

## Exponents and Logarithms Review

1. Solving exponential equations:

*Solve :*

a)  $8^x = 4^{-x-3}$

b)  $3^{x+1} + 9^x = 18$

c)  $3x^{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{3}$

2. Recall: Terminology of Logarithms

If  $10^x = 100$  then of course,  $x = \underline{\quad}$ .

However, it is equivalent to write the original statement as  $x = \log_{10} 100$ .

In general, we can define this as if  $b^x = a$  then  $x = \log_b a$

Key Properties of logarithms

a)  $\log_a b + \log_a c = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

b)  $\log_a b - \log_a c = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

c)  $n \log_a b = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

d)  $\log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$

used to change the base when needed

e)  $a^{\log_a b} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Proofs:

3. Simplify the following using the properties listed above:

a)  $\log(20)+\log(5)=$       b)  $\log_7 3 - \log_7 21 =$       c)  $\log_3 9^{17} =$

d)  $\log_4(x^2 - 4) - 2\log_4(x + 2)$       e)  $\log_8 \sqrt{8x}$   
=

4. Solve exponential and logarithmic equations:

a)  $2^x = 100$

b)  $2\log(x - 1) - \log(x + 8) = -1$

5. The value of the constant  $e$ :

You are given \$1 and are given an basic rate of interest of 100% per annum (very generous). You may compound this 100% rate as frequently as you wish. Find the limit of how much money you could end up with after one year.

6. The use of  $e^x, \ln x$  in equations:

*Solve:*

a)  $e^{2x} = 40$

b)  $3 \ln x + 1 = -2$

c) Find the intersection of the graphs of  $y = e^x + 3$   
 $y = e^{2x} + 1$  algebraically.

d) Solve for  $x$ :  $\frac{1}{\ln x} - 6 \ln x = 1$

e) State the domain, range of  $y = x \ln x$

## Exponents and Logarithms Problems

1. Solve for  $x$ :

a)  $2^{-x+1} = 4(8^x)$

b)  $e^{2x} = 20$

c)  $e^{2x} = e^x + 2$

d)  $\log x = 2$

e)  $\ln x = 2$

f)  $\ln(\ln x) = 2$

g)  $10^{\log 20} = x$

h)  $\log(9x+1) - \log(x-1) = 1$

i)  $\ln x + \ln x^2 = 6$

2. Find the points of intersection of the following algebraically. You may check with your calculator.

a)  $y = 2^x + 4^x$   
 $y = 2^{x+1} - 4^{x+1}$

b)  $y = \ln x$  and  $y = 2 - 3 \ln x$

3. Solve each of the following:

a)  $4^x + 4^{x-\frac{1}{2}} = 45$

b)  $3^{p+1} + 3^p = 70$

c)  $(3^m)(5^{m+1}) = 12^{2m-1}$

4. Find any intersection points of the graphs of

$y = 2 \log_3(9x)$  and  $y = \log_3(x+8) + 2$ .

5. Solve:  $\log_x 4 + \log_8 \sqrt{x} = \frac{4}{3}$

6. Solve for  $x$  in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ :

a)  $\log_2 \sin x + \log_2 \cos x = \frac{-3}{2}$

b)  $\log_2 \cot x - 2 \log_4 \csc 2x = \log_2 \cos x$

7. Find the domain, range of  $y = \frac{x}{\ln x}$
8. Consider the functions  $f(x) = \ln(\sin^2 x)$  .
- a) Find the domain, range of  $f(x)$
- b) Let  $g(x) = 2 \ln(\sin x)$ . Explain why  $f(x) \neq g(x)$ .

### Answers

1. a)  $x = -1/4$  b)  $\frac{\ln 20}{2}$  c)  $\ln 2$  d) 100 e)  $e^2$  f)  $e^{(e^2)}$  g) 20 h) 11 i)  $e^2$
2. a)  $x = \frac{\ln(1/5)}{\ln 2}$  or  $\log_2\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)$ ,  $y = \frac{6}{25}$  b)  $x = e^{1/2}$  and  $y = 1/2$
3. a) 2.45 b)  $\frac{\ln(17.5)}{\ln 3} \doteq 2.61$  c) 1.81 4. (1,4) 5. 4,64
6. a)  $\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{9\pi}{8}, \frac{11\pi}{8}$  b)  $\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$
7. Domain =  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 0, x \neq 1\}$ , Range =  $\{y \in \mathbb{R} : y < 0 \text{ or } y \geq e\}$
8. Domain =  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq k\pi, k \in I\}$ , Range =  $\{y \in \mathbb{R} : y \leq 0\}$ .
- b) Different domain as  $g(x)$  is only valid when  $\sin x \geq 0$