

College Algebra — Exam 4  
MAT 140C, Spring 2024 — D. Ivanšić

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Show all your work!

1. (8pts) Evaluate without using the calculator. For each problem, write the question you should ask yourself in order to find the logarithms.

$$\log_3 9 = 2$$

$$3^? = 9$$

$$\log_4 \frac{1}{64} = -3$$

$$4^? = \frac{1}{64} = \frac{1}{4^3} = 4^{-3}$$

$$\log_b \sqrt[3]{b^5} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$b^? = \sqrt[3]{b^5} = b^{\frac{5}{3}}$$

$$\log_{\sqrt{a}} a^3 = 6$$

$$(\sqrt{a})^? = a^3 \quad (a^{\frac{1}{2}})^? = a^3$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot ? = 3 \quad ? = 6$$

2. (4pts) Use the change-of-base formula and your calculator to find  $\log_7 0.07$  with accuracy 6 decimal places. Show how you obtained your number.

$$\log_7 0.07 = \frac{\ln 0.07}{\ln 7} = -1.366589$$

3. (5pts) If  $\log_a 2 = 0.3155$  and  $\log_a 5 = 0.7325$ , calculate the following values:

$$\log_a \frac{5}{2} = \log_a 5 - \log_a 2$$

$$= 0.7325 - 0.3155$$

$$= 0.417$$

$$\log_a 100 = \log_a 10^2 = 2 \log_a (2 \cdot 5)$$

$$= 2 (\log_a 2 + \log_a 5)$$

$$= 2 \cdot (0.3155 + 0.7325) = 2 \cdot 1.048$$

$$= 2.096$$

4. (4pts) Simplify.

$$\log_4 4^{1-3x} = 1 - 3x$$

$$e^{\ln(2a-3b)} = 2a - 3b$$

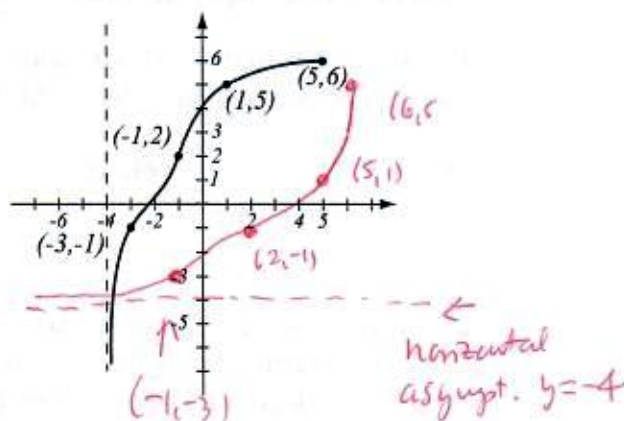
5. (8pts) If you deposit \$4,000 in an account bearing 3.4% interest, compounded daily, how much is in the account after 5 years?

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

$$A = 4000 \left(1 + \frac{0.034}{365}\right)^{365 \cdot 5} = 4000 \cdot 1.185$$

$$= 4741.18$$

6. (6pts) The graph of a function  $f$  is given.
- Is this function one-to-one? Justify.
  - If the function is one-to-one, find the graph of  $f^{-1}$ , labeling the relevant points, and showing any asymptotes.



a) Yes - it passes the horizontal line test

7. (9pts) Let  $f(x) = \frac{2x-5}{x+6}$ .
- Find the formula for  $f^{-1}$ .
  - Find the range of  $f$ .

a)  $y = \frac{2x-5}{x+6}$  solve for  $x$

$$y(x+6) = 2x-5$$

$$yx+6y = 2x-5$$

$$yx-2x = -6y-5$$

$$x(y-2) = -6y-5$$

$$x = \frac{-6y-5}{y-2} = \frac{6y+5}{2-y} = f^{-1}(y)$$

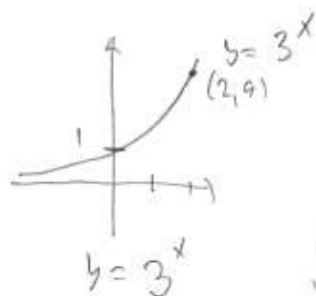
Range of  $f$  = domain of  $f^{-1}$

can't have  $2-y=0$

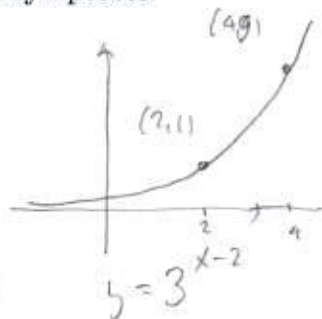
$$y=2$$

$$(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$$

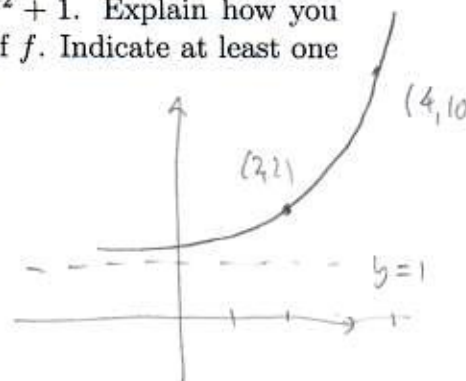
8. (6pts) Using transformations, draw the graph of  $f(x) = 3^{x-2} + 1$ . Explain how you transform the graph of a basic function in order to get the graph of  $f$ . Indicate at least one point on the graph and any asymptotes.



shift right 2



shift up 1



9. (12pts) Write as a sum and/or difference of logarithms. Express powers as factors. Simplify if possible.

$$\begin{aligned}\log_2(16\sqrt[4]{x^7}y^3) &= \log_2 16 + \log_2 x^{\frac{7}{4}} + \log_2 y^3 \\ &= 4 + \frac{7}{4}\log_2 x + 3\log_2 y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log_5 \frac{125x^7y^4}{y^7} &= \log_5 125 + \log_5 x^7 + \log_5 y^4 - \log_5 y^7 \\ &= 3 + 7\log_5 x + 4\log_5 y - 7\log_5 y \\ &= 3 + 7\log_5 x - 3\log_5 y\end{aligned}$$

10. (12pts) Write as a single logarithm. Simplify if possible.

$$\begin{aligned}2\log_6(s^7t^4) + 3\log_6(s^{-4}t^3) &= \log_6 (s^7t^4)^2 + \log_6 (s^{-4}t^3)^3 \\ &= \log_6 (s^{14}t^8) + \log_6 (s^{-12}t^9) \\ &= \log_6 (s^{14}t^8 \cdot s^{-12}t^9) = \log_6 (s^2t^{17})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2\log(x^2 - x - 20) + \log(x - 5) - 3\log(x + 4) &= \log(x^2 - x - 20)^2 + \log(x - 5) + \log(x + 4)^2 \\ &= \log \frac{(x^2 - x - 20)^2 (x - 5)}{(x + 4)^3} = \log \frac{((x + 4)(x - 5))^2 (x - 5)}{(x + 4)^3} = \log \frac{(x + 4)^2 (x - 5)^3}{(x + 4)^3} \\ &= \log \frac{(x - 5)^3}{x + 4}\end{aligned}$$

Solve the equations.

11. (6pts)  $27^{2x+1} = 3^{1-4x}$

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

$$3^{6x+3} = 3^{1-4x}$$

$$6x + 3 = 1 - 4x$$

$$10x = -2$$

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

12. (8pts)  $6^{x-3} = 10^{2x+1}$

$$\log 6^{x-3} = \log 10^{2x+1}$$

$$(x-3)\log 6 = 2x+1$$

$$\log 6 \cdot x - 3\log 6 = 2x+1$$

$$\log 6 \cdot x - 2x = 1 + 3\log 6$$

$$x(\log 6 - 2) = 1 + 3\log 6$$

$$x = \frac{1 + 3\log 6}{\log 6 - 2} = -2.729023$$

apply log  
b/c of base 10

13. (12pts) Census data has the population of the state of Missouri as 5,989,000 in 2010 and 6,155,000 in 2020. Assume that it has grown according to the formula  $P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$ .

a) Find  $k$  and write the function that describes the population at time  $t$  years since 2010. Graph it on paper.

b) Find the predicted population in the year 2032.

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$$

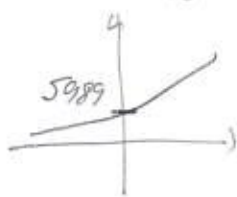
$$P(t) = 5989 e^{kt}$$

$$6155 = P(10) = 5989 e^{k \cdot 10}$$

$$\frac{6155}{5989} = e^{10k} \quad | \ln$$

$$\ln \frac{6155}{5989} = 10k$$

$$k = \frac{\ln \frac{6155}{5989}}{10} = 0.002739\dots$$



b) 2032 is  $t = 22$  (years since 2010)

$$P(22) = 5989 \cdot e^{0.002739 \cdot 22}$$

$$= 6360.284616$$

About 6,360,250 people

**Bonus** (10pts) Among the four "and" statements below, two are false regardless of which  $a, b, c, d$  are chosen, and two can be true (with the right choice of  $a, b, c, d$ ). Which ones are which and why? (Hint: use rules for working with logarithms. Note you are not asked to find  $a, b, c, d$ , so don't try. If you can find a reason why the two equations in a statement do not agree with each other, then you have found a false statement.)

$\log_a 3 = 0.251$  and  $\log_a 9 = 0.502$

$$\log_a 9 = \log_a 3^2 = 2 \log_a 3$$

$$= 2 \cdot 0.251 = 0.502$$

OK

False

$\log_b 4 = 1.731$  and  $\log_b 16 = 3.03$

$$\log_b 16 = \log_b 4^2 = 2 \log_b 4$$

$$= 2 \cdot 1.731 = 3.462 \neq 3.03$$

$\log_c 5 = 1.325$  and  $\log_c(5c) = 2.021$

$$\log_c(5c) = \log_c 5 + \log_c c$$

$$= 1.325 + 1 = 2.325 \neq 2.021$$

False

$\log_d 7 = 2.513$  and  $\log_d(7d) = 3.513$

$$\log_d(7d) = \log_d 7 + \log_d d$$

$$= 2.513 + 1 = 3.513$$

OK