



8.5 Modeling with Logarithms

Objectives:

I can use logarithms to solve real world problems.

I can solve interest equations by hand using logarithms.





Allows us to compare sizes that have a wide range between them:

i.e.: Pluto's distance from the Sun is 2 orders of magnitude greater than Mercury's

A kilometer is 3 orders of magnitude longer than a meter

A dollar is 2 orders of magnitude greater than a penny



Decibel Scale

Source	Intensity	Intensity Level	# of Times Greater Than TOH
Threshold of Hearing (TOH)	1*10 ⁻¹² W/m ²	0 dB	10 ⁰
Rustling Leaves	1*10 ⁻¹¹ W/m ²	10 dB	10 ¹
Whisper	1*10 ⁻¹⁰ W/m ²	20 dB	10 ²
Normal Conversation	1*10 ⁻⁶ W/m ²	60 dB	10^{6}
Busy Street Traffic	1*10 ⁻⁵ W/m ²	70 dB	107
Vacuum Cleaner	1*10 ⁻⁴ W/m ²	80 dB	10 ⁸
Large Orchestra	6.3*10 ⁻³ W/m ²	98 dB	10 ^{9.8}
Walkman at Maximum Level	1*10 ⁻² W/m ²	100 dB	1010
Front Rows of Rock Concert	1*10 ⁻¹ W/m ²	110 dB	1011
Threshold of Pain	1*10 ¹ W/m ²	130 dB	1013
Military Jet Takeoff	1*10 ² W/m ²	140 dB	1014
Instant Perforation of Eardrum	1*10 ⁴ W/m ²	160 dB	10 ¹⁶

Richter Scale

Magnitude	Description	Earthquake effects	Frequency of occurrence
Less than 2.0	Micro	Micro earthquakes, not felt. ^[13]	Continual
2.0-2.9	Minor	Generally not felt, but recorded.	1,300,000 per year (est.)
3.0-3.9	WITTOT	Often felt, but rarely causes damage.	130,000 per year (est.)
4.0-4.9	Light	Noticeable shaking of indoor items, rattling noises. Significant damage unlikely.	13,000 per year (est.)
5.0–5.9	Moderate	Can cause major damage to poorly constructed buildings over small regions. At most slight damage to well-designed buildings.	1,319 per year
6.0–6.9	Strong	Can be destructive in areas up to about 160 kilometres (99 mi) across in populated areas.	134 per year
7.0-7.9	Major	Can cause serious damage over larger areas.	15 per year
8.0-8.9	0	Can cause serious damage in areas several hundred kilometres across.	1 per year
9.0-9.9	Great	Devastating in areas several thousand kilometres across.	1 per 10 years (est.)
10.0+	Massive	Never recorded, widespread devastation across very large areas; see below for equivalent seismic energy yield.	Extremely rare (Unknown/May not be possible)





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Ex. 3 Roger has \$500 to invest at 9% annual interest rate compounded monthly. How long will it take for his investment to grow to \$3000? mo .09 24 125 loo (00)1-0075 = \cdot \cdot 12

