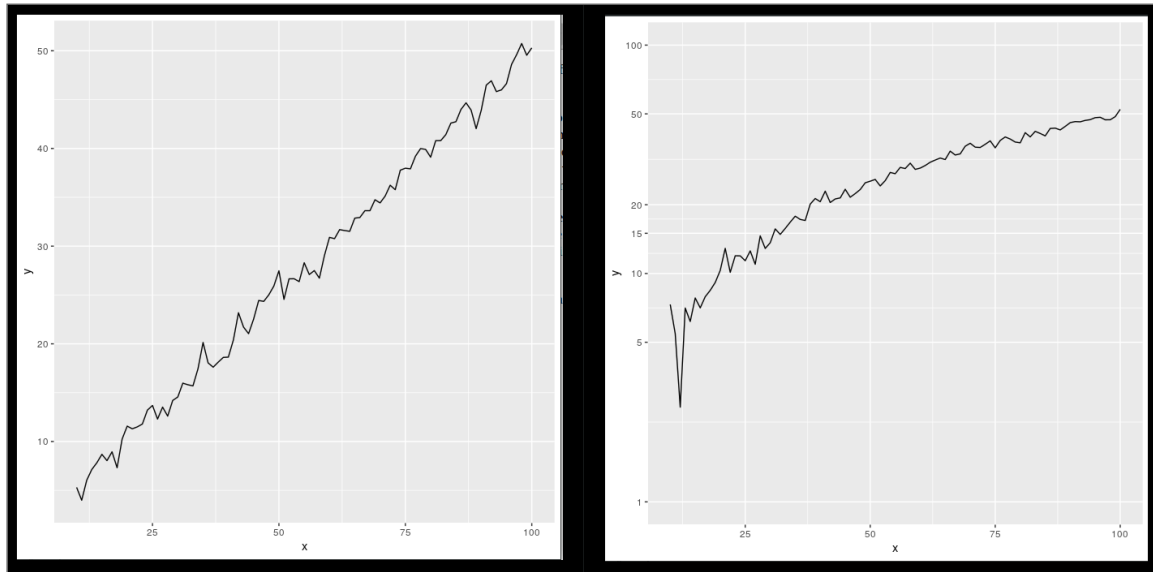


Figure 7: Dummy data without (left) and with (right) logarithmic transformation (Source: [R Graph Gallery](#))

See also: [The Economist/Off The Charts 04/20/2021](#)

LOGARITHM RULES



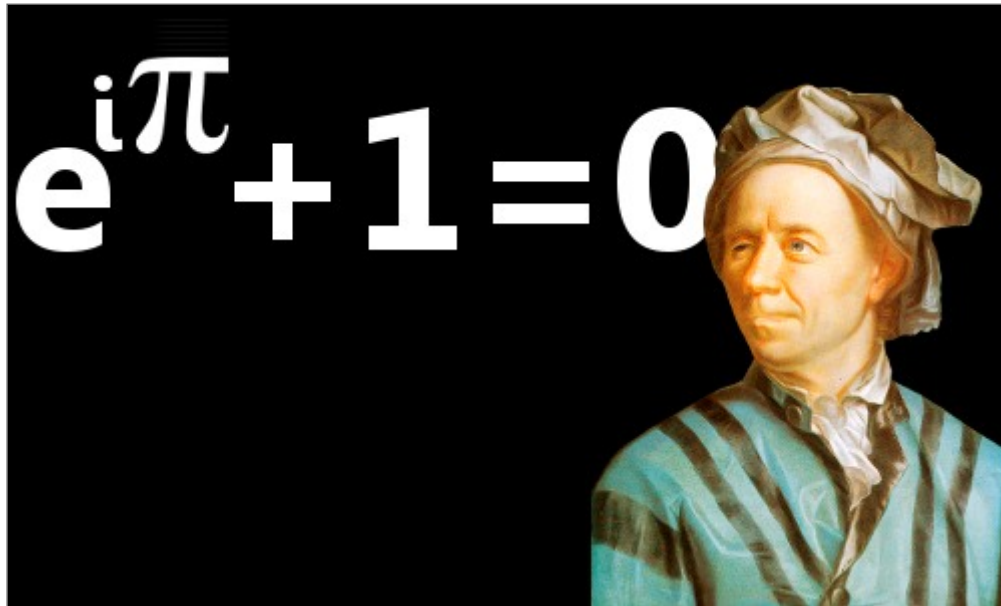
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- $\forall x: \log(x, b=x) = 1$ since only $x^1 = x$
- $\forall b: \log(x=1, b) = 0$ since $b^0 = 1$

LOGARITHM PUZZLES



- Compute $\log_{10}(10,000,000)$ in R
- Enter `log10(10,000,000)` in R
- Find the logarithm with base 10 for 10,000,010.
- Why is the result the same as before?
- Check: enter `log10(10000100)`

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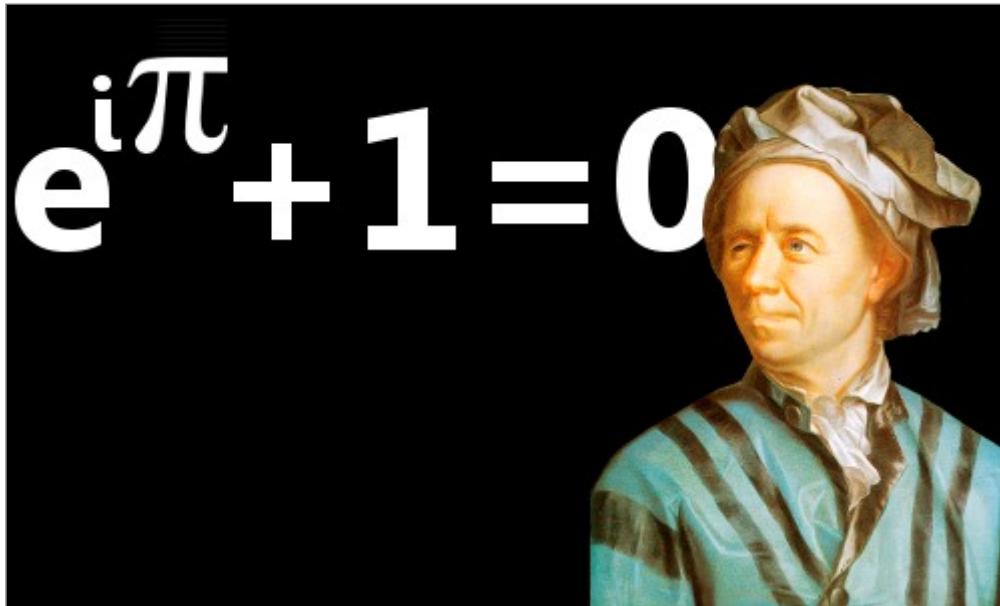
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```
\begin{equation}
  \label{eqn:e}
  e^{\ln(x)} = \ln(e^x) = x
\end{equation}
```

CONSTANTS



- `pi` ($\pi \approx 3.14$)
- `LETTERS` and `letters`
- `month.name` and `month.abb`
- What about Euler's number e ?

E-NOTATION

Positive Powers of 10

$$10^1 = 10$$

$$10^2 = 100$$

$$10^3 = 1,000$$

$$10^4 = 10,000$$

etc.

Negative Powers of 10

$$10^{-1} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$$

$$10^{-2} = \frac{1}{100} = 0.01$$

$$10^{-3} = \frac{1}{1,000} = 0.001$$

$$10^{-4} = \frac{1}{10,000} = 0.0001$$

etc.

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Scientific Notation is Based on Powers of 10

EXAMPLES



$$10\,000 = 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1 \times 10^5 = 1\text{eR}+05$$

$$7.45678389\text{e}12 = 7.45678389 \times 10^{12} = 745.678389 \times 10^{10}$$

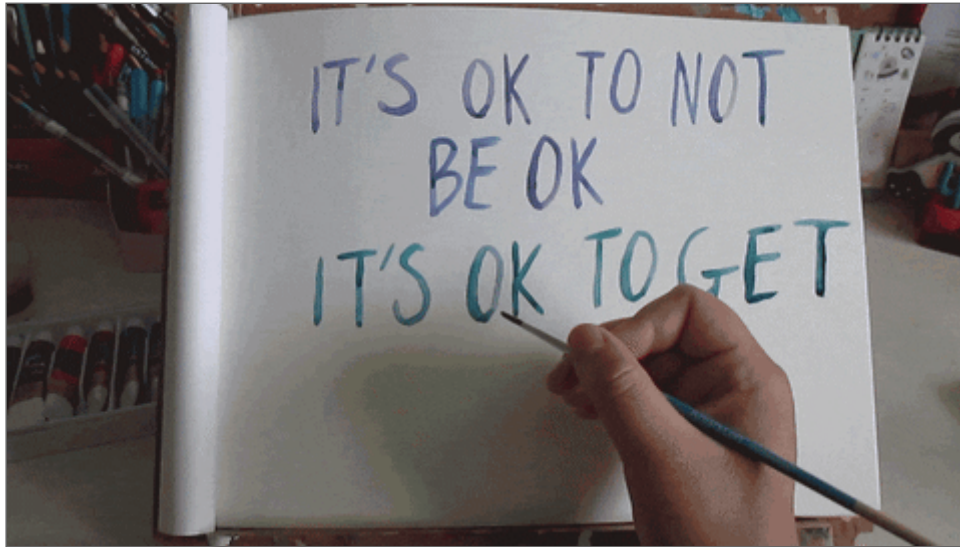
$$e = 271828182845\text{e}-11 \\ = 271828182845 \times 10^{-11}$$

BE THE COMPUTER!



- Enter 100 000 000
- Enter 0.00000000000000000010
- Enter $\exp(1000)$ and $(-1)/0$
- Enter $\sqrt{-1}$

MATH HELP IN R



- ?Arithmetic
- ?Math
- ?Comparison etc.

TO INFINITY AND BEYOND



SPECIAL NUMBERS



- Inf for positive infinity (∞)
- -Inf for negative infinity ($-\infty$)
- NaN for "not-a-number" (not displayable)
- NA for "not available" (missing value)

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$\text{Inf}+1$	$\text{Inf}-1$
Inf/Inf	$\text{Inf}-\text{Inf}$
NA	NA+NA
NaN	NaN+NaN

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS



<code>is.finite(Inf)</code>	<code>is.infinite(Inf)</code>
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<code>is.finite(NA)</code>	<code>is.na(NA)</code>
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<code>is.nan(NaN)</code>	<code>is.nan(NA)</code>
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BE THE COMPUTER!



- Enter 10^{309}
- Subtract $\sqrt{2}^2$ from 2

LOGICAL VALUES AND OPERATORS



BE THE COMPUTER!



T	= TRUE
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F	= FALSE
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T <- FALSE	=> ?
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F <- TRUE	=> ?
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LOGICAL OPERATORS

There are three logical operators in R:

! for "*not*": $1 \neq 1$

& for "*and*": $\sim(1==1) \& (1==2)$

| for "*or*": $(1==2) | (1!=1)$

BE THE COMPUTER!



```
sqrt(2)^2
```

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sqrt(2)^2 == 2
```

```
all.equal(sqrt(2)^2, 2)
```

```
identical(sqrt(2)^2, 2)
```

CONCEPT SUMMARY

- In R mathematical expressions are evaluated according to the PEMDAS rule.
- The natural logarithm $\ln(x)$ is the inverse of the exponential function e^x .
- In the scientific or e-notation, numbers are expressed as positive or negative multiples of 10.
- Each positive or negative multiple shifts the digital point to the right or left, respectively.
- Infinity `Inf`, not-a-number `NaN`, and not available numbers `NA` are special values in R.

CODE SUMMARY

CODE	DESCRIPTION
<code>log(x=, b=)</code>	logarithm of x , base b
<code>exp(x)</code>	e^x , exp[onential] of x
<code>is.finite(x)</code>	tests for finiteness of x
<code>is.nan(x)</code>	checks if x is not-a-number
<code>is.na(x)</code>	checks if x is not available
<code>all.equal(x, y)</code>	tests near equality
<code>identical(x, y)</code>	tests exact equality
<code>1e2, 1e-2</code>	$10^2 = 100, 10^{-2} = \frac{1}{100}$

THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?



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