

SECTION: EXPONENTS and LOGARITHMS

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. Exponents

- If n is a **positive integer**, then a^n is the product of n factors of a .

$$a^n = \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{n \text{ factors}}$$

We say that a is the **base**, and n is the **exponent** or **index**.

Also we define: $a^0 = 1$ and $a^1 = a$.

- If n is a **negative integer**, then

$$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n} = \frac{1}{\underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{n \text{ factors}}}$$

Also, we define: $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-n} = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^n$.

ex.1: $2^{-3} = \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8}$ **ex.2:** $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{3} = \frac{16}{9}$.

2. Laws of Exponents

If $a, b > 0$ and $x, y \in R$, then:

1. $a^x \cdot a^y = a^{x+y}$

2. $\frac{a^x}{a^y} = a^{x-y}$

3. $(a \cdot b)^x = a^x \cdot b^x$

4. $(a^x)^y = a^{x \cdot y}$

5. $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^x = \frac{a^x}{b^x}$

6. $a^{-x} = \frac{1}{a^x}$

7. $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-x} = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^x$

8. Don't forget that $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (-\alpha)^n = \alpha^n, \text{ where } n \text{ is even} \\ (-\alpha)^n = -\alpha^n, \text{ where } n \text{ is odd} \end{array} \right\}$

i.e A negative base raised to an even number exponent is a positive number but a negative base raised to an odd number exponent is a negative number.

ex: $(-2)^2 = +4$ but $-2^2 = -4$
 $(-2)^3 = -8$ but $-2^3 = -8$

3. Rational Exponents

- The exponent laws used previously can be applied to rational exponents (i.e exponents which are written as a fraction)
- We define:

$$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m}, \text{ for } a > 0, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and read}$$

“The n th root of a raised to m ”.

ex.1: $4^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{4} = 2$ ex.2: $\sqrt[3]{2^6} = 4^{\frac{6}{3}} = 4^2 = 16$.

- Also, using the above exponents laws we get:

$$a^{-\frac{m}{n}} = \frac{1}{a^{\frac{m}{n}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{a^m}}, \text{ for } a > 0, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

ex.1: $8^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{8^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{8^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{64}} = \frac{1}{4}$ ex.2: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 2^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

4. Exponential Equations

- An **exponential equation** is an equation in which the unknown occurs as part of the exponent.

ex1: $2^x = 8$ or ex2: $3^{x-1} = 27$

- To **solve the above equations** (*algebraically*), we have to create same base numbers from both sides of equation in order to equate the exponents.

$$\begin{array}{ll} 2^x = 8 & 3^{x-1} = 27 \\ \text{ex1: } 2^x = 2^3 & \text{or ex2: } 3^{x-1} = 3^3 \\ x = 3 & x - 1 = 3 \\ & x = 4 \end{array}$$

Notice that: The exponential equation $a^x = b$, $b \leq 0$ is an impossible equation. ex. $2^x = -8$.

WORKED EXAMPLES

1. Solve the following equations

i) $2^x = 32$.

ii) $3^x = -27$.

iii) $5^{x^2-5x+6} = 1$.

iv) $2^{2x+1} = 4 \cdot 2^x$.

v) $9^x - 2 \cdot 3^x - 3 = 0$.

Solution

In order to solve this equation, we have to create the same base at both sides of the equation. So we have:

i) $2^x = 32 \Leftrightarrow 2^x = 2^5 \Leftrightarrow x = 5$.

ii) $3^x = -27 < 0$ impossible.

iii) $5^{x^2-5x+6} = 1 \Leftrightarrow 5^{x^2-5x+6} = 5^0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 2 \\ x_2 = 3 \end{cases}$.

iv) $2^{2x+1} = 4 \cdot 2^x \Leftrightarrow 2^{2x+1} = 2^2 \cdot 2^x \Leftrightarrow 2^{2x+1} = 2^{2+x} \Leftrightarrow 2x+1 = 2+x \Leftrightarrow x = 1$.

v) $9^x - 2 \cdot 3^x - 3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (3^2)^x - 2 \cdot 3^x - 3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (3^x)^2 - 2 \cdot 3^x - 3 = 0$ (1)

Let $3^x = y \xrightarrow{(1)} y^2 - 2y - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1 = 3 \\ y_2 = -1 \end{cases}$.

Finally, $3^x = 3 \Leftrightarrow x = 1$ or $3^x = -1 \Leftrightarrow$ *rejected*

2. Solve the following simultaneous equations: $\begin{cases} 9^{x+1} = 3^{y+3} & (1) \\ 4^{x+y} = 8 \cdot 2^x & (2) \end{cases}$.

Solution

In order to solve this equation, we have to create the same base at both sides of the equation. So we have:

$$(1) \Rightarrow 9^{x+1} = 3^{y+3} \Leftrightarrow (3^2)^{x+1} = 3^{y+3} \Leftrightarrow 3^{2(x+1)} = 3^{y+3} \Leftrightarrow 2x+2 = y+3 \Leftrightarrow 2x-y=1.$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow 4^{x+y} = 8 \cdot 2^x \Leftrightarrow (2^2)^{x+y} = 2^3 \cdot 2^x \Leftrightarrow 2^{2(x+y)} = 2^{3+x} \Leftrightarrow 2x+2y=3+x \Leftrightarrow x+2y=3$$

So, we have to solve the following simultaneous equations: $\begin{cases} 2x-y=1 \\ x+2y=3 \end{cases}$.

Using the substitution method, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} 2x-y=1 \\ x+2y=3 \end{cases} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y=2x-1 \\ x+2y=3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y=2x-1 \\ x+2 \cdot (2x-1)=3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y=2x-1 \\ x+4x-2=3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y=2x-1 \\ 5x=5 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y=2x-1 \\ x=1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y=2 \cdot (1)-1 \\ x=1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y=1 \\ x=1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$3. \text{ Solve the following equation } 3^x + 3^{x-1} = \frac{45}{3^{x+2}} + \frac{7}{3^x}.$$

Solution

In order to solve this equation, we have to create the same base at both sides of the equation. So we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 3^x + \frac{3^x}{3} &= \frac{45}{3^x \cdot 3^2} + \frac{7}{3^x} \Leftrightarrow 3^x \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{45}{3^x \cdot 9} + \frac{7}{3^x} \Leftrightarrow 3^x \frac{4}{3} = \frac{5}{3^x} + \frac{7}{3^x} \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow 3^x \frac{4}{3} &= \frac{12}{3^x} \Leftrightarrow 4 \cdot (3^x)^2 = 3 \cdot 12 \Leftrightarrow (3^x)^2 = \frac{36}{4} \Leftrightarrow 3^{2x} = 9 \Leftrightarrow 3^{2x} = 3^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow 2x &= 2 \Leftrightarrow x = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$4. \text{ Solve the following equation } 3^{2x} + 9^x = 11 \cdot 4^{x-1} + 4^{x+1}.$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 9^x + 9^x &= 11 \cdot \frac{4^x}{4} + 4^x \cdot 4 \Leftrightarrow 2 \cdot 9^x = 4^x \left(\frac{11}{4} + 4 \right) \Leftrightarrow 2 \cdot 9^x = 4^x \left(\frac{27}{4} \right) \\
 \Leftrightarrow 8 \cdot 9^x &= 27 \cdot 4^x \Leftrightarrow \frac{9^x}{4^x} = \frac{27}{8} \Leftrightarrow \frac{3^{2x}}{2^{2x}} = \frac{3^3}{2^3} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^{2x} = \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^3 \Leftrightarrow \\
 \Leftrightarrow 2x &= 3 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{3}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Solve the following equation $4^{x-1} - 5\sqrt{4^{x-2}} + 1 = 0$ (1).

Solution

$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{4^x}{4} - 5 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4^x}{4^2}} + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4} \cdot 4^x - 5 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4^x}}{4} + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 4^x - 5 \cdot \sqrt{4^x} + 4 = 0 \quad (2).$$

Let $\sqrt{4^x} = y$ (3), so : (2) $\Rightarrow y^2 - 5y + 4 = 0$.

$$\Delta = 9, y_{1,2} = \frac{5 \pm 3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y_1 = 4 \\ y_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Finally, from the equation (3) we get: $\begin{cases} \sqrt{4^x} = 4 \Leftrightarrow 4^x = 16 \Leftrightarrow 4^x = 4^2 \Leftrightarrow x = 2 \\ \sqrt{4^x} = 1 \Leftrightarrow 4^x = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \end{cases}$

6. A population of bacteria grows according to the model

$$p(t) = p_0 \cdot 2^{k \cdot t}, k > 0, \text{ when } p(t) \text{ is the size of the population after } t \text{ hours.}$$

Given that after 2 hours there are 400 bacteria and after 4 hours 3.200 bacteria, find

- The value of k
- The initial size of bacteria
- The size of population after 6 hours
- By what percentage is the population of the bacteria increase at the first hour compared with the initial amount?
- The time where the amount of bacteria is going to be double from the initial.

Solution

a) Given that after 2 hours there are 400 bacteria we get that:

$$p(2) = p_0 \cdot 2^{k \cdot 2} \Rightarrow 400 = p_0 \cdot 2^{k \cdot 2} \quad (1).$$

Given that after 4 hours there are 3200 bacteria we get that:

$$p(4) = p_0 \cdot 2^{k \cdot 4} \Rightarrow 3200 = p_0 \cdot 2^{k \cdot 4} \quad (2).$$

$$\frac{(2)}{(1)} \Rightarrow \frac{3200}{400} = \frac{p_0 \cdot 2^{k \cdot 4}}{p_0 \cdot 2^{k \cdot 2}} \Leftrightarrow 8 = 2^{2k} \Leftrightarrow 2^3 = 2^{2k} \Leftrightarrow 3 = 2k \Leftrightarrow k = \frac{3}{2}.$$

b) For $k=3/2$ we get:

$$(1) \Rightarrow 400 = p_0 \cdot 2^{2 \cdot \frac{3}{2}} \Leftrightarrow 400 = p_0 \cdot 2^3 \Leftrightarrow 400 = p_0 \cdot 2^3 \Leftrightarrow 400 = p_0 \cdot 8 \Leftrightarrow p_0 = 50.$$

$$c) \frac{p(1) - p(0)}{p(0)} \cdot 100\% = \frac{50 \cdot 2^{\frac{3}{2}} - 50}{50} \cdot 100\% = 182,84\%.$$

d) For $t = 6$ we get: $p(6) = 50 \cdot 2^{\frac{3}{2} \cdot 6} = 50 \cdot 2^9 = 50 \cdot 512 = 25.600$ bacteria.

e) For $P(t) = 2P_0$ we have: $2p_0 = p_0 \cdot 2^{\frac{3}{2}t} \Leftrightarrow 2 = 2^{\frac{3}{2}t} \Leftrightarrow 1 = \frac{3}{2} \cdot t \Leftrightarrow t = \frac{2}{3}h.$

FOR YOUR OWN PRACTICE

1. Simplify the followings:

$$\begin{array}{lllll} \text{i)} 2^4 2^3 & \text{ii)} 2^4 (-2)^3 & \text{iii)} (5^{-2})(5^{-4})^{-2} & \text{iv)} (-1)^4 (-2)^{-2} 4^2 & \text{v)} (-16)^3 : (4^{-2})^{-3} \\ \text{vi)} (-9)^{-2} : 9^{-2} & \text{vii)} 2^{-5} : (2^3 : 2^6) & \text{viii)} (3^{-4} : 3^4) : 3^{-5} & & \\ \text{ix)} (-3)^2 + 3^2 + (-1)^9 + (-1^{10}) & \text{x)} 4^{-2} - 2^{-3} + [(-2)^3]^{-2} & & & \end{array}$$

2. Simplify the followings:

$$\begin{array}{lllll} \text{i)} -(2x^3)^{-2} & \text{ii)} \left(-\frac{2x^2}{3}\right)^3 & \text{iii)} \frac{6x^7}{3x^3} & \text{iv)} \left(\frac{-1}{2x}\right)^{-2} & \text{v)} \frac{-9x^2y}{3xy^2} \\ \text{vi)} \left(\frac{1}{2}x^4y^3\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}x^4y^{-5}\right) & \text{vii)} \left(\frac{1}{3}x^{-6}y\right)(x^4y^{-1}) & \text{viii)} \left(\frac{-3x^4y^{-4}}{2x^{-1}y^{-1}}\right)^2 & & \\ \text{ix)} \left(\frac{-2x^3y^{-5}}{6x^{-2}y^{-2}}\right)^3 & \text{x)} \left(\frac{-x^2y^{-3}}{x^{-1}y^{-4}}\right)^{-2} & \text{xi)} \left(\frac{-4x^8y^{-2}}{8x^{-1}y^{-5}}\right)^{-3} & & \\ \text{xii)} (x^4y^5)^{-2}(x^{10}y^7)^0(x^2y^1)^4(x^2)^3(y^2)^4(x^{-3})^2(y^{-2})^{-1} & & & & \\ \text{xiii)} \left(\frac{x^3}{y^2}\right)^{-2}\left(\frac{-2y^3}{x^4}\right)^{-3} & \text{xv)} \left(\frac{1}{8}x^{-1}y^4\right)\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2}\right)^{-3}\left(\frac{-2x^2}{y^3}\right)^{-4} & & & \end{array}$$

3. Solve the following equations:

- i) $2^x = 64$
- ii) $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x = \frac{1}{8}$
- iii) $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x = 4$
- iv) $3^{-x} = \frac{1}{81}$
- v) $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^x = \frac{64}{27}$
- vi) $27^{4x} = 9^{x+1}$
- vii) $32^x = 16^{1-x}$
- viii) $3^{x^2-x-2} = 1$
- ix) $2^{2x+1} - 4 \cdot 2^x = 0$
- x) $2 \cdot 4^x - 5 \cdot 2^x + 2 = 0$
- xi) $3^{2x+1} - 26 \cdot 3^x - 9 = 0.$
- xii) $21 \cdot 3^x + 5^{x+3} = 3^{x+4} + 5^{x+2}.$
- xiii) $4^x - 3^{x-\frac{1}{2}} = 3^{x+\frac{1}{2}} - 2^{2x-1}.$
- xiv) $3^{2x} = \frac{1}{81}.$
- xv) $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x = 27.$
- xvi) $2^{-x} = 32.$
- xvii) $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-x} = 27.$
- xviii) $\frac{1}{2^x} = 16.$
- xix) $2^{x^2-5x+6} = 1.$
- xx) $[3^{(x^2-9)}]^{(x-2)} = 1.$
- xxi) $4^{3x} = 2^4 \cdot 16^{\frac{x}{2}}.$
- xxii) $9^x - 2 \cdot 3^x - 3 = 0.$
- xxiii) $3^{2x-2} + 3^x = 4.$
- xxiv) $5^{2x-1} + 5^{x+1} = 250.$
- xxv) $2^x - 5\sqrt{2^x} + 4 = 0.$
- xxvi) $5 \cdot 2^x = 2^{x+3} - 3\sqrt{2}.$
- xxvii) $3^{x+1} - 28 + 9 \cdot 3^{-x} = 0.$
- xxviii) $2^{x-2} - 3^{x-3} - 2^{x-3} + 3^{x-4} = 0.$
- xxix) $4^x - 3^{x-\frac{1}{2}} = 3^{x+\frac{1}{2}} - 2^{2x-1}.$
- xxx) $(x^2 - 5x + 5)^{x+2} = 1.$
- xxxii) $e^{2x} + e = e^x + e^{x+1}.$

4. Solve the following simultaneous equations:

$$\text{i) } \begin{cases} 8^{2x+1} = 32 \cdot 4^{4y-1} \\ 5 \cdot 5^{x-y} = 5^{2y+1} \end{cases} .$$

$$\text{ii) } \begin{cases} 3^x + 2^y = 11 \\ 3^x - 2^y = 7 \end{cases} .$$

$$\text{iii) } \begin{cases} \frac{e^x}{e^y} = 1 \\ e^x \cdot e^y = e^2 \end{cases} .$$

$$\text{iv) } \begin{cases} 2^x \cdot 2^y = 8 \\ 2^x + 2^y = 6 \end{cases} .$$

$$\text{v) } \begin{cases} 3^y - 2^x = 1 \\ 3^y + 16 \cdot 2^{-x} = 11 \end{cases} .$$

$$\text{vi) } \begin{cases} 2^x \cdot 5^y = 250 \\ 2^y \cdot 5^x = 40 \end{cases} .$$

$$\text{vii) } \begin{cases} 9^{x+1} = 3^{y+3} \\ 4^{x+y} = 8 \cdot 2^x \end{cases} .$$

$$\text{viii) } \begin{cases} 2^{x^2-5x+6} = 1 \\ x + y = 8 \end{cases} .$$

$$\text{ix) } \begin{cases} 2^{x-1} \cdot 4^y = 1 \\ 3^x \cdot 3^{y-1} = 9 \end{cases} .$$

$$\text{x) } \begin{cases} 3^x - 5^y = 4 \\ 9 \cdot 3^{-x} + 5^y = 6 \end{cases} .$$

5. A high-fever patient is given an anti-fever pill. The temperature $\theta(t)$, t hours after taking the drug, is given by $\theta(t) = 36 + 4 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^t$ (in Celsius).

- What is the temperature of the patient when the drug was given to him?
- After how many hours the patient's temperature will get to the normal value of 36.5°C ;
- If the drug lasts for 4 hours, what will be the patient's temperature when the effect of the drug expires?

5. Logarithms

- The relationship between exponents and logarithms

$$\text{If } a > 0, a \neq 1 \text{ and } k > 0, \text{ then: } a^x = k \Leftrightarrow x = \log_a k .$$

Examples

- $2^x = 5 \Leftrightarrow x = \log_2 5 .$
- $2^x = 16 \Leftrightarrow x = \log_2 16$ so $\log_2 16 = 4$, since $2^4 = 16$.
- $3^x = \frac{1}{9} \Leftrightarrow x = \log_3 \frac{1}{9}$ so $\log_3 \frac{1}{9} = -2$, since $3^{-2} = \frac{1}{9}$.
- $5^{-x} = 125 \Leftrightarrow -x = \log_5 125 \Leftrightarrow x = -\log_5 125$ so $\log_5 125 = 3$, since $5^3 = 125$.

- Two common abbreviations for logarithms to particular bases

- $10^x = k \Leftrightarrow x = \log_{10} k$. The $\log_{10} k$ often written as $\log k$ (**Common Logarithm**).
- $e^x = k \Leftrightarrow x = \log_e k$. The $\log_e k$ often written as $\ln k$ (**Natural Logarithm**).

6. Solving equations involving logarithms

- We can solve an equation involving logarithms either using the definition of logarithm (**ex 1, 2**) either creating logarithms with the same base numbers from both sides of equation (**ex 3**).

$$\text{ex1. } 2^x = 5 \overset{\text{definition}}{\Leftrightarrow} x = \log_2 5 = 2,3219\dots$$

$$\text{ex2. } \log_3(x-1) = 2 \overset{\text{definition}}{\Leftrightarrow} x-1 = 3^2 \Leftrightarrow x = 8+1 \Leftrightarrow x = 9 .$$

$$\text{ex3. } \log_2(2x+1) = \log_2 3 \Leftrightarrow 2x+1 = 3 \Leftrightarrow 2x = 2 \Leftrightarrow x = 1 .$$

WORKED EXAMPLES

1. Solve the following equation $5^x = 3^{1-x}$.

Solution

$$5^x = 3^{1-x} \Leftrightarrow 5^x = \frac{3}{3^x} \Leftrightarrow 5^x \cdot 3^x = 3 \Leftrightarrow 15^x = 3 \text{ and by using the definition we have}$$

$$15^x = 3 \Leftrightarrow x = \log_{15} 3.$$

2. Solve the following equation $\log\left(\frac{x^2+1}{x}\right) = \log 2$.

Solution

$$\log \frac{x^2+1}{x} = \log 2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{x^2+1}{x} = 2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2+1 = 2x \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-1)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x-1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 1$$

3. Solve the following system of equations $\begin{cases} xy = 8 \\ \log y = \log x^2 \end{cases}$.

Solution

$$\begin{cases} xy = 8 \\ \log y = \log x^2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} xy = 8 \\ y = x^2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y = \frac{8}{x} \\ \frac{8}{x} = x^2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y = \frac{8}{x} \\ x^3 = 8 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y = 4 \\ x = 2 \end{cases}$$

FOR YOUR OWN PRACTICE

1. Complete the following gaps:

- i) $\ln e^2 = \dots$
- ii) $\log_{\dots} 25 = 2$
- iii) $\log_{\frac{1}{3}} \dots = -2$
- iv) $\log_{\alpha} \sqrt{\alpha} = \dots, \alpha > 1$
- v) $\log_7 \frac{1}{7} = \dots$
- vi) $\ln \dots = -3$
- vii) $\log_{\alpha} \dots = 2, \alpha > 1$
- viii) $\log_{\dots} \alpha^2 = 1.$

2. Find the following logarithms:

- i) $\log 0,001$
- ii) $\log_{\frac{1}{10}} \sqrt{10}$
- iii) $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 32$
- iv) $\log_9 \frac{\sqrt{27}}{3}$
- v) $\log_{\sqrt{2}} 16$
- vi) $\log_{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{8}{27}}$

3. Find x in following equations:

- i) $\log x = 3$
- ii) $\log_4 x = -\frac{1}{2}$
- iii) $\log_{\sqrt{2}} x = \frac{2}{3}$
- iv) $\log_x 16 = 4$
- v) $\log_x 8 = \frac{3}{2}$
- vi) $\log_x 0,1 = -3.$

4. Solve the following equations:

i) $2^{2x-1} = 5$

ii) $5^x = 2^{1-x}$

iii) $3^{x-1} = 2^{x+1}$

iv) $\log \sqrt{x} = 1$

v) $\ln(x^2 - 1) = 0$

vi) $\log(1+x) = \log(1-x)$

vii) $\ln\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 = \ln x$

viii) $\log(1+x) = \log[10 \cdot (1-x)]$

ix) $\log[(x+1) \cdot (x-1)] = \log 2$

5. Under constant temperature, the atmospheric pressure p at a height h is given by $p = 101300 \cdot e^{k \cdot h}$.

- Find the value of k if at the height of 3050m the pressure is 68900 Pa.
- What is the pressure at the height of 1000m?

6. In a lake it is found that the intensity of light decreases as it passes through water. The intensity $I(x)$ units at depth x metres from the surface is given by $I(x) = I_0 \cdot 10^{-0.5x}$, $x \geq 0$, where I_0 units is the intensity at the surface. Find the depth at which the intensity would be $0,1 \cdot I_0$.

7. The number of bacteria in a culture, after t hours, is given by $Q(t) = Q_0 \cdot e^{0,34t}$, where Q_0 the initial number of bacteria. How long will it take for the size of the population to double?

8. The sales $s(t)$ (in thousand units) of a product, t years after first introduced to the market is given by $s(t) = 100(1 + e^{kt})$.

- Find the value of k if the sales at the end of the first year are 15000 units.
- How many units will be sold during the first 5 years?