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1. Compute the functions at the indicated value below. Your answers should be exact.

(a) (2 points)  $f(x) = -4(5^x)$

$$f(2) = -4(5^2) = -4(25) = -100$$

(b) (2 points)  $g(x) = 5(2^x)$

$$g(0) = 5(2^0) = 5(1) = 5$$

(c) (2 points)  $h(x) = -6(4^{1-2x})$

$$h(1) = -6(4^{1-2(1)}) = -6(4^{1-2}) = -6(4^{-1}) = -6 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

(d) (2 points)  $r(x) = 7\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^x$

$$r(-2) = 7\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{-2} = 7\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2 = 7 \cdot \frac{25}{9} = \frac{175}{9}$$

(e) (2 points)  $s(x) = 8(9^x)$

$$s\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 8(9^{-1/2}) = 8 \cdot \frac{1}{9^{1/2}} = 8 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} = 8 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$$

2. Using exact values, write the following functions in the form  $y = Ab^x$ :

(a) (3 points)  $f(x) = -5(3^{2x})$

$$f(x) = -5((3^2)^x) = -5(9^x)$$

(b) (3 points)  $g(x) = 3\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{-x}$

$$g(x) = 3\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{-x} = 3\left(\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{-1}\right)^x = 3\left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^x$$

(c) (4 points)  $h(x) = 5(2^{1-3x})$

$$h(x) = 5(2^{1-3x}) = 5(2^1 \cdot 2^{-3x}) = 10(2^{-3x})10((2^{-3})^x) = 10\left(\frac{1}{2^3}\right)^x = 10\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^x$$

3. Determine whether the following functions are increasing or decreasing:

(a) (3 points)  $f(x) = 3 \left( \frac{10}{11} \right)^x$

*Because  $f(x)$  is an exponential function of the form  $y = Ab^{cx}$  with  $b = \frac{10}{11} < 1$ ,  $c = 1 > 0$ , and  $A = 3 > 0$ ,  $f(x)$  is a decreasing function.*

(b) (3 points)  $g(x) = 17(5^{-2x})$

*Because  $g(x)$  is an exponential function of the form  $y = Ab^{cx}$  with  $b = 5 > 1$ ,  $c = -2 < 0$ , and  $A = 17 > 0$ ,  $f(x)$  is a decreasing function.*

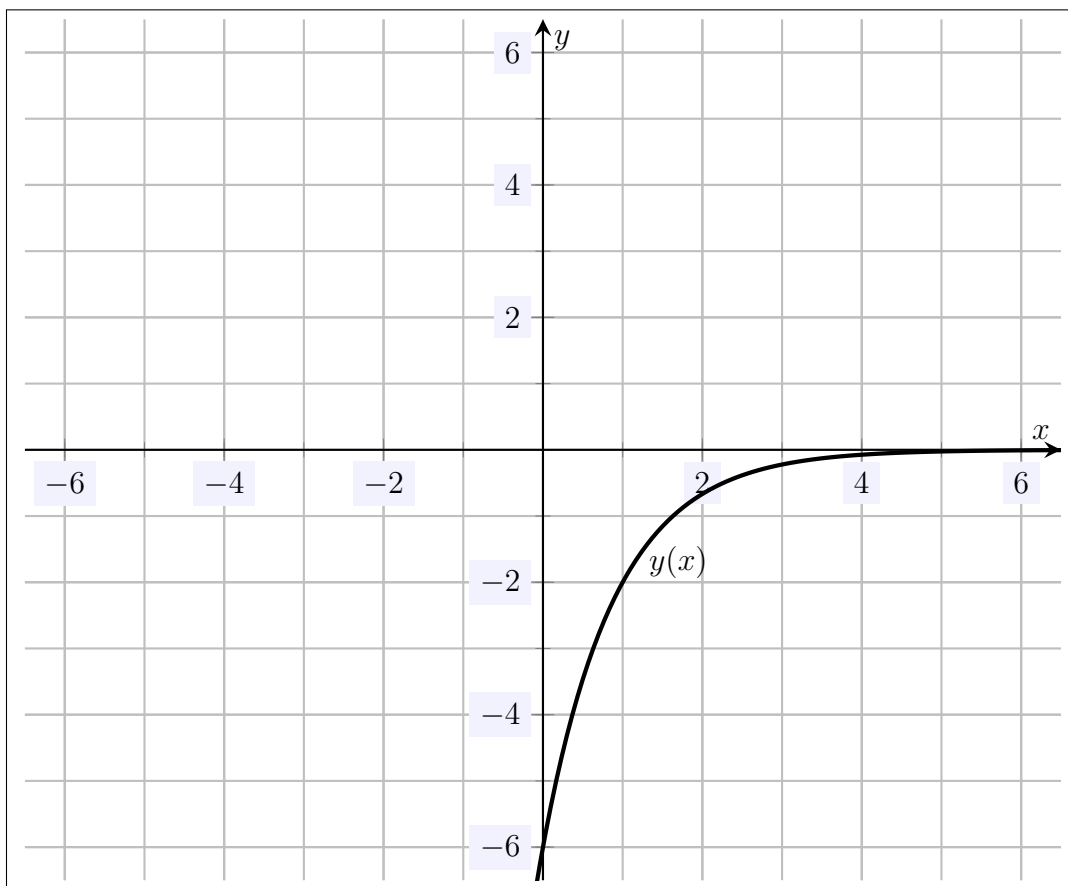
(c) (4 points)  $h(x) = -9 \left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^{2-x}$

*We have...*

$$h(x) = -9 \left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^{2-x} = -9 \left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^2 \left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^{-x} = -9 \left( \frac{49}{25} \right) \left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^{-x} = -\frac{441}{25} \left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^{-x}$$

*Because  $h(x)$  is an exponential function of the form  $y = Ab^{cx}$  with  $b = \frac{7}{5} > 1$ ,  $c = -1 < 0$ , and  $A = -\frac{441}{25} < 0$ ,  $f(x)$  is an increasing function.*

4. (10 points) Sketch the function  $y = -2 \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^{x-1}$  on the graph below.



$$y = -2 \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^{x-1} = -2 \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^x = -2 \cdot 3 \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^x = -6 \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^x$$

$$y(0) = -6 \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^0 = -6 \cdot 1 = -6$$

Because  $y$  is an exponential function of the form  $y = Ab^{cx}$  with  $b = \frac{1}{3} < 1$ ,  $c = 1 > 0$ , and  $A = -6 < 0$ ,  $f(x)$  is an increasing function. By the work above, we know the  $y$ -intercept is  $-6$ , i.e.  $(0, -6)$ . Using these two facts about  $y$ , we are able to give the sketch above.

5. (10 points) Find the exact values of the following:

(a)  $\log_3 3^{2022} = 2022$

(b)  $\log_6 \left( \frac{1}{6^{1995}} \right) = \log_6 (6^{-1995}) = -1995$

(c)  $\log_7 1 = 0$

(d)  $\ln(e^{10/11}) = \frac{10}{11}$

(e)  $\log_2(64) = \log_2(2^6) = 6$

6. (10 points) Write the following as a single logarithm involving no negative powers:

$$5 \log_3(x) - 2 \log_3(y) - 6 \log_3(z^{-1}) + 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \log_3(x) - 2 \log_3(y) - 5 \log_3(z^{-1}) + 4 &= 5 \log_3(x) - 2 \log_3(y) - 5 \log_3(z^{-1}) + \log_3(3^4) \\ &= 5 \log_3(x) - 2 \log_3(y) - 6 \log_3(z^{-1}) + \log_3(81) \\ &= \log_3(x^5) + \log_3(y^{-2}) + \log_3(z^6) + \log_3(81) \\ &= \log_3(81x^5y^{-2}z^6) \\ &= \log_3\left(\frac{81x^5z^6}{y^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

7. (10 points) Write the following in terms of  $\ln x$ ,  $\ln y$ , and  $\ln z$ :

$$\ln \left( \frac{x^{10}}{y^{-5}z^7} \right)$$

$$\ln \left( \frac{x^{10}}{y^{-5}z^7} \right) = \ln(x^{10}) - \ln(y^{-5}z^7)$$

$$= \ln(x^{10}) - \left( \ln(y^{-5}) + \ln(z^7) \right)$$

$$= 10 \ln(x) - \left( -5 \ln(y) + 7 \ln(z) \right)$$

$$= 10 \ln(x) + 5 \ln(y) - 7 \ln(z)$$



8. (10 points) Use the change of base formula to convert  $\log_8(4)$  to base-2 and then find the exact value.

$$\log_8(4) = \frac{\log_2(4)}{\log_2(8)}$$

$$= \frac{\log_2(2^2)}{\log_2(2^3)}$$

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

9. Complete the following:

(a) (5 points) How many digits does  $2021^{2022}$  have in base-10?

$$\log_{10}(2021^{2022}) = 2022 \log_{10}(2021) \approx 2022(3.30557) \approx 6683.86$$

*Therefore,  $2021^{2022}$  has 6,684 digits in base-10.*

(b) (5 points) How many digits does  $2021^{2022}$  have in base-8?

$$\log_8(2021^{2022}) = 2022 \log_8(2021) \approx 2022(3.66028) \approx 7401.09$$

*Therefore,  $2021^{2022}$  has 7,402 digits in base-8.*

10. (10 points) Is there a whole number  $k$  such that  $2022^k$  has 15,000 digits? Explain.

*The number of digits in  $2022^k$  is the smallest whole number that is strictly larger than  $\log_{10}(2022^k)$ . If we want this to be 15,000, then we need...*

$$14999 \leq \log_{10}(2022^k) < 15000$$

$$14999 \leq k \log_{10}(2022) < 15000$$

$$\frac{14999}{\log_{10}(2022)} \leq \frac{k \log_{10}(2022)}{\log_{10}(2022)} < \frac{15000}{\log_{10}(2022)}$$

$$\frac{14999}{3.305781151} \leq k < \frac{15000}{3.305781151}$$

$$4537.2 \leq k < 4537.51$$

*However, there is no whole number between 4537.2 and 4537.51. Therefore, there is no whole number  $k$  such that  $2022^k$  has 15,000 digits.*

11. (10 points) Showing all your work, find the exact solution to the following:

$$\frac{1}{25^x} - 4 = 1$$

*There are many approaches. For instance,*

$$\frac{1}{25^x} - 4 = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{25^x} = 5$$

$$25^{-x} = 5$$

$$(5^2)^{-x} = 5$$

$$5^{-2x} = 5$$

$$-2x = 1$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

**OR**

$$\frac{1}{25^x} - 4 = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{25^x} = 5$$

$$25^{-x} = 5$$

$$\log_{25}(25^{-x}) = \log_{25}(5)$$

$$-x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

12. (10 points) Showing all your work, find the exact solution to the following:

$$15 - \log_2(4 - x) = 10$$

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$$\log_2(4 - x) = 5$$

$$2^{\log_2(4-x)} = 2^5$$

$$4 - x = 32$$

$$x = -28$$

13. (10 points) Showing all your work, find the exact solution to the following:

$$e^{x/3} + 12 = 20$$

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$$e^{x/3} = 8$$

$$\ln(e^{x/3}) = \ln(8)$$

$$\frac{x}{3} = \ln(8)$$

$$x = 3 \ln(8)$$

14. (10 points) Showing all your work, find the exact solution to the following:

$$\ln(3x) + 10 = 8$$

$$\ln(3x) + 10 = 8$$

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

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

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

$$x = \frac{e^{-2}}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3e^2}$$

15. (10 points) Showing all your work, find the exact solution to the following:

$$3 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{5x+3} = 45$$

*There are many approaches. For instance,*

$$3 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{5x+3} = 45$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{5x+3} = 15$$

$$\ln \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{5x+3} = \ln(15)$$

$$(5x + 3) \ln \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \ln(15)$$

$$5x + 3 = \frac{\ln(15)}{\ln(1/2)}$$

$$5x = \frac{\ln(15)}{\ln(1/2)} - 3$$

$$x = \frac{\frac{\ln(15)}{\ln(1/2)} - 3}{5}$$

**OR**

$$3 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{5x+3} = 45$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{5x+3} = 15$$

$$\log_{1/2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{5x+3} = \log_{1/2}(15)$$

$$5x + 3 = \log_{1/2}(15)$$

$$5x = \log_{1/2}(15) - 3$$

$$x = \frac{\log_{1/2}(15) - 3}{5}$$



16. (10 points) Showing all your work, find the exact solution to the following:

$$3 - \log_2(x) = \log_2(x + 2)$$

*Observe that we have...*

$$3 - \log_2(x) = \log_2(x + 2)$$

$$\log_2(x + 2) + \log_2(x) = 3$$

$$\log_2((x + 2)x) = 3$$

$$\log_2(x^2 + 2x) = 3$$

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

$$x^2 + 2x = 8$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$(x + 4)(x - 2) = 0$$

*But then either  $x + 4 = 0$ , i.e.  $x = -4$ , or  $x - 2 = 0$ , i.e.  $x = 2$ . However, if  $x = -4$ , then the original equality would be  $3 - \log_2(-4) = \log_2(-2)$  and  $\log_2 x$  is only defined for  $x > 0$ . Therefore, the only solution is  $x = 2$ .*

17. (10 points) Suppose Alice invests \$5,000 into an account which earns 4.5% annual interest, compounded monthly. How much will the investment be worth in 8 years? How much interest has been earned during this time period?

*For discrete compounded interest, we know that  $F = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{k}\right)^{kt}$ , where  $F$  is the future value,  $P$  is the present value,  $r$  is the annual interest rate,  $k$  is the number of compounds per year, and  $t$  is the number of years. But then we have. . .*

$$F = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{k}\right)^{kt}$$

$$F = 5000 \left(1 + \frac{0.045}{12}\right)^{12 \cdot 8}$$

$$F = 5000(1.00375)^{96}$$

$$F \approx 5000(1.432364654)$$

$$F \approx \$7161.82$$

*Because only \$5,000 was invested, the interest earned must be  $\$7161.82 - \$5000 = \$2161.82$ .*

18. (10 points) Bob takes out a \$750 loan with an interest rate of 6.4%, compounded continuously. Supposing the loan ends after two and a half years, how much does Bob owe after this time? How much total interest does he pay on this loan?

*For continuous compounded interest, we know that  $F = Pe^{rt}$ , where  $F$  is the future value,  $P$  is the present value,  $r$  is the annual interest rate, and  $t$  is the number of years. But then we have...*

$$F = Pe^{rt}$$

$$F = 750e^{0.064 \cdot 2.5}$$

$$F \approx 750(1.173511)$$

$$F \approx \$880.13$$

*Because only \$750 was taken out on the loan, the interest must be  $\$880.13 - \$750 = \$130.13$ .*

19. (10 points) Suppose Montez takes out a loan to expand his small business. The loan is for \$25,000 at a 3.8% annual interest rate, compounded quarterly. How long until the amount of money he owes on the loan has doubled?

*For discrete compounded interest, we know that  $F = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{k}\right)^{kt}$ , where  $F$  is the future value,  $P$  is the present value,  $r$  is the annual interest rate,  $k$  is the number of compounds per year, and  $t$  is the number of years. But then we have. . .*

$$F = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{k}\right)^{kt}$$

$$50000 = 25000 \left(1 + \frac{0.038}{4}\right)^{4t}$$

$$50000 = 25000(1.0095)^{4t}$$

$$(1.0095)^{4t} = 2$$

$$\ln(1.0095)^{4t} = \ln(2)$$

$$4t \ln(1.0095) = \ln(2)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(2)}{4 \ln(1.0095)}$$

$$t \approx 18.33 \text{ years}$$

20. (10 points) Jillian buys \$900 in a stock which promises annual returns of 1.3%, compounded continuously. How long does Jillian have to wait until this stock is worth \$1,500?

*For continuous compounded interest, we know that  $F = Pe^{rt}$ , where  $F$  is the future value,  $P$  is the present value,  $r$  is the annual interest rate, and  $t$  is the number of years. But then we have...*

$$F = Pe^{rt}$$

$$1500 = 900e^{0.013t}$$

$$e^{0.013t} = 1.66667$$

$$\ln(e^{0.013t}) = \ln(1.66667)$$

$$0.013t = 0.510828$$

$$t \approx 39.29 \text{ years}$$