

1 H. Exponentials and Logarithms: Algebra

1a)

$$y = y_0 e^{-kt}$$

$$\frac{y}{y_0} = e^{-kt}$$

$$-kt = \ln\left(\frac{y}{y_0}\right)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{y}{y_0}\right)}{-k}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{-k} = \frac{\ln 2}{k} \quad \text{substitute } \frac{y_0}{2} \text{ for } y$$

1b)

$$y_1 = y_0 e^{-kt_1}$$

$$y_2 = y_0 e^{-k(t_1 + \lambda)}$$

$$= y_0 e^{(-kt_1 - \ln 2)}$$

$$= y_0 e^{-kt_1} \cdot \frac{1}{2} y_0$$

$$y_2 = y_1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} y_0$$

2)

$$\text{pH}_0 = -\log_{10} [H^+]$$

$$\text{pH}_1 = -\log_{10} \left(\frac{1}{2} [H^+] \right)$$

$$= -\log_{10} \frac{1}{2} - \log_{10} [H^+]$$

$$= -\log_{10} \frac{1}{2} + \text{pH}_0$$

$$\text{pH}_1 - \text{pH}_0 = -\log_{10} \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{0.301}$$

3a)

$$\ln(y+1) + \ln(y-1) = 2x + \ln x$$

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

$$\frac{y^2-1}{x} = e^{2x}$$

$$y = (xe^{2x} + 1)^{1/2}$$

5b)

$$y = e^x + \frac{1}{e^x}$$

$$y = u + \frac{1}{u} \quad \left. \vphantom{y = u + \frac{1}{u}} \right\} u = e^x$$

$$u^2 - yu + 1 = 0$$

$$u = \frac{y \pm (y^2 - 4)^{1/2}}{-2}$$

$$e^x = \frac{y \pm (y^2 - 4)^{1/2}}{-2}$$

$$x = \ln\left(\frac{y \pm (y^2 - 4)^{1/2}}{-2}\right)$$