

U4 Day 6 - Solving Exponential Equations

SWBAT: _____

Using Logs to Solve Exponential Functions

1. Isolate the exponential function
2. Take the common log of both sides
3. Solve for x

<p>1. $e^{2x} = 8$</p> $\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{\ln 8}{2}$ $x = \ln 8 / 2 \approx 1.04$	<p>2. $2e^x = 8$</p> $\frac{2}{2} \frac{e^x}{2} = \frac{8}{2}$ $e^x = 4$ $x = \ln 4 \approx 1.39$
<p>3. $2e^x = 4$</p> $\frac{2}{2} \frac{e^x}{2} = \frac{4}{2}$ $e^x = 2$ $x = \ln 2 \approx .693$	<p>4. $5^{x+1} = 25$</p> $\log_5 5^{x+1} = \log_5 25$ $x+1 \log_5 5 = 2$ $x+1 = 2$ $x = 1$
<p>5. $5 + 2^{x+6} = 9$</p> $\begin{matrix} -5 & -5 \\ 2^{x+6} & = 4 \end{matrix}$ $\log_2 2^{x+6} = \log_2 4$ $\begin{matrix} (x+6) \log_2 2 = 2 \\ (x+6) \cdot 1 = 2 \\ -6 & -6 \\ x & = -4 \end{matrix}$	<p>6. $4^x - 5 = 3$</p> $\begin{matrix} +5 & +5 \\ 4^x & = 8 \end{matrix}$ $\log_4 4^x = \log_4 8$ $x \log_4 4 = \log_4 8$ $x = \log_4 8$ $x = 1.5$
<p>7. $e^{3x} = 124$</p> $3x = \ln 124$ $x = \frac{\ln 124}{3} = 1.61$	<p>8. $\frac{12e^{3x-2}}{12} = \frac{8}{12}$</p> $e^{3x-2} = 2/3$ $3x-2 = \ln(2/3)$ $\begin{matrix} +2 & +2 \\ 3x & = \ln(2/3) + 2 \end{matrix}$ $x = \frac{\ln(2/3) + 2}{3}$
<p>9. $4^{3x+2} = 3$</p> $\begin{matrix} -2 & -2 \\ 4^{3x} & = 1 \end{matrix}$ $3x = \log_4 1$ $3x = 0$ $x = 0$	<p>10. $2^{3x-2} = 15$</p> $\begin{matrix} +2 & +2 \\ 2^{3x} & = 15 \end{matrix}$ $3x = \log_2 15$ $x = \frac{\log_2 15}{3}$ $x = 1.30$
<p>11. $5^{2x+7} - 1 = 8$</p> $\begin{matrix} +1 & +1 \\ 5^{2x+7} & = 9 \end{matrix}$ $.680$ $\begin{matrix} 2x+7 & = \log_5 9 \\ -7 & \\ 2x & = \log_5 9 - 7 \\ x & = \frac{\log_5 9 - 7}{2} \end{matrix}$	<p>12. $7 - 2^{x+7} = 5$</p> $\begin{matrix} -7 & -7 \\ -2^{x+7} & = -2 \end{matrix}$ $2^{x+7} = 2$ $x+7 = 1$ $x = -6$ $x+7 = 1$

Solve Exponential Equations Using a Calculator

1. Set the equation equal to zero
2. Graph in Y=
3. Find the zeros!

<p>13. $7 - 5^{2x-1} = 4$ $-4 \quad -4$ $3 - 5^{2x-1} = 0$ $x = .841$</p>	<p>14. $4e^{2x} = 5$ $-5 \quad -5$ $4e^{2x} - 5 = 0$ $.112$</p>
<p>15. $5^x + 4 = 8$ $-8 \quad -8$ $5^x - 4 = 0$ $x = .861$</p>	<p>16. $3^{(x+8)} = 12$ $-12 \quad -12$ $3^{(x+8)} - 12 = 0$ $x = -5.738$</p>

Reminder: Change of Base Formula

$$\log_m n = \frac{\log n}{\log m}$$

Evaluate using the change of base formula - round to 2 decimal places.

<p>17. $\log_2 7$ $\frac{\log 7}{\log 2} \approx 2.807$</p>	<p>18. $\log_7 75$ $\frac{\log 75}{\log 7} \approx 2.219$</p>
<p>19. $\log_5(1/10)$ $\frac{\log(.1)}{\log 5} = -1.431$</p>	<p>20. $\log_{2.9} 7.5$ $\frac{\log 7.5}{\log 2.9} \approx 1.892$</p>

$$\frac{\log(.1)}{\log 5}$$