

Exponential and Logarithmic Functions Review

1. A population of bacteria is growing at the rate of 2.3% per minute. How long will it take for the size of the population to double? Give your answer to the nearest minute.
2. Initially a tank contains 10 000 litres of liquid. At the time $t = 0$ minutes a tap is opened, and liquid then flows out of the tank. The volume of liquid, V litres, which remains in the tank after t minutes is given by

$$V = 10\,000(0.933^t).$$

- (a) Find the value of V after 5 minutes.
- (b) Find how long, to the nearest second, it takes for half of the initial amount of liquid to flow out of the tank.
- (c) The tank is regarded as effectively empty when 95% of the liquid has flowed out. Show that it takes almost three-quarters of an hour for this to happen.
- (d)
 - (i) Find the value of $10\,000 - V$ when $t = 0.001$ minutes.
 - (ii) Hence or otherwise, estimate the initial flow rate of the liquid. Give your answer in litres per minute, correct to two significant figures.

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\$1000 is invested at 15% per annum interest, **compounded monthly**. Calculate the minimum number of months required for the value of the investment to exceed \$3000.

4. The population p of bacteria at time t is given by $p = 100e^{0.05t}$.
Calculate
 - (a) the value of p when $t = 0$;
 - (b) the rate of increase of the population when $t = 10$.
5. Michele invested 1500 francs at an annual rate of interest of 5.25 percent, compounded annually.
 - (a) Find the value of Michele's investment after 3 years. Give your answer to the nearest franc.
 - (b) How many complete years will it take for Michele's initial investment to double in value?
 - (c) What should the interest rate be if Michele's initial investment were to double in value in 10 years?

Evaluate without a calculator:

6) $e^{\ln 8x^4}$

Use properties of logarithms to expand the expression as much as possible. Where possible, evaluate without a calculator:

7) $\log_w \left(\frac{11x}{2} \right)$

8) $\log_5 \left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{m} \sqrt[7]{n}}{k^2} \right)$

Solve the equations without a calculator:

9) $8^{\frac{x-6}{6}} = \sqrt{8}$

10) $16^{x+6} = 64^{x-8}$

Solve the equations. Consider how to leave your answer without a calculator.

11) $3e^x = 29$

20) $\log_9(6x + 8) = \log_9(6x + 3)$

12) $e^{2x} + e^x - 6 = 0$

21) $\log_6 x^2 = \log_6(5x + 36)$

13) $\log_3(x - 1) = -1$

22) $\log 3x = \log 4 + \log(x - 3)$

14) $\ln \sqrt{x + 1} = 7$

23) $\log x + \log(x - 1) = \log 30$

15) $\log_9 7 + \log_9 x = 1$

24) $\ln x + \ln(x + 1) = \ln 6$

16) $\log_5(x + 2) - \log_5 x = 2$

25) $\log(x + 20) - \log 2 = \log(3x + 4)$

17) $\ln 6 + \ln(x - 1) = 0$

26) $2 \log x - \log 4 = \log 121$

18) $\log_5(x + 5) - \log_5(x - 3) = 1$

27) $\ln(x - 6) + \ln(x + 1) = \ln(x - 15)$

19) $9^x - 10(3^x) = -9$

28) $\ln(x - 8) - \ln(x + 7) = \ln(x - 10) - \ln(x + 8)$

29) Find the time it takes a \$2700 investment to double if it is invested at 7% compounded monthly. Round to the nearest tenth of a year.

30) Find how long it takes a \$2900 investment to earn \$300 interest if it is invested at 9% compounded monthly. Round to the nearest tenth of a year.

31) The population of a particular country is growing at the rate of 1.3% per year. If 2 546 000 people lived there in 2007, how many people will there be in the year 2014? Give your answer to an appropriate degree of accuracy.

32) The population of a certain country is growing at a rate of 1.2% per year. How long will it take to double the population?

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