- **4**. [8 points] The following parts are unrelated.
 - **a.** [4 points] The quantity of an intravenous drug in a patient's body, in mg, is given by $D(t) = 250(0.88)^t$, where t is the number of hours after the drug was administered.

What is the hourly decay rate of the drug? Express in exact form, or rounded to at least 2 decimal places.

Solution: We can see in the formula that the growth factor, b, is 0.88. This means that 88% of our drug remains after each hour, so it has decayed by 12%. This means our decay rate is 12%. We could also find this using $100 \times (1 - 0.88)$.

12%

What is the *continuous* hourly decay rate of the drug? *Express in exact form, or rounded* to at least 2 decimal places.

Solution: $e^k = 0.88$, so $k = \ln(0.88) \approx -0.12783$. This means that the continuous decay rate is approximately 12.783%.

 $\underline{12.783\%}$

b. [4 points] The function f(x) is given by the following formula:

$$f(x) = \ln(x) + 2$$

The entirety of the function g(x) is given by the graph below.



Find the following values, or write NEI if there is "not enough information" to compute them. *Show all work.*

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$$f^{-1}(g(0)) =$$

Solution: First, we can use the graph to find that g(0) = 1. Thus we need to compute $f^{-1}(1)$. One way to do this is to solve the following for x:

$$\ln(x) + 2 = 1$$

That is, finding the value of x that gave an output of 1. We can solve that as follows:

$$\ln(x) = -1$$
$$e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e} = x$$

We could have also found a general formula for f^{-1} and evaluated it at 1. That general formula would turn out to be:

$$f^{-1}(y) = e^{y-2}$$

giving the same value of $f^{-1}(1) = e^{1-2} = e^{-1}$ as above.

• All x such that g(g(x)) = 2: x = -1, 0

Solution: We want to know where the outer function g(...) gives an output of 2. It gives an output of 2 exactly when its input is 1 or when its input is -1.5. That is, we need to know when the inner function (also g(x) in this case!) will give us either 1 or -1.5. The number -1.5 is not in the range of g(x), so we only need to solve for when g(x) = 1. This happens exactly when x = -1, 0. Let's plug those numbers back in to check that we get what we were hoping for:

$$g(g(-1)) = g(1) = 2 \checkmark$$

 $g(g(0)) = g(1) = 2 \checkmark$