

City Semester  
Problem Set #5

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1. Recall that to say that  $y = \log_b x$  also implies that  $b^y = x$ . Evaluate the following expressions without a calculator.

(a)  $\log_2 64$

(d)  $\log_2 \frac{\sqrt{32}}{\sqrt[3]{2}}$

(b)  $\log_2 \frac{1}{32}$

(e)  $\ln e^2$

(f)  $\ln \sqrt[3]{e^4}$

(c)  $\log_2 \sqrt{8}$

(g)  $2 \log 10 + 3 \ln e^3$

2. Remember that the exponential  $y = b^x$  is the inverse of the logarithm base  $b$ , in other words  $b^{\log_b u} = u$  and  $\log_b b^u = u$ . Evaluate the following without a calculator.

(a)  $\log 10^{2x}$

(c)  $\log 10^{x^2+2x+1}$

(b)  $10^{\log 2x}$

(d)  $e^{3 \ln 5x}$

3. Use the idea of inverse functions to solve for  $x$  in the following equations.

(a)  $120 = 3(10)^x$

(d)  $100 = \log(25x^2)$

(b)  $120 = 3(10)^{x+3}$

(e)  $100 = 3e^{x+5}$

(c)  $100 = \log(10x)$

(f)  $100 = \ln(25x^3)$

4. Let  $A(t) = 1000(1.03)^t$ .

- (a) If the function  $A$  were supposed to model the amount of money  $A$  in terms of time  $t$  in years, give an explanation of the meaning of the numbers 1000 and 1.03 in the model.
- (b) How much money is there at time 0?
- (c) How long would it take to double the amount of money?
- (d) How long would it take to triple the amount of money?
- (e) How long would it take to have five times the original amount of money?
- (f) How long would it take to have  $n$  times the original amount of money?

5. Let  $f(x) = \log_2(x - 5)$  and  $g(x) = \log(x + 2) + 5$
- (a) Give the domain of  $f$ .
  - (b) Give the domain of  $g$ .
  - (c) Give the range of  $f$ .
  - (d) Give the range of  $g$ .
  - (e) On the same axes give a sketch of both  $f$  and  $g$  including their vertical asymptotes.
6. Explain why the magnitude of earthquakes is measured on a logarithmic scale.
7. What other phenomena are measured on a logarithmic scale?