

## Exponentials and logarithms 14G

1 a When  $e^x = 6$   
 $\ln(e^x) = \ln 6$   
 $x = \ln 6$

b When  $e^{2x} = 11$   
 $\ln(e^{2x}) = \ln 11$   
 $2x = \ln 11$   
 $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln 11$

c When  $e^{-x+3} = 20$   
 $\ln(e^{-x+3}) = \ln 20$   
 $-x + 3 = \ln 20$   
 $x = 3 - \ln 20$

d When  $3e^{4x} = 1$   
 $e^{4x} = \frac{1}{3}$   
 $\ln(e^{4x}) = \ln \frac{1}{3}$   
 $4x = \ln \frac{1}{3}$   
 $x = \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{1}{3}$

e When  $e^{2x+6} = 3$   
 $\ln(e^{2x+6}) = \ln 3$   
 $2x + 6 = \ln 3$   
 $x = \ln 3 - 6$   
 $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln 3 - 3$

f When  $e^{5-x} = 19$   
 $\ln(e^{5-x}) = \ln 19$   
 $5 - x = \ln 19$   
 $x = 5 - \ln 19$

2 a When  $\ln x = 2$   
 $e^{\ln x} = e^2$   
 $x = e^2$

b When  $\ln(4x) = 1$   
 $e^{\ln(4x)} = e^1$   
 $4x = e^1$   
 $x = \frac{e}{4}$

c When  $\ln(2x + 3) = 4$   
 $e^{\ln(2x+3)} = e^4$   
 $2x + 3 = e^4$   
 $2x = e^4 - 3$   
 $x = \frac{1}{2}e^4 - \frac{3}{2}$

2 d When  $2 \ln(6x - 2) = 5$   
 $\ln(6x - 2) = \frac{5}{2}$   
 $e^{\ln(6x-2)} = e^{\frac{5}{2}}$   
 $6x - 2 = e^{\frac{5}{2}}$   
 $6x = e^{\frac{5}{2}} + 2$   
 $x = \frac{1}{6}(e^{\frac{5}{2}} + 2)$

e When  $\ln(18 - x) = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $e^{\ln(18-x)} = e^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $18 - x = e^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $x = 18 - e^{\frac{1}{2}}$

f When  $\ln(x^2 - 7x + 11) = 0$   
 $e^{\ln(x^2-7x+11)} = e^0$   
 $x^2 - 7x + 11 = 1$   
 $x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$   
 $(x - 2)(x - 5) = 0$   
 $x = 2$  or  $x = 5$

3 a  $e^{2x} - 8e^x + 12 = 0$   
 Let  $u = e^x$   
 $u^2 - 8u + 12 = 0$   
 $(u - 2)(u - 6) = 0$   
 $u = 2$  or  $u = 6$   
 $e^x = 2$  or  $e^x = 6$

When  $e^x = 2$   
 $\ln(e^x) = \ln 2$   
 $x = \ln 2$

When  $e^x = 6$   
 $\ln(e^x) = \ln 6$   
 $x = \ln 6$

$x = \ln 2$  or  $x = \ln 6$

b  $e^{4x} - 3e^{2x} + 2 = 0$   
 Let  $u = e^{2x}$   
 $u^2 - 3u + 2 = 0$   
 $(u - 1)(u - 2) = 0$   
 $u = 1$  or  $u = 2$   
 $e^{2x} = 1$  or  $e^{2x} = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \text{ b} \quad & \text{When } e^{2x} = 1 \\ & \ln(e^{2x}) = \ln 1 \\ & 2x = 0 \\ & x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{When } e^{2x} = 2 \\ & \ln(e^{2x}) = \ln 2 \\ & 2x = \ln 2 \\ & x = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c} \quad & (\ln x)^2 + 2\ln x - 15 = 0 \\ & \text{Let } u = \ln x \\ & u^2 + 2u - 15 = 0 \\ & (u + 5)(u - 3) = 0 \\ & u = -5 \text{ or } u = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{When } \ln x = -5 \\ & e^{\ln x} = e^{-5} \\ & x = e^{-5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{When } \ln x = 3 \\ & e^{\ln x} = e^3 \\ & x = e^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = e^{-5} \text{ or } x = e^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d} \quad & e^x - 5 + 4e^{-x} = 0 \\ & \text{Multiply each term by } e^x \\ & e^{2x} - 5e^x + 4 = 0 \\ & \text{Let } u = e^x \\ & u^2 - 5u + 4 = 0 \\ & (u - 1)(u - 4) = 0 \\ & u = 1 \text{ or } u = 4 \\ & e^x = 1 \text{ or } e^x = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{When } e^x = 1 \\ & \ln(e^x) = \ln 1 \\ & x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{When } e^x = 4 \\ & \ln(e^x) = \ln 4 \\ & x = \ln 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = \ln 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e} \quad & 3e^{2x} - 16e^x + 5 = 0 \\ & \text{Let } u = e^x \\ & 3u^2 - 16u + 5 = 0 \\ & (3u - 1)(u - 5) = 0 \\ & u = \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } u = 5 \\ & e^x = \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } e^x = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e} \quad & \text{When } e^x = \frac{1}{3} \\ & \ln(e^x) = \ln \frac{1}{3} \\ & x = \ln \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{When } e^x = 5 \\ & \ln(e^x) = \ln 5 \\ & x = \ln 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \ln \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } x = \ln 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{f} \quad & (\ln x)^2 - 4\ln x - 12 = 0 \\ & \text{Let } u = \ln x \\ & u^2 - 4u - 12 = 0 \\ & (u + 2)(u - 6) = 0 \\ & u = -2 \text{ or } u = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{When } \ln x = -2 \\ & e^{\ln x} = e^{-2} \\ & x = e^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{When } \ln x = 6 \\ & e^{\ln x} = e^6 \\ & x = e^6 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = e^{-2} \text{ or } x = e^6$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \quad & e^x - 7 + 12e^{-x} = 0 \\ & \text{Multiply each term by } e^x \\ & e^{2x} - 7e^x + 12 = 0 \\ & \text{Let } u = e^x \\ & u^2 - 7u + 12 = 0 \\ & (u - 3)(u - 4) = 0 \\ & u = 3 \text{ or } u = 4 \\ & e^x = 3 \text{ or } e^x = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{When } e^x = 3 \\ & \ln(e^x) = \ln 3 \\ & x = \ln 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{When } e^x = 4 \\ & \ln(e^x) = \ln 4 \\ & x = \ln 2^2 \\ & x = 2 \ln 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \ln 3 \text{ or } x = 2 \ln 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \text{ a} \quad & \text{When } \ln(8x - 3) = 2 \\ & e^{\ln(8x - 3)} = e^2 \\ & 8x - 3 = e^2 \\ & 8x = e^2 + 3 \\ & x = \frac{1}{8}(e^2 + 3) \end{aligned}$$

5 b When  $e^{5(x-8)} = 3$   
 $\ln(e^{5(x-8)}) = \ln 3$   
 $5(x-8) = \ln 3$   
 $x-8 = \frac{1}{5} \ln 3$   
 $x = \frac{1}{5} \ln 3 + 8$

c  $e^{10x} - 8e^{5x} + 7 = 0$   
 Let  $u = e^{5x}$   
 $u^2 - 8u + 7 = 0$   
 $(u-1)(u-7) = 0$   
 $u = 1$  or  $u = 7$   
 $e^{5x} = 1$  or  $e^{5x} = 7$

When  $e^{5x} = 1$   
 $\ln(e^{5x}) = \ln 1$   
 $5x = 0$   
 $x = 0$

When  $e^{5x} = 7$   
 $\ln(e^{5x}) = \ln 7$   
 $5x = \ln 7$   
 $x = \frac{1}{5} \ln 7$

$x = 0$  or  $x = \frac{1}{5} \ln 7$

d When  $(\ln x - 1)^2 = 4$   
 $(\ln x)^2 - 2 \ln x - 3 = 0$   
 Let  $u = \ln x$   
 $u^2 - 2u - 3 = 0$   
 $(u+1)(u-3) = 0$   
 $u = -1$  or  $u = 3$

When  $\ln x = -1$   
 $e^{\ln x} = e^{-1}$   
 $x = e^{-1}$

When  $\ln x = 3$   
 $e^{\ln x} = e^3$   
 $x = e^3$

$x = e^{-1}$  or  $x = e^3$

6 When  $3^x e^{4x-1} = 5$   
 $\ln(3^x e^{4x-1}) = \ln 5$   
 $\ln(3^x) + \ln(e^{4x-1}) = \ln 5$   
 $x \ln 3 + 4x - 1 = \ln 5$   
 $x \ln 3 + 4x = 1 + \ln 5$   
 $x(\ln 3 + 4) = 1 + \ln 5$   
 $x = \frac{1 + \ln 5}{4 + \ln 3}$

7 a  $D = 6$  when  $t = 0$  so 6 is the initial concentration of the drug in mg/l.

7 b  $D = 6e^{\frac{-t}{10}}$   
 When  $t = 2$   
 $D = 6e^{\frac{-2}{10}}$   
 $D = 4.91$  mg/l (3 s.f.)

c When  $6e^{\frac{-t}{10}} = 3$   
 $e^{\frac{-t}{10}} = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\ln e^{\frac{-t}{10}} = \ln \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\frac{-t}{10} = \ln \frac{1}{2}$   
 $t = -10 \ln \frac{1}{2}$   
 $t = 6.931471\dots$   
 $t = 6$  hours and  $55.888\dots$  minutes  
 $t = 6$  hours and  $56$  minutes

8 a  $A$  is where  $x = 0$   
 Substitute  $x = 0$  into  
 $y = 3 + \ln(4-x)$  to give  
 $y = 3 + \ln 4$   
 $A = (0, 3 + \ln 4)$

b  $B$  is where  $y = 0$   
 Substitute  $y = 0$  into  
 $y = 3 + \ln(4-x)$  to give  
 $0 = 3 + \ln(4-x)$   
 $-3 = \ln(4-x)$   
 $e^{-3} = 4-x$   
 $x = 4 - e^{-3}$   
 $B = (4 - e^{-3}, 0)$

- 9 a** When  $t = 0$ ,  $V = 27\,000$ ,  
 so  $27\,000 = Ae^{k \times 0} = A$   
 When  $t = 5$ ,  $V = 18\,000$ ,  
 so  $18\,000 = Ae^{5k}$

Substituting in  $A = 27\,000$

$$18000 = 27000e^{5k}$$

$$\frac{18000}{27000} = e^{5k}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = e^{5k}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \ln(e^{5k})$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 5k$$

$$k = -0.08109\dots = -0.0811 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

So  $A = 27\,000$ ,  $k = -0.0811$  (3 s.f.)

- b** According to the model,  
 when  $t = 8$ ,  $V = 14\,100$  (3 s.f.)  
 so model is reliable.

- 10 a** Consider linear model in the form:

$$P = mt + c$$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $P = 7.6$ , so  $c = 7.6$

When  $t = 20$ ,  $P = 12.1$ , so  $12.1 = 20m + 7.6$

Solve to find  $m$ :

$$12.1 = 20m + 7.6$$

$$m = \frac{12.1 - 7.6}{20} = 0.225t$$

Linear model:  $P = 0.225t + 7.6$

- b** Consider exponential model in the form:

$$P = ab^t$$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $P = 7.6$ , so  $a = 7.6$

When  $t = 20$ ,  $P = 12.1$ , so  $12.1 = 7.6b^{20}$

Solve to find  $b$ :

$$12.1 = 7.6b^{20}$$

$$\frac{12.1}{7.6} = b^{20}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{12.1}{7.6}\right) = 20 \ln b$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{12.1}{7.6}\right)^{\frac{1}{20}} = \ln b$$

$$b = 1.0235 \text{ (4 d.p.)}$$

- c** When  $t = 50$ , linear model predicts 18.85 million people, and exponential model predicts 24.3 million people. Exponential model is best supported by the given fact.

### Challenge

$$g(0) = Ae^{B \times 0} + C = 5$$

$$A + C = 5$$

As  $y = 2$  is an asymptote,  $C = 2$

$$A = 3 \text{ and } g(6) = 3e^{B \times 6} + 2 = 10$$

$$3e^{6B} = 8$$

$$e^{6B} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\ln(e^{6B}) = \ln\frac{8}{3}$$

$$6B = \ln\frac{8}{3}$$

$$B = \frac{\ln\frac{8}{3}}{6}$$