

# Math Diversion Problem 426

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With me, everything turns into mathematics.

— Rene Descartes

(P.S. I calculate; therefore I am.)

The YouTube video is found at:

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huPSxaz0H2I>

Title: Nice Exponential Problem

Presenter: Math Beast

## 1 The Problem

Given the relation

$$x^{625} = 5^x, \tag{1}$$

find the values of  $x$ .

## 2 The Solution

Note:  $625 = 5^4$ .

Let's try an  $\alpha$  substitution to (1). Let

$$x = 5^\alpha, \tag{2}$$

then (1) becomes

$$(5^\alpha)^{625} = 5^{5^\alpha}, \tag{3}$$

or

$$\alpha 5^4 = 5^\alpha, \tag{4}$$

where it looks like  $\alpha = 5$ . Therefore,

$$x = 5^5 = 3125. \tag{5}$$