
Subject: ProductLog function

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Hi all, I've used Wolfram Mathematica to solve an equation for x, and have been given a solution involving the function ProductLog. I was wondering if anyone knew if there was any inbuilt capacity in IDL to evaluate this. It's definitely different to PRODUCT(ALOG(x)), as I've tried this but results were wrong.

I'm trying to convert a matrix of y's to x's, but the equation I need to use is:

$$y = 0.0015x + a(1 - \exp(-bx))$$

Mathematica gave me (to 6sf):

$$0.333333(-2000.a + 2000.y + (3.\text{ProductLog}(666.667(a.b.\exp(666.667b(1.a-1.y))))))/b$$

I tried this in IDL, but no joy:

$$(1D/3D)*(-2000D*a + 2000D*y + (3*(\text{PRODUCT}(\text{ALOG}((2000D/3D)*a*b*\exp((2000D/3D)*b*((a-1D)*(y))))))/b))$$

Cheers,

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