

thurs. wk - 2

Logarithms & Exponentials

Def'n  $\log_a x = b$  means  $a^b = x$

Exercises

①  $\ln(e^7) - \ln(e^6) + 5 \cdot \ln(e^2) =$

$\underbrace{7 \cdot \ln(e)}_{=1} - 6 + 5 \cdot 2 = 11$

②  $e^{3x-1} = 5 \cdot e^{1-x}$

solve for x  
key: unknown variable is in exponent (upstairs)  
- need it down  
- hit with log ( $\log A^c = c \cdot \log A$ )

$(3x-1) \underbrace{\ln(e)}_{=1} = \ln(5) + \underbrace{\ln(e^{1-x})}_{1-x}$

$3x-1 = \ln(5) + 1-x$

$4x = \ln(5) + 2$

$x = \frac{\ln(5) + 2}{4}$

③ Solve

$$(\sqrt{2})^x = 8$$

$$\ln((\sqrt{2})^x) = \ln(8)$$

$$x \cdot \ln(\sqrt{2}) = \ln(8)$$

$$x = \frac{\ln(8)}{\ln(\sqrt{2})}$$

$$\log_2((\sqrt{2})^x) = \log_2(8) = 3$$

$$\log_2(2^{\frac{x}{2}}) = 3$$

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$$\frac{x}{2} = 3$$

$$x = 6$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \ln(x^6) - \ln(x^3) = 3$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{x^6}{x^3}\right) = 3$$

$$\ln(x^3) = 3$$

$$e^{\ln(x^3)} = e^3$$

$$x^3 = e^3$$

cube  
root

$$x = e$$

① x's are inside multiple logs

② combine into a single log

③ hit w/ e

Just as

$$\ln(e^{\text{blah}}) = \text{blah}$$

$$e^{\ln(\text{blah})} = \text{blah}$$

# Application of logs

Sound:

Loudness is measured in decibels  $\leftrightarrow$  deci-bel (unit of measurement of sound named for Alex. G. Bell)  
 Decibels is a logarithmic scale  $\frac{1}{10}$  (bel)

$$D = 10 \cdot \log\left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)$$

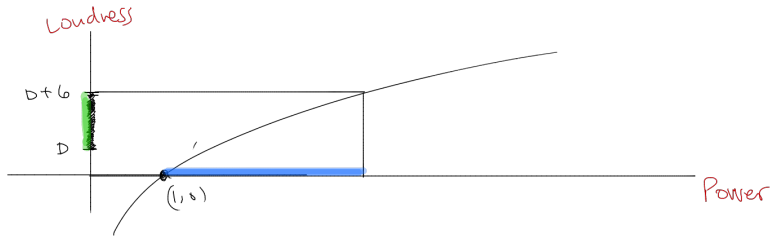
$$(\text{or } D = 20 \cdot \log\left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right))$$

$P_0$  = ref. amplitude of sound wave  
 $P_0$  = reference power level of sound (pressure)  
 (depends on speaker)

$D = 0$  barely audible

$P$  = power level of pressure that gives  $D$  decibels

$\uparrow$  small power level



Exercise: Assume  $D = 10 \cdot \log\left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)$

How much more powerful is the sound to increase the decibel level by +6 dB.

(1) solve eqn above for  $P$ .

$$(i) \quad \frac{D}{10} = \log\left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)$$

$$(ii) \quad 10^{(0.1D)} = 10^{\log(P/P_0)} = P/P_0 \Rightarrow P = 10^{(0.1D)} \cdot P_0$$

How much power gives decibel level  $D$ .

(2) Examine  $D+6 = 10 \cdot \log\left(\frac{P_1}{P_0}\right)$

$P_1$  = power required to give  $D+6$  decibels

(i) solve for  $P_1$ .

$$\frac{D+6}{10} = \log\left(\frac{P_1}{P_0}\right)$$

$$10^{\left(\frac{D+6}{10}\right)} = 10^{\log(P_1/P_0)} = P_1/P_0$$

$$10^{\left(\frac{D}{10} + \frac{6}{10}\right)}$$

$$10^{0.1D + 0.6}$$

$$10^{0.1D} \cdot 10^{0.6} = P_1/P_0$$

$$P_1 = 10^{0.1D} \cdot 10^{0.6} \cdot P_0$$

$$= 10^{0.6} \cdot 10^{0.1D} \cdot P_0$$

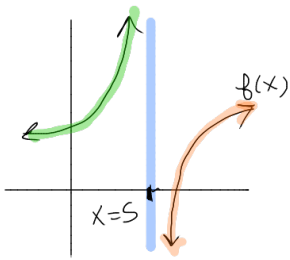
$$= 10^{0.6} \cdot P$$

$$= 3.981 \cdot P$$

$$\approx 4P$$

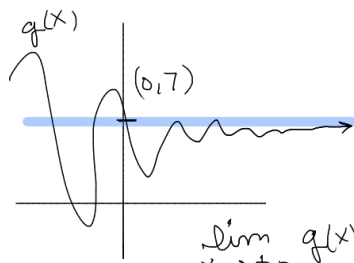
# Limits

(related to asymptotes)



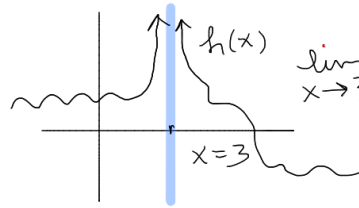
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) \text{ DNE}$$

b/c approaching 5 from the left doesn't take us to ~~roughly~~ the same spot as approaching the right



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} q(x) = 7$$

the limit as x approaches +infinity



$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} h(x) = +\infty$   
b/c as  $x \rightarrow 3$  from both left and right  $h(x)$  gets infinitely larger

(b/c  $q(c)$  gets 'arbitrarily' close to 7 as c gets larger)