

Practice the following problems related to general exponential and logarithmic functions.

## Section 2.6

1. Find the derivative of the following functions

22.  $y = 4^{x^2+5}$

22.  $2x \cdot \ln 4 \cdot 4^{x^2+5}$

32.  $y = 8 \log_3 (2x - x^3)$

32.  $\frac{16 - 24x^2}{(2x - x^3)\ln 3}$

40.  $y = \frac{3x + 2}{\log_6 x}$

40.  $\frac{3 \log_6 x - \frac{3x + 2}{x \ln 6}}{(\log_6 x)^2}$

## 2. Applications

- 50. Recycling aluminum cans.** It is known that 49.4% of all aluminum cans distributed are recycled each year. A beverage company uses 250,000 lb of aluminum cans. After recycling, the amount of aluminum, in pounds, still in use after  $t$  years is given by

$$N(t) = 250,000(0.494)^t.$$

(Source: aluminum.org, 2017.)

- a) Find  $N(3)$ , and explain its meaning.
- b) Find  $N'(3)$ , and explain its meaning.
- c) When will 10% of the original amount of aluminum still be in use?

**50. (a)** After 3 yr, there are 30,138.45 lb still in use; **(b)** after 3 yr, the amount in use is changing by  $-21,254$  lb/yr;

- 60. Growth of an investment.** Suppose  $A(t) = 2500e^{0.0255t}$  gives the amount,  $A(t)$ , in Jerry's account  $t$  years after his original investment.

- a) Rewrite the function in the form  $P(t) = 2500 \cdot 3^{t/T}$ .
- b) Rewrite the function in the form  $P(t) = 2500 \cdot 9^{t/T}$ .
- c) How do the two  $T$  values in parts (a) and (b) compare?
- d) Without using a calculator, find  $T$  if the model is written as  $P(t) = 2500 \cdot 27^{t/T}$ .

**60. (a)**  $A(t) = 2500 \cdot 3^{t/43.0828}$ ; **(b)**  $A(t) = 2500 \cdot 9^{t/86.1657}$ ;  
**(c)** with base 9, the value of  $T$  is double that with base 3;  
**(d)** 129.2484