Comparing Functions

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1. Exponential functions grow faster than polynomial ones, which grow faster than polylogarithmic ones.

2. Asymptotically, the base of a logarithm doesn't matter.

3. The base of an exponential does matter.

4. The degree of a polynomial does matter.

5. Try taking the lg of both sides, or raising both sides to a power.

6. Use Stirling's approximation to remove factorials.