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Basic Properties of Natural Logs

$$\ln(mn) = \ln(m) + \ln(n)$$

$$ln1 = 0$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \ln(m) - \ln\left(n\right)$$

 $\ln(m^n) = n\ln(m)$

lne = 1

$$lne^y = y$$

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

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The letter e represents a number that occurs quite often when dealing with exponential functions. It is a number used to model such things as the growth of a bacteria colony, the spread of an oil spill and even calculating compound interest.

Formally, e is defined to be:

$$e = \lim_{x \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$$

Simply, as a number:

$$e = 2.71818182...$$

*e is an irrational number similar to pi in the sense that it will never repeat and never ends...

As with exponential functions, we can find the inverse of a function with base e. This is called <u>The Natural Log</u> and is noted:

$$\log_e x = \ln x$$

*Find *In* on your calculator. This is log_e.

The graphs of e and In are similar to our other functions. The domain and range also remain the same.





 $Domain: (-\infty, \infty)$ $Range: (0, \infty)$

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e and In e and natural logs have all of the same properties as other exponentials and logarithms. For example: $\ln\left(e^{7}\right) = 7$ $e^{\ln 6} = 6$ $\ln 1 = 0$ because because $e^{\ln x}$ $lne^y = y$ = x

Write each of the following in the equivalent exponential or log form.

$$\ln 10 = x$$

$$e^4 = 5x$$





95 Rewrite as a single logarithm:

 $\ln 6 + \ln 4 - 3\ln x$



96 Expand the logarithm: $\ln(2x^7yz^4)$

- A $\ln 2 + 14 \ln x + 2 \ln y + 8 \ln z$
- $\mathsf{B} \quad \ln 2 + 7 \ln x + \ln y + 4 \ln z$
- **C** $14 \ln x + 2 \ln y + 8 \ln z$
- D $56 \ln x + 56 \ln y + 56 \ln z$

97 Expand the logarithm: $\ln\left(\frac{em^6}{n^4}\right)$

- $24 \ln m 24 \ln n$ Α
- $1 + 6 \ln m 4 \ln n$ B
- C $e \ln m 4 \ln n$
- $6 \ln e + 6 \ln m 4 \ln n$ D

98 Rewrite as a single logarithm:

 $6\ln a - 4\ln b - 3\ln c$





Solve the following equations:

 $\ln x = 5$

 $\ln(3x) + \ln(2x) = 10$

$$e^{\ln 5} = x$$

$$\ln e^7 = x$$

 $e^{x+2} = 6$

 $5e^{2x+1}-2=8$

103 Find the value of x. $\ln x = 3$

 $\frac{\ln x^2}{4} = 5$