

H W # 4

1) find ratio of  $M$  b/w a 9.0M & 8.6M earthquake

$$\frac{M_2}{M_1} = 10^{(\log M_2 - \log M_1)} = 10^{9.0 - 8.6} = 10^{0.4} = \boxed{2.5} = \frac{M_2}{M_1}$$

2) find  $E_2/E_1$  b/w 9.0M & 8.6M earthquake

$$\frac{E_2}{E_1} = 10^{1.5(9.0 - 8.6)} = 10^{0.6} = \boxed{3.981} = \frac{E_2}{E_1}$$

a 9.0M earthquake has 3.981 times the energy of an 8.6M earthquake