

Section 4.4, Problem 32: $\sqrt[3]{25} = (25)^{1/3} = (5^2)^{1/3} = 5^{2/3}$, so $\log_5 \sqrt[3]{25} = 2/3$.

Grading: 1 point.

Section 4.4, Problem 118(a,b,c):

(a) $H = -(0.724 \log 0.724 + 0.126 \log 0.126 + 0.009 \log 0.009 + 0.048 \log 0.048 + 0.002 \log 0.002 + 0.062 \log 0.062 + 0.029 \log 0.029) \approx 0.4125$

(b) There are 7 categories in this example, so $H_{max} = \log 7 \approx 0.8451$.

(c) $E_H = \frac{H}{H_{max}} \approx 0.4987$.

Comment: *The Shannon Diversity Index is an instance of Shannon's entropy function, which he defined in the context of information theory. In this case, it is a measure of the uncertainty of what the race is of a randomly selected person in the U.S. The bigger the value of H , the harder it is to 'guess' what the race will be. If there were only one racial group, then the proportion of that group in the population would be 1 and*

$$H = -1 \cdot \log 1 = 0,$$

i.e., there would be no uncertainty as to a randomly selected person's race.

Section 4.5, Problem 52: $\log \left[\frac{x^3 \sqrt{x-1}}{(x-2)^2} \right] = 3 \log x + \frac{1}{2} \log(x-1) - 2 \log(x-2)$.

Section 4.7, Problem 42: The value of the investment after t years, assuming an initial investment of \$25000, and a 7% interest rate, compounded continuously is

$$V(t) = 25000e^{0.07t}.$$

If $V(t_1) = 80000$, then

$$80000 = 25000e^{0.07t_1} \Rightarrow e^{0.07t_1} = \frac{80000}{25000} = 3.2 \Rightarrow 0.07t_1 = \ln 3.2 \Rightarrow t_1 = \frac{\ln 3.2}{0.07} \approx 16.6.$$

I.e., it will take 16.6 years for the investment to grow to 80000.

Section 4.8, Problem 12: The proportion of carbon-14 left after t years is e^{kt} , where

$$k = \frac{1}{5730} \ln(1/2) \approx -0.000121,$$

is obtained from the assumption that the half-life of carbon-14 is 5730 years. If 70% of the fossilized leaf's carbon-14 remains and t is the age of the leaf (i.e., the number of years since it died), then

$$e^{-0.000121t} = 0.7 \Rightarrow -0.000121t = \ln 0.7 \Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln 0.7}{-0.000121} \approx 2948.$$

I.e., the fossilized leaf is about 2948 years old.