

Section 4.3

Solutions and Hints

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46. Solve for x:

$$\ln(x) + \ln(x - 1) = 1 \quad \rightarrow \ln(x * (x - 1)) = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \ln(x^2 - x) = 1$$

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

$$\rightarrow x^2 - x = e$$

$$\rightarrow x^2 - x - e = 0, \quad \text{apply the quadratic formula.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4 * 1 * (-e)}}{2} \\ &= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4e}}{2} \\ &\cong 2.22287023 \quad \text{or} \quad -1.22287023 \end{aligned}$$

As we cannot take the natural log of negative numbers we ignore the second possibility and conclude $x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4e}}{2} \cong 2.22287023$

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51. Solve for x:

$$\begin{aligned}
\ln(x+6) + \ln(x-3) &= \ln(5) + \ln(2) && \rightarrow \ln((x+6)(x-3)) = \ln(5 \cdot 2) \\
&&& \rightarrow \ln(x^2 + 3x - 18) = \ln(10) \\
&&& \rightarrow e^{\ln(x^2 + 3x - 18)} = e^{\ln(10)} \\
&&& \rightarrow x^2 + 3x - 18 = 10 \\
&&& \rightarrow x^2 + 3x - 28 = 0, \text{ factor} \\
&&& \rightarrow (x+7)(x-4) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

So $x = -7$ or $x = 4$, notice that $\ln(-7+6) = \ln(-1)$ which is undefined so we discard the answer $x = -7$ and conclude $\underline{x = 4}$.

$$x = 4$$

52. Solve for x:

$$\begin{aligned}
\ln\left(\frac{x-2}{x-1}\right) &= 1 + \ln\left(\frac{x-3}{x-1}\right) && \rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{x-2}{x-1}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{x-3}{x-1}\right) = 1 \\
&&& \rightarrow \ln\frac{\left(\frac{x-2}{x-1}\right)}{\left(\frac{x-3}{x-1}\right)} = 1 \\
&&& \rightarrow \ln\left(\left(\frac{x-2}{x-1}\right) * \left(\frac{x-1}{x-3}\right)\right) = 1 \\
&&& \rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{x-2}{x-3}\right) = 1 \\
&&& \rightarrow e^{\ln\left(\frac{x-2}{x-3}\right)} = e^1 \\
&&& \rightarrow \left(\frac{x-2}{x-3}\right) = e \\
&&& \rightarrow x - 2 = e(x - 3) \\
&&& \rightarrow x - 2 = ex - 3e \\
&&& \rightarrow x - ex = 2 - 3e \\
&&& \rightarrow x(1 - e) = 2 - 3e \\
&&& \rightarrow x = \frac{2 - 3e}{1 - e}
\end{aligned}$$

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70. Find the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(2 + x) - \ln(1 + x)],$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(\frac{2 + x}{1 + x} \right),$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(\frac{2 + x}{1 + x} * \frac{(1/x)}{(1/x)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(\frac{\left(\frac{2}{x} + \frac{x}{x} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{x} \right)} \right),$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln \frac{0 + 1}{0 + 1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(1)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$= 0$$

notice as-is we would get $\infty - \infty$, so simplify

not much improvement get $\ln(\infty / \infty)$, so

divide all by x (or mult by $(1/x) / (1/x)$)

now we can "put ∞ in" for x

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(2 + x) - \ln(1 + x)] = 0$$