

Fall 2016 - Exam 2: Chapter 4 - 10/13/16 - Write all responses on separate paper. Show your work for credit.

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1. Solve each equation for  $x$ . You won't need a calculator.

(a)  $2 = \log_5(x^2 + 3x - 3)$

(b)  $4^{-0.5x} = \frac{1}{8}$

2. For each function,

- find the vertical asymptote(s),
- find the  $x$  and  $y$ -intercepts,
- construct a table of values including two other points and
- construct a graph showing these features:

(a)  $f(t) = \ln(3t + e)$

(b)  $g(x) = \log_{10}(10 - x^2)$

3. Solve the equation for  $x$  in an exact, simplified form, then approximate the value(s) to the nearest ten thousandth.

(a)  $2^{10} = 100^x$

(b)  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{8}\right)^3 = e^{2x}$

4. Use the properties of logarithms to solve each equation

(a)  $\log_5(3x - 2) + \log_5(x - 8) = 2$

(b)  $\log_2(x^2 + 1) = 1 + \log_2(x + 2)$

5. Suppose that \$1,000 is invested in a savings account paying 3.2% interest per year..

- (a) Write the formula for the amount in the account after  $t$  years if interest is compounded monthly.
- (b) How much more would the value of the investment increase if it was compounded continuously?

6. The Richter magnitude of an earthquake is defined to be  $M = \log \frac{I}{S}$  where  $I$  is the intensity of the earthquake and  $S$  is the intensity of a "standard" earthquake. An earthquake measuring 9.0 on the Richter scale struck Japan in March 2011, causing extensive damage. How many times more intense was the Japanese earth-quake than a minor earthquake measuring 4.3 on the Richter scale?

*Hint:* If  $I_0$  is the intensity of the Japanes earthquake and  $I_1$  is the intensity of the Salton Sea quake, we want to compute  $\frac{I_0}{I_1}$ .

7. Postassium-40 ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ) is a radioactive isotope of potassium which has a very long half-life of  $1.251 \times 10^9$  years. At time  $t = 0$  a heavy canister contains 3 grams of Potassium-40.

(a) Find a function  $m(t) = m_0 2^{-t/h}$  that models the amount of  $^{40}\text{K}$  left in the canister after  $t$  years.

(b) Find a function  $m(t) = m_0 e^{-rt}$  that models the amount of  $^{40}\text{K}$  remaining after  $t$  seconds.

(c) How much  $^{40}\text{K}$  remains after 1 billion years?

(d) After how long will the amount of  $^{40}\text{K}$  be reduced to 1 mg =  $10^{-6}$  grams?