

Lambert W-Function

Problem: $W \cdot e^W = x$, find $W(x)$ - ?

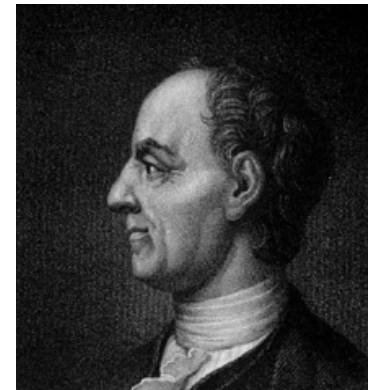
Solution: the *Lambert W-Function*

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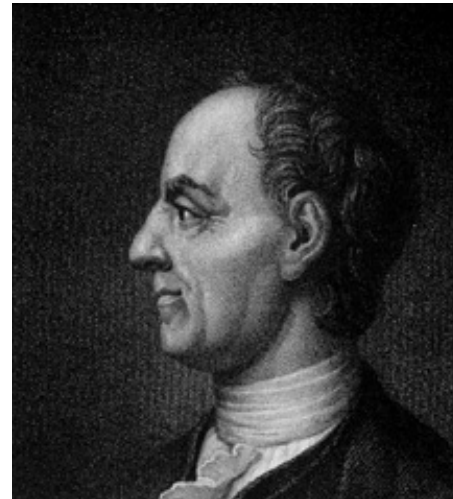
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The Lambert ***W*-function**, also called the ***omega function*** or the ***product log*** function, is the [inverse function](#) of $W(x)e^{W(x)} = x$, discovered by:



Johann Lambert,
Zurich/Berlin, 1758

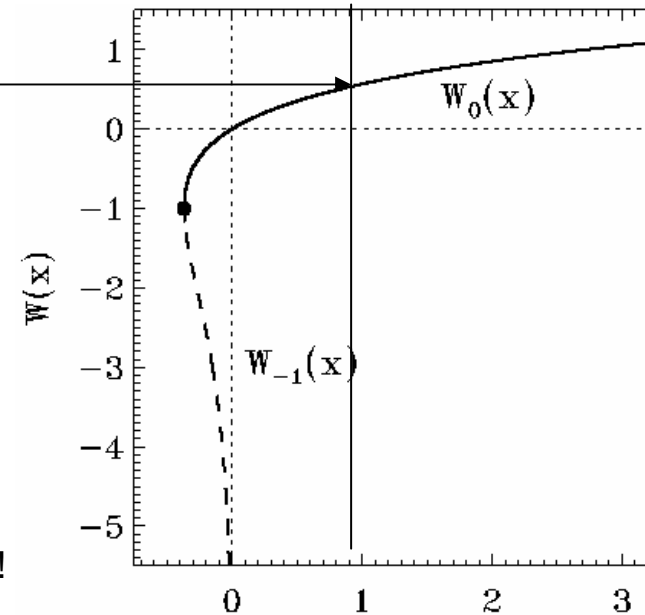
and



Leonhard Euler,
St.-Petersburg
Academy Academy
of Science, 1783

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$W(1) = 0.56714$ is called the [omega constant](#) and can be considered a sort of "[golden ratio](#)" of exponents.

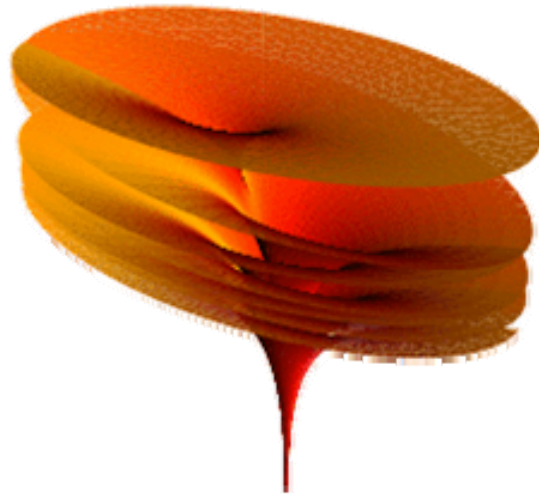


The Lambert W -function has the series expansion!

$$W(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{n-2}}{(n-1)!} = x - x^2 + \frac{3}{2} x^3 - \frac{8}{3} x^4 + \frac{125}{24} x^5 - \frac{54}{5} x^6 + \frac{16807}{720} x^7 + \dots$$

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(x,y) Re:



(x,y) Im:



The real (left) and imaginary (right) parts of the analytic continuation of over the complex plane are illustrated above.

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The General Problem : $\ln(A + Bx) + Cx = \ln D$

The General Solution : $x = \frac{1}{C} W \left[\frac{CD}{B} \exp \left(\frac{AC}{B} \right) \right] - \frac{A}{B}$

Lambert W-Function has numerous applications:

- 1) Banwell and Jayakumar (2000) showed that a W -function describes the relation between *voltage, current and resistance in a diode*
- 2) Packel and Yuen (2004) applied the W -function to a *ballistic projectile* in the presence of air resistance.
- 3) Other applications have been discovered in:
statistical mechanics, quantum chemistry, combinatorics, enzyme kinetics,
physiology of vision, engineering of thin films, hydrology,
analysis of algorithms (Hayes 2005) , and solar wind.

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The Isothermal Solar Wind Problem :

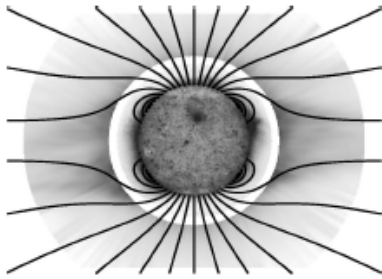


Fig. 1. The solar corona on 17 August 1996, with bright regions plotted as dark. The inner image was taken by the EIT (Extreme-ultraviolet Imaging Telescope) instrument on Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO), and is sensitive to the ultraviolet emission of Fe^{+14} ions at temperatures of about 10^6 K. The outer image was taken by the UVCS (Ultraviolet Coronagraph Spectrometer) instrument on SOHO by blocking out the bright disk to see the much dimmer ultraviolet emission of O^{+5} ions at temperatures exceeding 10^6 K. The magnetic field lines are from a model of the corona at the minimum of its 11 year activity cycle (Ref. 32).

$$(v^2 - a^2) - a^2 \ln \left(\frac{v^2}{a^2} \right) = 4a^2 \ln \left(\frac{r}{r_c} \right) + 2GM_{\odot} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_c} \right)$$

where v is the outflow velocity of the wind, which is the quantity we wish to solve for, r is the distance (measured here from the center of the Sun), a is the speed of sound in the outer solar atmosphere, which is proportional to the temperature of the gas, and which we assume to be constant. Also, r_c is the so-called "Parker critical-point distance" where the wind accelerates past the sound speed:

$$r_c = \frac{GM_{\odot}}{2a^2}$$

$$v = \begin{cases} a\sqrt{-W_0(-f)} & , \text{ if } r \leq r_c \\ a\sqrt{-W_{-1}(-f)} & , \text{ if } r \geq r_c \end{cases} \quad f = \left(\frac{r_c}{r} \right)^4 \exp \left[4 \left(1 - \frac{r_c}{r} \right) - 1 \right]$$

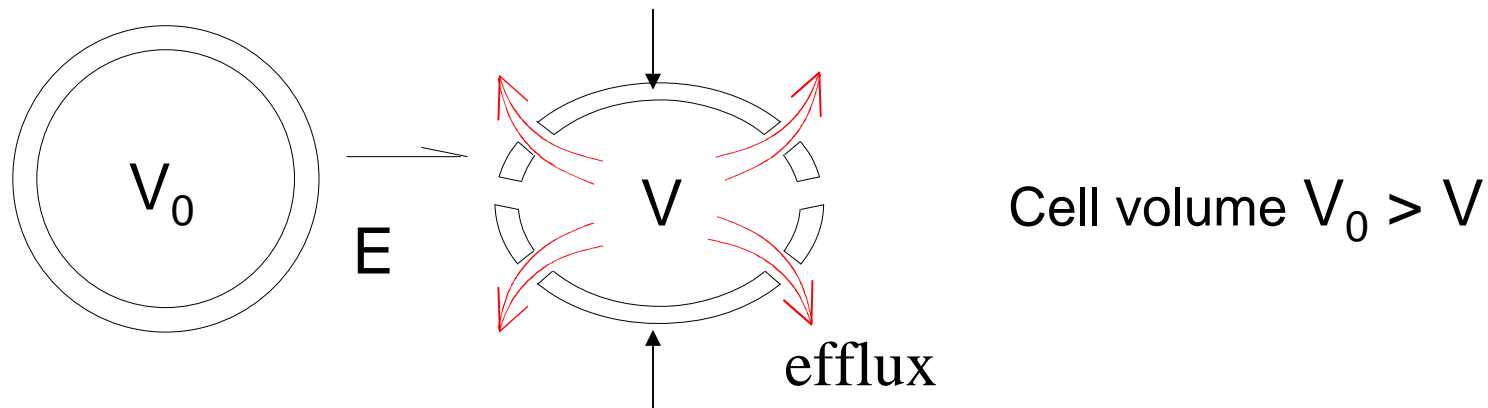
Steven R. Cranmer, **New views of the solar wind with the Lambert W function**, Am. J. Phys., 2005, Vol. 72, No. 11, 1397-1403.

Some applications of the Lambert W Function to Physical Chemistry

1) The kinetics of the electromechanical vesicle elongation

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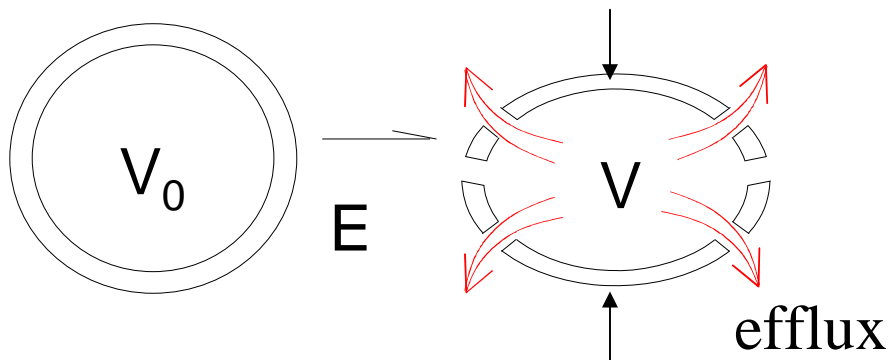
1) The kinetics of the electromechanical vesicle elongation

$$\frac{d\Delta V}{dt} = -\frac{3\pi \cdot r_p^4 \cdot N_p}{160 \cdot d \cdot \eta} \left(\varepsilon_0 \cdot \varepsilon_w \cdot E^2 - 32 \cdot \kappa \cdot \sqrt{\frac{-\Delta V}{\pi a^9}} \right)$$

$$\Delta V(t=0) = 0$$

$$\Delta V(t) = -\pi a \cdot \left(\frac{m}{n} \right)^2 \cdot \left\{ 1 + \text{LambertW} \left[-\frac{1}{m} \cdot \exp \left[\frac{n^2}{m} \cdot (C - t) - 1 \right] \right] \right\}^2$$

$$m = \frac{3}{320} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon_0 \cdot \varepsilon_w \cdot E^2 \cdot N \cdot r_p^4}{d \cdot \eta \cdot a} \quad n = \frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{N \cdot r_p^4 \cdot \kappa \cdot (1 - \bar{c}_0/6)}{d \cdot \eta \cdot a^5} \quad C = (m/n^2) \cdot \ln |m|$$



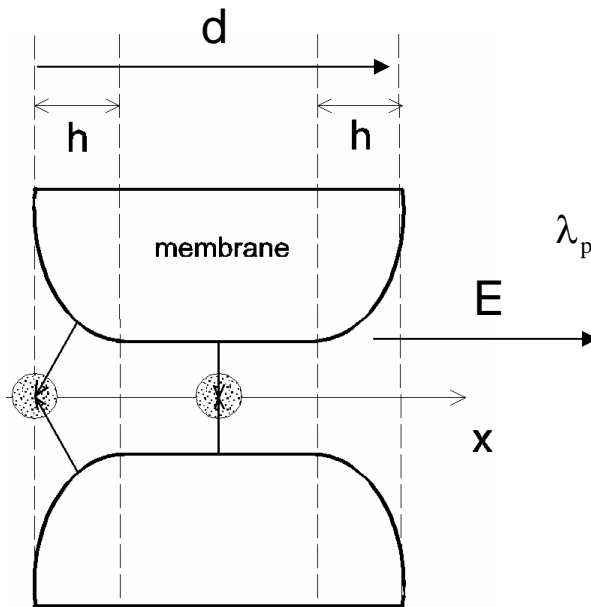
Cell volume $V_0 > V$

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2) Conductivity of electroporated lipid bilayer membranes

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Griese, T., Kakorin, S. and Neumann, E. (2002) Conductometric and electrooptic relaxation spectrometry of lipid vesicle electroporation at high fields, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* 4: 1217-1227.



$$\lambda_p = \frac{F^2 \cdot D \cdot (c(0) + c(d))}{RT} \cdot \exp \left[\left(\left(1 - \frac{RT}{F \cdot \phi_{im}^0} \right) \cdot \frac{h}{d} \cdot |\Delta\phi| - \phi_{im}^0 \right) \cdot \frac{F}{RT} \right]$$

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2) Conductivity of electroporated lipid bilayer membranes

Integrated Nernst-Planck equation for the membrane conductivity:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda^0 \cdot \exp \left[\left(\alpha \cdot n \cdot |\Delta\phi_0| \cdot (1 - \lambda_p \cdot f_p \cdot \frac{a}{2d\lambda_{ex}}) - \phi_{im}^0 \right) \cdot \frac{F}{RT} \right]$$

$\lambda^0 = F^2 \cdot D \cdot (c(0) + c(d)) / RT$
 $\alpha = (1 - RT / (F\phi_{im}^0))$
 $n = h / d$

Solution:

$$\lambda_p = \beta \cdot \lambda_{ex} \cdot \text{LambertW} \left(\frac{\lambda^0}{\beta \cdot \lambda_{ex}} \exp \left[\frac{F \cdot (\sqrt{3} \cdot \alpha \cdot a \cdot E \cdot n / 2 - \phi_{im}^0)}{RT} \right] \right)$$

$\beta = 4 \cdot d^2 \cdot RT / (F \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \alpha \cdot a \cdot E \cdot h)$

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2) Enzyme Kinetics:

A.R. Tzafriri, E.R. Edelman, **The total quasi-steady-state approximation is valid for reversible enzyme kinetics**,
Journal of Theoretical Biology 226 (2004) 303–313.

A.R. Tzafriri, **Michaelis–Menten Kinetics at High Enzyme Concentrations**,
Bulletin of Mathematical Biology (2003) **65**, 1111–1129.

S. Schnell and C. Mendoza,
Enzyme kinetics of multiple alternative substrates,
Journal of Mathematical Chemistry 27 (2000) 155–170.

Lambert W-Funktion

Das Michaelis-Menten-Modell:

(Enzym - Reaktion mit einem Fließgleichgewicht)



Enzym - Substrat – Komplex

Die Näherung des fluss-stationären Zustandes:

$$\frac{d[(ES)]}{dt} = k_1 \cdot [E] \cdot [S] - k_{-1} \cdot [(ES)] - k_{cat} \cdot [(ES)] = 0$$

Bildung	Zerfall	Zerfall in P
aus E und S	in E und S	

$$k_1 \cdot [E] \cdot [S] = (k_{-1} + k_{cat}) \cdot [(ES)]$$

Michaelis-Menten-Modell



$$k_1 \cdot [E] \cdot [S] = (k_{-1} + k_{cat}) \cdot [(ES)]$$

Die Gesamtkonzentration an Enzym ist konstant:

$$[E]_0 = [E] + [(ES)]; \quad [E] = [E]_0 - [(ES)] = \text{const.}$$

Nach der Umformung: $k_1 \cdot ([E]_0 - [(ES)]) \cdot [S] = (k_{-1} + k_{cat}) \cdot [(ES)]$

$$k_1 \cdot [E]_0 \cdot [S] = (k_{-1} + k_{cat}) \cdot [(ES)] + k_1 \cdot [S] \cdot [(ES)] = (k_{-1} + k_{cat} + k_1 \cdot [S]) \cdot [(ES)]$$

$$K_M \equiv \frac{k_{cat} + k_{-1}}{k_1} \quad (M = \text{mol/L, Michaelis - Konstante})$$

$$[(ES)] = \frac{k_1 \cdot [E]_0 \cdot [S]}{k_{-1} + k_{cat} + k_1 \cdot [S]} = \frac{[E]_0 \cdot [S]}{\frac{k_{-1} + k_{cat}}{k_1} + [S]} = \frac{[E]_0 \cdot [S]}{K_M + [S]}$$

Michaelis-Menten-Modell

Die Bildungsgeschwindigkeit des Produktes:

$$v = \frac{d[P]}{dt} = k_{\text{cat}} \cdot [(ES)] = k_{\text{cat}} \cdot [E]_0 \cdot \frac{[S]}{K_M + [S]} = k_{\text{cat}} \cdot [E]_0 \cdot \frac{[S_0] - [P]}{K_M + [S_0] - [P]}$$

$$v_0 = k_{\text{cat}} \cdot [E]_0 \cdot \frac{[S_0]}{K_M + [S_0]}; \quad [P(t=0)] = 0 \quad ???$$