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**Exponential and Logarithmic Functions**Name: Knish AnonDate: 7/27/25

**Instructions:** Answer all questions to the best of your ability. Show all your work in the space provided for full credit.

1. Find the base  $n$  such that  $\log_n 4\sqrt{2} = 10$ .

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$$n^{10} = 4\sqrt{2}$$

$$n = (4\sqrt{2})^{\frac{1}{10}} = \sqrt[10]{4\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt[20]{32} = \sqrt[10]{2}$$

2. Find  $x$  if  $\log_9(2x - 7) = \frac{3}{2}$ .

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$$\sqrt{9^3} = 2x - 7 = 27$$

$$9^3 = 4x^2 - 28x + 49$$

$$2x = 34$$

$$x = 17$$

3. For how many positive integers  $b$  is  $\log_b 729$  a positive integer?

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for all  $156 \leq 729$

$$b \in \{2, 3, 6, 9\}$$



4. If  $\log_3(\log_3(\log_3(x))) = 2$ , then how many digits are in  $x$ ?

$$\log_3(x) = 3^2$$

$$x = 3^{3^2}$$

$$\log_3(\log_3(x)) = 3^2$$

$$\log_3(x) = 3^{3^2}$$

$$x = 3^{3^{3^2}}$$

$$\log_{10}(3^{3^9}) + 1$$

$$\lfloor 3^9, \log_{10} 3 \rfloor + 1$$

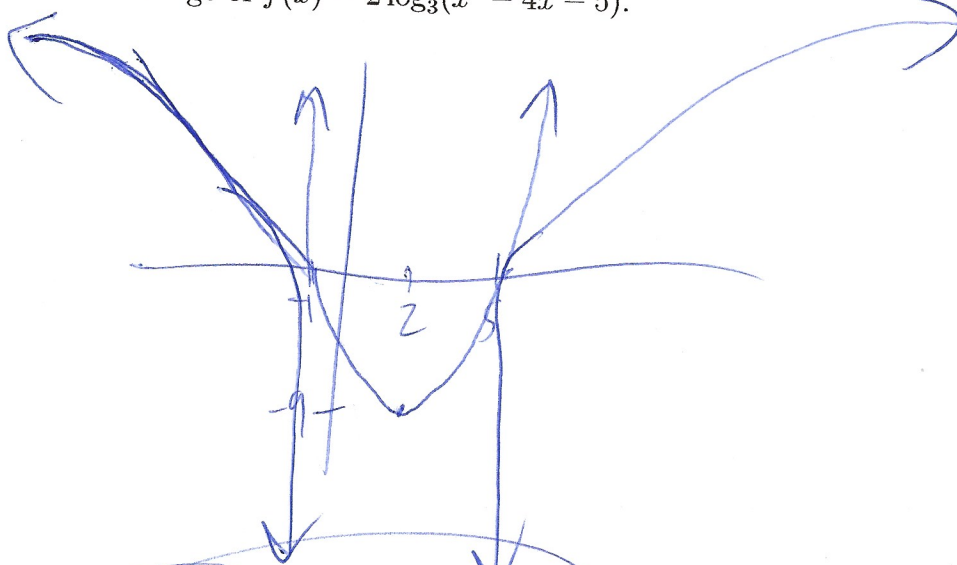
$$\lfloor 9687, \log_{10} 3 \rfloor + 1$$

$$9392$$

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5. Find the domain and range of  $f(x) = 2\log_3(x^2 - 4x - 5)$ .

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Domain:  $x \in \mathbb{R}, x \notin [-1, 5]$

Range:  $\mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -9]$

6. Let  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 7$  and  $g(f(4)) = 9$ . What is  $g(f(-4))$ ?

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7. Let  $f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$ .

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(a) Find  $f(f(x))$ .

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

(b) Find  $f(f(f(x)))$ .

$$f(f(f(x))) = f\left(1 - \frac{1}{x-1}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{x-1}} = 1 - \frac{x-1}{x-1-x} = 1 - \frac{x-1}{-1} = 1 + x - 1 = x$$

(c) Find  $f(f(f(f(x))))$ .

$$f^4(x) = f(f(f(f(x)))) = f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$$

(d) Find  $f^{34}(5)$ .

Hint: Compare  $f^4(x)$  to  $f(x)$ . Notice anything interesting? If you don't, then you should find  $f^4(x)$  again.

$$f^4(x) = f(x)$$

$$f^8(x) = f(x)$$

$$f^{12}(x) = f(x)$$

$$f^{16}(x) = f(x)$$

$$f^{20}(x) = f(x)$$

$$f^{34}(x) = f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$$

8. If  $8^x = 27$ , then what is  $4^{2x-3}$ ?

Hint: Express both sides in terms of powers of 2 and 3.

$$\log 2^{3x} = \log 27^3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{\log 2} \log_2(3) = \log_4(9) = \frac{1}{2} \log_2(81)$$

$$y^{2x-3} = y^{\log_4(81)} \cdot y^{-3} = 81 \cdot \frac{1}{y^3} = \frac{81}{64}$$

9. Let  $f$  be a function whose graph passes through the points  $(2, 3)$ ,  $(4, 7)$ , and  $(8, 12)$ . Suppose  $f$  has an inverse. Name three points that must be on the graph of  $y = f^{-1}(x)$ .

$$(3, 2)$$

$$(7, 4)$$

$$(12, 8)$$

10. I have just won a lottery that will pay me \$1,000,000 in 10 years. A company offers to buy my winning ticket today for \$300,000. (10)

(a) If the annually compounded interest rate is 9%, should I take the offer?

$$1.09 \cdot 1.09 = 1.1881 \text{ (in } \$1000)$$

$$300 (1.09^{10}) \approx 300 (2.37) = 711$$

**No**

(b) For what annually compounded interest rate is my lottery ticket worth \$300,000 today?

in 10 years

$$\log_4\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \log_4(3) - 1 = 1 - \log_4(3)$$

$$a^{10} = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$a = \frac{10^{10}}{3} \approx 1.128$$

$$1 - \left(\frac{10}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{10}} \%$$

**12.8%**



11. Evaluate
- $\log_2 8$
- ,
- $\log_2 16$
- , and
- $\log_2(8 \cdot 16)$
- .

 $\rightarrow 3, 4, 12$ 

- (a) Evaluate
- $\log_3 \frac{1}{9}$
- ,
- $\log_3 \sqrt{3}$
- , and
- $\log_3 \left(\frac{1}{9} \cdot \sqrt{3}\right)$
- .

 $-2$  $1/2$  $-1.5$ 

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- (b) Do you notice a relationship among
- $\log_a b$
- ,
- $\log_a c$
- , and
- $\log_a(bc)$
- ? Can you prove it?

Hint: Let  $x = \log_a b$ ,  $y = \log_a c$ , and  $z = \log_a(bc)$ . Use exponential notation.

Yes, Yes

$$\log_a(b) = x \Leftrightarrow a^x = b$$

$$\log_a(c) = y \Leftrightarrow a^y = c$$

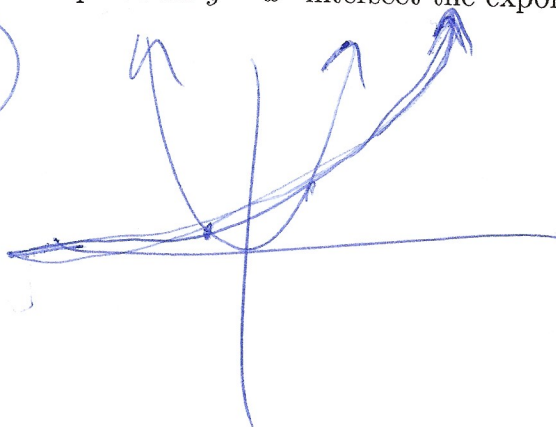
$$\log_a(bc) = z \Leftrightarrow a^z = bc = a^x a^y = a^{x+y} \Leftrightarrow z = x+y \Rightarrow \log_a(bc) = \log_a(b) + \log_a(c)$$

$$z = x+y \Rightarrow \log_a(bc) = \log_a(b) + \log_a(c)$$

12. At how many points does the parabola
- $y = x^2$
- intersect the exponential curve
- $y = 2^x$
- ?

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Two Points



$$2^x = x^2$$

$$x = \log_2(x^2) \Rightarrow x = 2 \log_2(x)$$

