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Quiz 11 :(

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Total Points possible: 10 out of 10

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Instructions: Show all your work in order to receive credit.

Problem 1. (2.25 points) Consider the functions $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ and $g(x) = 2x - 1$. Find $g(f(x))$ and $f(g(x))$ and determine if these two functions are ~~commutative~~ commutative?

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2x & 1 \\ \hline 4x^2 & 2x \\ \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
$$\begin{aligned} f(g(x)) &= f(2x+1) \quad \text{Plug in } (2x+1) \text{ into every } x \text{ in } f(x) = x^3 + 1 \\ &= (2x+1)^3 + 1 \\ &= (2x+1)(2x+1)(2x+1) + 1 \\ &= (4x^2 + 2x + 2x + 1)(2x+1) + 1 \\ &= (4x^2 + 4x + 1)(2x+1) + 1 \\ &= 8x^3 + 4x^2 + 8x^2 + 4x + 2x + 1 + 1 \\ &= 8x^3 + 12x^2 + 6x + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 4x^2 & 4x & 1 \\ \hline 8x^3 & 8x^2 & 2x \\ \hline 4x^2 & 4x & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } g(f(x)) &= g(x^3 + 1) \quad \text{plug in } x^3 + 1 \text{ into every } x \text{ in } 2x + 1 = g(x) \\ &= 2(x^3 + 1) + 1 \\ &= 2x^3 + 2 + 1 \\ &= 2x^3 + 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(g(x)) = 8x^3 + 12x^2 + 6x + 2 \neq g(f(x)) = 2x^3 + 3 \quad \text{so not commutative}$$

Problem 2. (2.25 points) Are $h(x) = x + 2$ and $j(x) = x + 1002$ commutative? Show your claim.

$$\begin{aligned} h(j(x)) &= h(x+1002) \quad \text{plug in } x+1002 \text{ into every } x \text{ in } h(x) = x+2 \\ &= x + 1002 + 2 \\ &= x + 1004 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} j(h(x)) &= j(x+2) \quad \text{plug in } x+2 \text{ into every } x \text{ in } j(x) = x+1004 \\ &= x + 2 + 1004 \\ &= x + 1006 \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, $h(j(x)) = j(h(x)) = x + 1004$ so the functions are commutative.

- 1) $\log_b(MN) = \log_b(M) + \log_b(N)$
- 2) $\log_b\left(\frac{M}{N}\right) = \log_b(M) - \log_b(N)$
- 3) $\log_b(M^P) = P\log_b(M)$

Problem 3. (2.25 points) Simplify the following expression into a single logarithm.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2}\log_3(x^2+1) + \log_3\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right) - \log_3(\sqrt{x^2-4}) \\ \text{by } \textcircled{3} &= \log_3(x^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \log_3\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right) - \log_3(\sqrt{x^2-4}) \quad \text{note } (x^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{x^2+1} \\ &= \log_3(\sqrt{x^2+1}) + \log_3\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right) - \log_3(\sqrt{x^2-4}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{by } \textcircled{1} &= \log_3\left(\sqrt{x^2+1} \cdot \frac{x+1}{x-1}\right) - \log_3(\sqrt{x^2-4}) \\ &= \log_3\left(\frac{(\sqrt{x^2+1})(x+1)}{(x-1)}\right) - \log_3(\sqrt{x^2-4}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{by } \textcircled{2} &= \log_3\left(\frac{(\sqrt{x^2+1})(x+1)}{(x-1)} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}\right) \\ &= \log_3\left(\frac{(\sqrt{x^2+1})(x+1)}{(x-1)\sqrt{x^2-4}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4. (2.25 points) Expand the following expression completely using logarithmic properties.

$$\begin{aligned} & \log_3\left(\frac{(2x^3\sqrt{y})}{(x+2)^2}\right) \quad \text{by } \textcircled{2} \quad \sqrt{y} = y^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \log_3(2 \cdot x^3 \cdot y^{\frac{1}{2}}) - \log_3(x+2)^2 \\ \text{by } \textcircled{1} &= \log_3(2) + \log_3(x^3) + \log_3(y^{\frac{1}{2}}) - \log_3(x+2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

by $\textcircled{3}$ bring down exponents,

$$= \log_3(2) + 3\log_3(x) + \frac{1}{2}\log_3(y) - 2\log_3(x+2)$$

Problem 5. (1 point) Don't look this up. I want your opinion. If I remove an arm from a cactus and plant it, is it considered a new cactus or still part of the original?

My answer won't fit here //