

1. (5pts) If  $\log_a 2 = 0.235409$  and  $\log_a 7 = 0.660876$ , find (show how you obtained your numbers):

$$\begin{aligned}\log_a \frac{7}{2} &= \log_a 7 - \log_a 2 \\ &\approx 0.660876 - 0.235409 \\ &\approx 0.425467\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log_a 56 &= \log_a 8 \cdot 7 = \log_a 2^3 \cdot 7 \\ &= \log_a 2^3 + \log_a 7 \\ &= 3 \log_a 2 + \log_a 7 \\ &\approx 3 \cdot 0.235409 + 0.660876 = 1.367103\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\log_3 (81x^2y^6) &= \log_3 81 + \log_3 x^2 + \log_3 y^6 \\ &= 4 + 2 \log_3 x + 6 \log_3 y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log_5 \frac{x^3 y^3}{625 \sqrt{x} \sqrt[3]{y^7}} &= \log_5 x^{\frac{3}{2}} + \log_5 y^3 - \log_5 625 - \log_5 x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log_5 y^{\frac{7}{3}} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \log_5 x + 3 \log_5 y - 4 - \frac{1}{2} \log_5 x - \frac{7}{3} \log_5 y \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_5 x + \frac{2}{3} \log_5 y - 4\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{3} \log(27y^{12}) - 4 \log(2y^{\frac{3}{2}}) - 4 \log x &= \log (27y^{12})^{\frac{1}{3}} - \log (2y^{\frac{3}{2}})^4 - \log x^4 \\ &= \log (27^{\frac{1}{3}} y^{4 \cdot \frac{1}{3}}) - \log (2^4 y^{\frac{3}{2} \cdot 4}) - \log x^4 \\ &= \log (3y^4) - \log (16y^6) - \log x^4 = \log \frac{3y^4}{16y^6 x^4} = \log \frac{3y^{-2}}{16x^4}\end{aligned}$$

$$3 \log_4(x+9) - 2 \log_4(x^2+5x-36) - \log_4(x-4) =$$

$$= \log_4 (x+9)^3 - \log_4 \frac{(x^2+5x-36)^2}{(x+9)(x-4)} - \log_4 (x-4)$$

$$= \log_4 \frac{(x+9)^3}{((x+9)(x-4))^2 (x-4)} = \log_4 \frac{(x+9)^3}{(x+9)^2 (x-4)^3} = \log_4 \frac{x+9}{(x-4)^3}$$

Solve the equations.

4. (5pts)  $16^{3x-1} = \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^{x+3}$

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

$$2^{12x-4} = 2^{-3x-9}$$

$$12x - 4 = -3x - 9$$

$$15x = -5$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{15} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

6. (8pts)  $\log_2(x-1) + \log_2(x+3) = 5$

$$\log_2((x-1)(x+3)) = 5 \quad | 2^{\phantom{x}}$$

$$2^{\log_2((x-1)(x+3))} = 2^5$$

$$(x-1)(x+3) = 32$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 3 = 32$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 35 = 0$$

$$(x-5)(x+7) = 0$$

$$x = 5, -7$$

-7 gives negative in a log, so not a sol.

$$\boxed{x = 5}$$

5. (7pts)  $7^{x+5} = 6^{4x-1} \quad | \ln$

$$\ln 7^{x+5} = \ln 6^{4x-1}$$

$$(x+5) \ln 7 = (4x-1) \ln 6$$

$$x \ln 7 + 5 \ln 7 = 4x \ln 6 - \ln 6$$

$$x \ln 7 - 4x \ln 6 = -5 \ln 7 - \ln 6$$

$$x(\ln 7 - 4 \ln 6) = -5 \ln 7 - \ln 6$$

$$x = \frac{-5 \ln 7 - \ln 6}{\ln 7 - 4 \ln 6} = \frac{5 \ln 7 + \ln 6}{4 \ln 6 - \ln 7} = 2.206671$$

7. (12pts) According to US census data, Lexington, KY had 260,512 inhabitants in 2000 and 295,803 in 2010. Assume the population of Lexington grows exponentially.

a) Write the function describing the number  $P(t)$  of people in Lexington  $t$  years after 2000. Then find the exponential growth rate for this population.

b) Graph the function.

c) According to this model, when will the population reach 400,000?

a)  $P(t) = 260,512 e^{kt}$

$$P(10) = 295,803$$

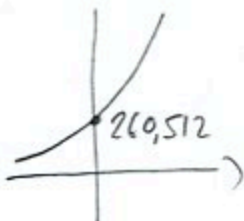
$$260,512 e^{k \cdot 10} = 295,803$$

$$e^{10k} = \frac{295,803}{260,512} \quad | \ln$$

$$10k = \ln \frac{295,803}{260,512}$$

$$k = \frac{\ln \frac{295,803}{260,512}}{10} = 0.0127045$$

| time            | Population |
|-----------------|------------|
| 2000 ( $t=0$ )  | 260,512    |
| 2010 ( $t=10$ ) | 295,803    |



$$P(t) = 260,512 e^{0.0127045t}$$

b)  $P(t) = 400,000$

$$260,512 e^{0.012 \cdot t} = 400,000$$

$$e^{0.012 \cdot t} = \frac{400,000}{260,512} \quad | \ln$$

$$0.012 \cdot t = \ln \frac{400,000}{260,512}$$

$$t = \frac{\ln \frac{400,000}{260,512}}{0.0127045} = 33.753112$$

About 34 years from 2000, so, in 2034.