

1. (5pts) If  $\log_a 4 = 0.489301$  and  $\log_a 5 = 0.568061$ , find (show how you obtained your numbers):

$$\begin{aligned}\log_a 20 &= \log_a (4 \cdot 5) \\ &= \log_a 4 + \log_a 5 \\ &= 0.489301 + 0.568061 \\ &= 1.057362\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log_a \frac{16}{5} &= \log_a \frac{4^2}{5} = \log_a 4^2 - \log_a 5 \\ &= 2 \log_a 4 - \log_a 5 \\ &= 2 \cdot 0.489301 - 0.568061 = 0.410541\end{aligned}$$

2. (11pts) Write as a sum and/or difference of logarithms. Express powers as factors. Simplify if possible.

$$\log_3 (81x^4y^2) = \log_3 81 + \log_3 x^4 + \log_3 y^2 = 4 + 4 \log_3 x + 2 \log_3 y$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log_5 \sqrt[5]{\frac{x^3y^{-7}}{25y^3}} &= \log_5 \left( \frac{x^3y^{-7}}{25y^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{1}{5} \log_5 \left( \frac{x^3}{25y^{10}} \right) = \frac{1}{5} (\log_5 x^3 - \log_5 25 - \log_5 y^{10}) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (3 \log_5 x - 2 - 10 \log_5 y)\end{aligned}$$

3. (12pts) Write as a single logarithm. Simplify if possible.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{3} \ln(125x^{\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{1}{2} \ln(625y^7) - \ln(x^{\frac{2}{3}}) &= \ln (125x^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{3}} + \ln (625y^7)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \ln x^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \ln \left( \frac{(5x^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot (25y^{\frac{7}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x^{\frac{2}{3}}} \right) = \ln (125x^{-\frac{1}{2}}y^{\frac{7}{2}}) = \ln \left( \frac{125y^{\frac{7}{2}}}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2 \log_a(x+6) - 4 \log_a(x^2-36) - 3 \log_a(x-6) &= \log_a (x+6)^2 - \log_a ((x+6)(x-6))^4 - \log_a (x-6)^3 \\ &= \log_a \frac{(x+6)^2}{(x+6)^4(x-6)^4(x-6)^3} = \log_a \frac{1}{(x+6)^2(x-6)^7} = -\log_a ((x+6)^2(x-6)^7)\end{aligned}$$

Solve the equations.

4. (5pts)  $7^{2-x} = 49^{3x-1}$

$$7^{2-x} = (7^2)^{3x-1}$$

$$7^{2-x} = 7^{6x-2}$$

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

$$4 = 7x$$

$$x = \frac{4}{7}$$

6. (8pts)  $\log_2(x+1) + \log_2(x+5) = 5$

$$\log_2((x+1)(x+5)) = 5 \quad | 2^{\phantom{x}}$$

$$2^{\log_2((x+1)(x+5))} = 32$$

$$(x+1)(x+5) = 32$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 5 = 32$$

$$x^2 + 6x - 27 = 0$$

$$(x+9)(x-3) = 0$$

$$x = -9, 3$$

Check:  $\log_2(-8) + \log_2(-4) = 5$

$\log_2(4) + \log_2(8) = 5 \checkmark$

$$2 + 3 = 5$$

not defined

Only  $x=3$   
is the  
solution

5. (7pts)  $4^{x+9} = 9^{2x+4} \quad | \ln$

$$\ln 4^{x+9} = \ln 9^{2x+4}$$

$$(x+9)\ln 4 = (2x+4)\ln 9$$

$$x\ln 4 + 9\ln 4 = 2x\ln 9 + 4\ln 9$$

$$x\ln 4 - 2x\ln 9 = 4\ln 9 - 9\ln 4$$

$$x(\ln 4 - 2\ln 9) = 4\ln 9 - 9\ln 4$$

$$x = \frac{4\ln 9 - 9\ln 4}{\ln 4 - 2\ln 9} = 1.225918$$

7. (12pts) The 2000 and 2010 censuses recorded Murray as having 14,950 and 17,741 people, respectively. Assume Murray's population grows exponentially.

- a) Write the function describing the number  $P(t)$  of people  $t$  years after 2000. Then find the exponential growth rate of Murray's population.
- b) Graph the function.
- c) According to this model, when will the population reach 20,000?

a)  $P(t) = 14,950 e^{kt}$

$$14950 e^{k \cdot 10} = 17,741$$

$$e^{10k} = \frac{17741}{14950} \quad | \ln$$

$$\ln e^{10k} = \ln\left(\frac{17741}{14950}\right)$$

$$10k =$$

$$k = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{17741}{14950}\right)}{10} \approx 0.0171167$$



c)  $14950 e^{kt} = 20000$  (solve for  $t$ )

$$e^{kt} = \frac{20000}{14950} \quad | \ln$$

About 17 years since 2000  
so in 2017,

$$kt = \ln\left(\frac{20000}{14950}\right)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{20000}{14950}\right)}{k} \approx 17.002161$$