

Section 2: Natural logarithms and exponentials

Section test

- 1. Solve the equation $e^{2-x} = 0.5$.
- 2. Solve the equation $\ln (1 2x) = 0.4$.
- 3. Solve the equation $2e^x + 3e^{-x} = 7$
- 4. Solve the equation $2\ln x + 1 = \ln(2x)$.
- 5. Four graphs P, Q, R and S are shown below.



Which one is the graph of $y = e^x$? Which one is the graph of $y = \ln x$?

6. The temperature T of a hot cup of tea at time t is given by the formula $T = 20 + 70e^{-t}$

This formula can be rearranged to give *t* in terms of *T* as follows:

(a)
$$t = \ln\left(\frac{T-20}{70}\right)$$

(b) $t = \ln\left(\frac{70}{T-20}\right)$
(c) $t = \frac{20 - \ln T}{70}$
(d) $t = \frac{\ln T - 20}{70}$



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7. The speed, $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ of a parachutist after *t* seconds is given by $v = 10 + 20e^{-0.01t}$ Find the speed of the object after 20 seconds.

Find the time at which the speed of the parachutist is 15 ms^{-1} .

8. The number N of insects in a colony after t days is modelled by $N = 20e^{0.2t}$. Find the number of insects (to the nearest whole number) after 10 days. After how many complete days does the number of insects first exceed 50000?