

# Solving Exponents and Logarithms Algebraically

**Goal:**

- Can solve equations involving logs using algebra and remember to respect the domain of log functions.
- Can model problems using the natural log thinking of the relationship to the exponential function

**Terminology:**

- Extraneous Solutions

When solving log equations, we need to remember to respect the domain of the original expression

**Example:** Solve for  $x$

$$-3 + \log_2 x = -\log_4(x + 1)^2$$

**Practice:** Solve for  $x$

$$\log_3((x + 3)(x - 4)) = 6 \log_{27}(x + 3) + 1$$

We want to practice modelling exponential and log equations and solving by changing our bases to 10 and  $e$ .

**Practice:** The population of the Greater Vancouver Area last year (2019) was 2.5 million. It is expected to grow at an annual rate of 0.95% for the next few decades. Write a function for the population at year  $t$  using  $e$  as the base.

$$r = 1.0095 \quad T = 1 \quad \text{Base } f(t) = 1.0095^t$$

$$P(t) = 2.5 \left( 1.0095^{t-2019} \right)$$

$$= 2.5 e^{k(t-2019)}$$

$$1.0095 = e^k$$

$$k = \ln 1.0095$$



Write the equation to the inverse that outputs the year given the current population.

solve for  $t$

$$P = 2.5 e^{k(t-2019)}$$

$$\Rightarrow t(P) = \frac{1}{k} \ln \left( \frac{P}{2.5} \right) + 2019$$

$$\frac{P}{2.5} = e^{k(t-2019)}$$

$$\ln \left( \frac{P}{2.5} \right) = k(t-2019)$$

Determine the year the population of Vancouver will reach 4 million. Determine the year when the population of Vancouver was 1 million.

$$t(4) = \frac{1}{k} \ln \left( \frac{4}{2.5} \right) + 2019$$

$$= 2069$$

$$t(1) = \frac{1}{k} \ln \left( \frac{1}{2.5} \right) + 2019$$

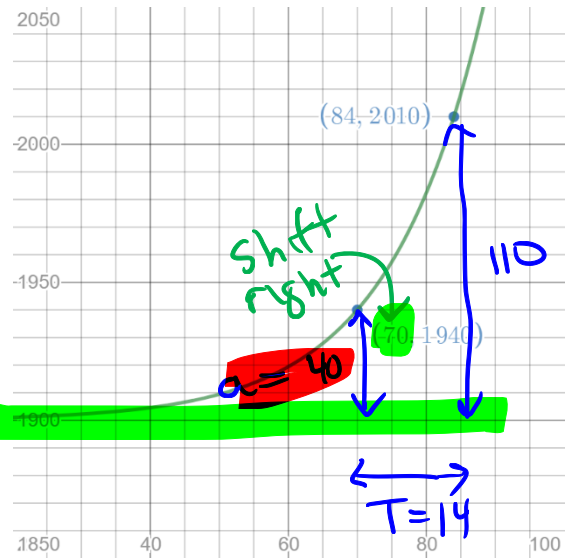
$$= 1922$$

$$k = \ln(1.0095)$$

**Practice:** The average life span of Canadian women has grown logarithmically over the past century. Rather than make a log equation to start, we are going to make an exponential equation for the inverse relationship.

Find an expression  $Y(\ell)$  that gives you the year  $Y$  when the life expectancy is  $\ell$  if the following are true

- $Y(70) = 1940$
- $Y(84) = 2010$
- The horizontal asymptote is 1900



$$T=14 \quad 40 \xrightarrow{\times r} 110$$

$$r = \frac{11}{4}$$

$$\text{Basic: } \left(\frac{11}{4}\right)^{\frac{t}{14}}$$

$$\text{Total } Y(\ell) = 40 \left(\frac{11}{4}\right)^{\frac{\ell-70}{14}} + 1900$$

Re-write your equation in base  $e$ .

$$\frac{11}{4} = e^x \Rightarrow k = \ln\left(\frac{11}{4}\right)$$

$$Y(\ell) = 40 e^{\frac{k}{14}(\ell-70)} + 1900$$

Determine the logarithmic equation  $L(y)$  that determines the life expectancy at year  $y$

solve for  $\ell$

$$\frac{y-1900}{40} = e^{\frac{k}{14}(\ell-70)}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{y-1900}{40}\right) = \frac{k}{14}(\ell-70)$$

$$\Rightarrow L(y) = \frac{14}{k} \ln\left(\frac{y-1900}{40}\right) + 70$$

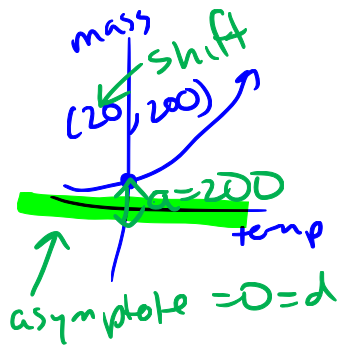
can determine life expectancy in 2060

$$L(2060) = \frac{14}{k} \ln\left(\frac{2060-1900}{40}\right) + 70$$

$$= 89.2 \text{ years}$$

**Practice:** As temperature increases the amount of sugar that can be dissolved in 100mL of water increases exponentially (the solubility changes). At 20°C you can dissolve 200g and every 1°C the temperature increases we can dissolve 1.15% more.

Determine an exponential equation using  $e$  to model how much is dissolved at a given temperature.  
Determine how much is dissolved at 50°C



$$r = 1.0115 \quad T = 1^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{Basic: } (1.0115)^t, \quad t \text{ is temp } ^\circ\text{C}$$

$$m(t) = 200 (1.0115)^{t-20} = 200 e^{k(t-20)}, \quad k = \ln 1.0115$$

$$m(50) = 200 (e^{k(50-20)}) = 281.8 \text{ g}$$

Determine a natural logarithm equation for the temperature of the water given the amount dissolved.  
Determine what temperature is needed to dissolve 400g of sugar.

solve for  $t$

$$m = 200 (e^{k(t-20)})$$

$$\frac{m}{200} = e^{k(t-20)}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{m}{200}\right) = k(t-20)$$

$$\Rightarrow t(m) = \frac{1}{k} \ln\left(\frac{m}{200}\right) + 20$$

$$t(400) = \frac{1}{k} \ln\left(\frac{400}{200}\right) + 20 = 80.6^\circ\text{C}$$

**Practice:** Athletic performance typically will follow a logarithmic growth where early growth occurs quickly and it becomes harder to progress as you improve.

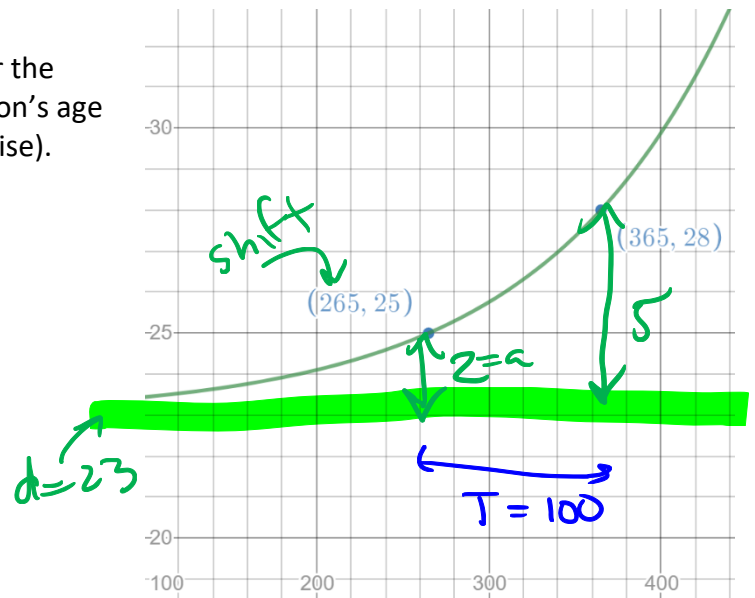
Again, to determine the log equation we will consider the inverse relationship of  $A(w)$  that determine the person's age given the maximum they can deadlift (a type of exercise).

Consider the following

- $A(265) = 25$
- $A(365) = 28$
- The horizontal asymptote is 23

$T = 100$  lbs       $z \rightarrow 5$        $r = \frac{5}{2}$   
 Basic:  $(\frac{5}{2})^{\frac{w}{100}}$

$$A(w) = 2 \left( \frac{5}{2} \right)^{\frac{w-265}{100}} + 23$$



Re-write your equation in base  $e$ .

$$A(w) = 2 \cdot e^{\frac{k}{100}(w-265)} + 23, \quad k = \ln 2.5$$

Determine the logarithmic equation  $W(a)$  that determines the max weight lifted at age  $a$ .

solve for  $w$

$$a = 2 \cdot e^{\frac{k}{100}(w-265)} + 23$$

$$\frac{a-23}{2} = e^{\frac{k}{100}(w-265)}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{a-23}{2}\right) = \frac{k}{100}(w-265)$$

$$w(a) = \frac{100}{k} \ln\left(\frac{a-23}{2}\right) + 265$$

check  $w(28) = 365$  lbs

**Suggested Practice Problems:** 8.4 page 412 – 415 # 1, 2, 5, 8-12, 15-17, 21

**Textbook Reading:** 8.4 page 404-411

Key Ideas on page 412

**Next Class:** Review

