

$$\ln e^6 = 6 \rightarrow \ln e^6 = \log_{\textcircled{e}} \textcircled{e^6} = 6$$

$$\ln e^{84} = 84$$

$$e^n = e^6$$

$$\ln e^{-7} = -7$$

$$\log_{10} 10^1 = 1$$

$$\ln e^x = x$$

$$\log_7 7^2 = 2$$

$$\ln e^{3x+2} = 3x+2$$

$$e^{\ln 8} = 8$$

$$e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$e^{\ln(2x+1)} = 2x+1$$

Since the natural base function and the natural logarithmic function are inverses, these two functions can be used to "undo" each other.

$$e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$\ln e^x = x$$

For example $e^{\ln 7} = 7$ and $\ln e^{4x+3} = 4x+3$.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 5e^{-x} - 7 = 2$$

$$5e^{-x} = 9$$

$$e^{-x} = \frac{9}{5}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \swarrow \text{log form} \quad \searrow \text{log form} \\ \ln e^{-x} = \ln \frac{9}{5} \quad \ln \frac{9}{5} = -x \\ -x = \ln \frac{9}{5} \quad -\ln \frac{9}{5} = x \end{array}$$

$$\text{exact } x = -\ln \frac{9}{5}$$

$$x \approx -.5878$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 3e^x + 2 = 4$$

$$3e^x = 2$$

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

$$\begin{array}{l} \swarrow \text{log form} \quad \searrow \text{log form} \\ \ln e^x = \ln \frac{2}{3} \quad \ln \frac{2}{3} = x \\ x = \ln \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{exact} \end{array}$$

$$x \approx -.4055$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \ln 5x = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \swarrow \text{exp form} \quad \searrow \text{exp form} \\ e^{\ln 5x} = e^4 \quad e^4 = 5x \\ 5x = e^4 \quad \frac{e^4}{5} = x \end{array}$$

$$\text{exact } x = \frac{e^4}{5}$$

$$x \approx 10.9196$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \ln(x-1) = -2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \swarrow \text{exp. form} \quad \searrow \text{exp. form} \\ e^{\ln(x-1)} = e^{-2} \quad e^{-2} = x-1 \\ x-1 = e^{-2} \end{array}$$

$$x = e^{-2} + 1 \quad \text{exact}$$

$$x \approx 1.1353$$

When interest is compounded continuously, the amount A in an account after t years is found using the formula $A = Pe^{rt}$, where P is the amount of principal and r is the annual interest rate (as a decimal).

→ initial amount

Suppose you deposit \$1000 in an account paying 2.5% annual interest, compounded continuously, what is the balance after 10 years? 15 years?

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

$$A = 1000e^{.025(10)}$$

$$A = 1000e^{.025(15)}$$

$$= \$1454.99$$

$$A = 1000e^{(.025 \times 10)}$$

$$A = \$1284.03$$

9.5 wks t - due tomorrow

midterm - due Thursday (5 pts.)