

1. (8pts) Evaluate without using the calculator:

$$\log_8 256 = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\log_7 \frac{1}{49} = -2$$

$$\log_9 3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\log_c \sqrt[3]{c^3} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$256 = 2^8 = (\sqrt[3]{8})^8 = 8^{\frac{8}{3}}$$

$$7^{-2} = \frac{1}{49}$$

$$9^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3$$

$$c^{\frac{3}{4}} = c^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

2. (4pts) Use your calculator to find  $\log_3 15$  with accuracy 4 decimal places. Show how you obtained your number.

$$\log_3 15 = \frac{\log 15}{\log 3} = 2.4650$$

3. (11pts) Write as a sum and/or difference of logarithms. Express powers as factors. Simplify if possible.

$$\begin{aligned} \log_6 (216(x^2 + 5x - 24)^3) &= \log_6 216 + \log_6 ((x+8)(x-3))^3 \\ &= 3 + 3\log_6 ((x+8)(x-3)) \\ &= 3 + 3(\log_6 (x+8) + \log_6 (x-3)) = 3 + 3\log_6 (x+8) + 3\log_6 (x-3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{x^3 y^4}{x^{-2} y^8} &= \ln(x^3 y^4) - \ln(x^{-2} y^8) = \ln x^3 + \ln y^4 - (\ln x^{-2} + \ln y^8) \\ &= 3\ln x + 4\ln y - (-2\ln x + 8\ln y) \\ &= 5\ln x + 4\ln y \end{aligned}$$

4. (14pts) Write as a single logarithm. Simplify if possible.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \log(49x^{\frac{3}{2}}) + \frac{1}{4} \log(16x^7) &= \log(49x^{\frac{3}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} + \log(16x^7)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \log \left[ \left( \frac{49^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{7} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{16^{\frac{1}{4}} x^{\frac{7}{4}}}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \log(14x^{\frac{17}{8}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{7}{4} = \frac{3+14}{8} = \frac{17}{8}$$

$$3 \log_6 (x^2 + 4x - 21) - 2 \log_6 (x + 7) - 5 \log_6 (x - 3) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \log_6 (x^2 + 4x - 21)^3 - \log_6 (x+7)^2 - \log_6 (x-3)^5 \\ &= \log_6 [(x+7)(x-3)]^3 - (\log_6 (x+7)^2 + \log_6 (x-3)^5) \\ &= \log_6 [(x+7)^3 (x-3)^3] - \log_6 [(x+7)^2 (x-3)^5] \\ &= \log_6 \frac{(x+7)^3 (x-3)^3}{(x+7)^2 (x-3)^5} = \log_6 \frac{x+7}{(x-3)^2} \end{aligned}$$

5. (3pts) Find the domain of  $f(x) = \log_{17}(7 - 3x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Must have } 7 - 3x > 0 & \quad | +3x \\ 7 > 3x & \quad | +3 \\ \frac{7}{3} > x & \end{aligned} \quad \text{Domain: } \left(-\infty, \frac{7}{3}\right)$$

6. (12pts) Solve the equations.

$$8^{2x+1} = 64^{3x-4}$$

$$8^{2x+1} = (8^2)^{3x-4}$$

$$8^{2x+1} = 8^{6x-8}$$

$$2x+1 = 6x-8 \quad | -2x+8$$

$$9 = 4x$$

$$x = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$3^{2x} = 2^{3x-5} \quad | \ln$$

$$\ln 3^{2x} = \ln 2^{3x-5}$$

$$2x \ln 3 = (3x-5) \ln 2$$

$$2x \ln 3 = 3x \ln 2 - 5 \ln 2 \quad | -3x \ln 2$$

$$2x \ln 3 - 3x \ln 2 = -5 \ln 2$$

$$x(2 \ln 3 - 3 \ln 2) = -5 \ln 2$$

$$x = -\frac{5 \ln 2}{2 \ln 3 - 3 \ln 2} = \frac{5 \ln 2}{3 \ln 2 - 2 \ln 3} = -29.4247$$

7. (8pts) If you invest \$2,000 in an account bearing 3%, compounded monthly, how long will it take until there is \$3,000 in the account?

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

$$3000 = 2000 \left(1 + \frac{0.03}{12}\right)^{12t} \quad | \div 2000$$

$$1.5 = (1.0025)^{12t} \quad | \ln$$

$$\ln 1.5 = \ln (1.0025)^{12t}$$

$$\ln 1.5 = 12t \ln (1.0025) \quad | \div 12 \ln (1.0025)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln 1.5}{12 \ln 1.0025} = 13.5324 \text{ years}$$