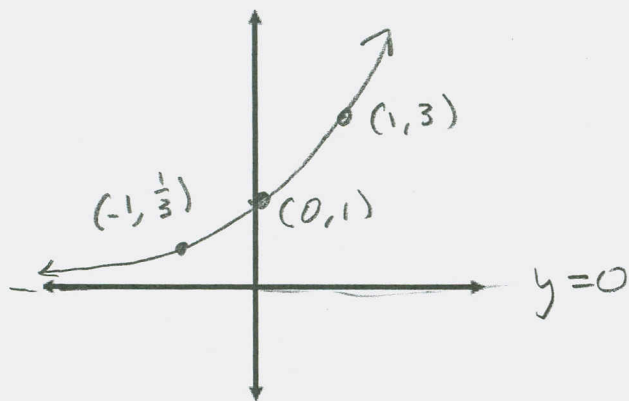
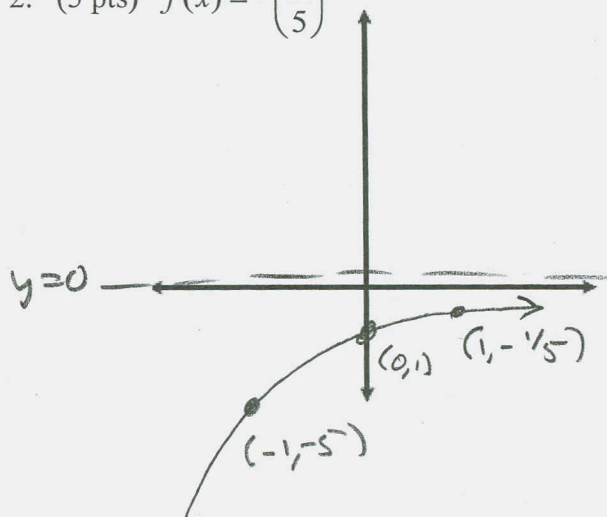


Graph:

1. (5 pts)  $f(x) = 3^x$



2. (5 pts)  $f(x) = -\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^x$



3. (10 pts) Solve  $8 = 16^{2x+1}$

$$2^3 = (2^4)^{2x+1} = 2^{8x+4}$$

$$3 = 8x + 4$$

$$-1 = 8x$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{1}{8} = x}$$

4. (10 pts) Write an exponential function to model the situation. Tell what each variable represents. A population of red ants is initially at 100,000 ants and grows (exponentially) at 20% per week.

$P(t) = 100,000(1+0.2)^t$   
was accepted, but

$P(t) = 100,000 e^{0.2t}$  was preferred.

$t =$  time (in weeks)

$P =$  Ant Population

This second model is more of a "continuous compounding" type model.

5. (5 pts) Write the equation  $\log_x 27 = \frac{5}{7}$  in exponential form.

$$27 = x^{\frac{5}{7}}$$

6. (5 pts) Evaluate  $\log_3\left(\frac{1}{243}\right)$ .

$$= \log_3(3^{-5}) = -5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \overline{) 243} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{0} \\ 81 \\ \underline{81} \phantom{0} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

7. (10 pts) Express  $\log_7\left(\sqrt[5]{\frac{5x^3y^7}{z^{11}}}\right)$  in terms of logarithms of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ .

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left[ \log_7(5) + 3\log_7 x + 7\log_7 y - 11\log_7 z \right]$$

8. (10 pts) Solve correct to four decimal places:  $4^x = 3^{2x-1}$

$$\ln(4^x) = \ln(3^{2x-1})$$

$$x \ln 4 = (2x-1) \ln 3 = (2 \ln 3)x - \ln 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (\ln 4)x - (2 \ln 3)x = -\ln 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (\ln 4 - 2 \ln 3)x = -\ln 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-\ln 3}{\ln 4 - 2 \ln 3} \approx 1.354755646$$

$$\approx 1.3548$$

9. (5 pts) Solve:  $\log_2(x-7) = 4$

$$x-7 = 2^4$$

$$x = 2^4 - 7 = 16 + 7 = \boxed{23 = x}$$

10. (5 pts) Find the value of the expression:  $\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^{\log_2 7}$

$$= \left(2^{-3}\right)^{\log_2 7} = 2^{-3 \log_2 7} = 2^{\log_2 (7^{-3})} = 7^{-3} = \frac{1}{7^3}$$

$$\approx .0029154519$$

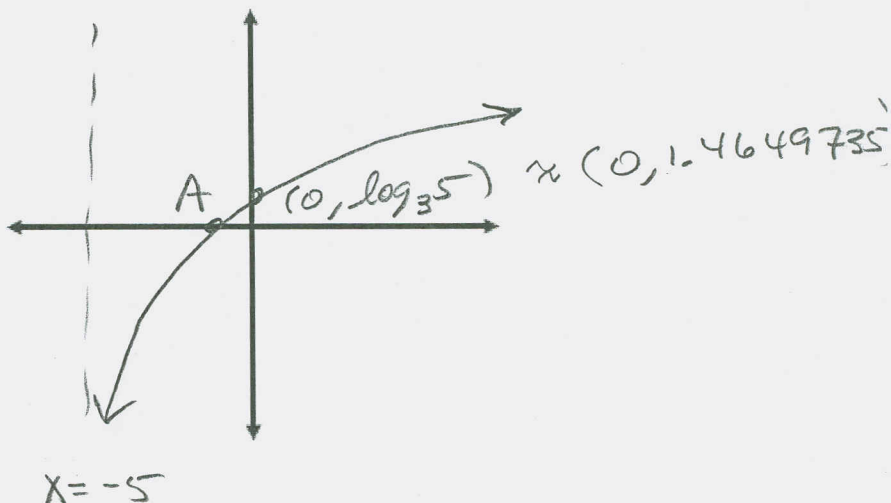
11. (5 pts) Graph:  $\log_3(x+5)$

$$\log_3(x+5) = 0$$

$$x+5 = 3^0 = 1$$

$$x = 1 - 5 = -4$$

$$\boxed{A = (-4, 0)}$$



12. (5 pts) Write the following as the logarithm of a single expression. Assume that variables represent positive numbers.  $3\log_5(x+2) - 4\log_5(x-7) + \log_5 9$

$$= \log\left(\frac{(x+2)^3(9)}{(x-7)^4}\right)$$

13. (5 pts) The population (in millions of people) of Soretoothistan  $t$  years after 2000 is given by  $R(t) = 15e^{kt}$ . If there are 12 million people in Soretoothistan in 2005, find  $k$ .

$$R(5) = 12 = 15e^{5k}$$

$$e^{5k} = \frac{12}{15}$$

$$5k = \ln\left(\frac{12}{15}\right)$$

$$k = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{12}{15}\right)}{5} \approx -0.0446287103$$

14. Cobalt-60 is a radioactive substance that decays according to the model  $A(t) = A_0e^{-0.1308t}$ , where  $A = A(t)$  is the amount of cobalt-60 present at time  $t$  (in years).

- a. (5 pts) Find the half-life of cobalt-60. You may leave your final answer in terms of  $\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

$$A_0e^{-0.1308t} = \frac{1}{2}A_0$$

$$e^{-0.1308t} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-0.1308t = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{-0.1308}$$

$$\approx 5.299290371 \text{ years}$$

- b. (5 pts) To the nearest 10<sup>th</sup> of a year, what is the half-life of cobalt-60, according to this model? (Base your answer on your result from part a.)

$$5.299290371 \approx \boxed{5.3 \text{ years}}$$

15. (10 pts bonus) The half-life of carbon-14 is (approximately) 5730 years.

- a. Find an exponential model  $A(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$  that gives the amount of radioactive carbon-14 present in a charcoal sample after  $t$  years.

$$A_0 e^{5750k} = \frac{1}{2} A_0$$

$$e^{5750k} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$5730k = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$k = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{5730} \approx -1.20968094 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\approx -0.00012$$

$$A(t) = A_0 e^{-0.00012t}$$

- b. How old is a sample from a neolithic fire pit if it is found that 30% of naturally-occurring carbon-14 is present in the sample?

$$A(t) = .3A_0$$

$$A_0 e^{kt} = .3A_0$$

$$e^{kt} = .3$$

$$kt = \ln(.3)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(.3)}{k} \approx 9952.812855$$

based on 1<sup>st</sup> Answer:  $k \approx -0.000120968094$

Based on  $k = -0.00012$ :

$$t \approx 10,033.1067 \text{ yrs.}$$

Both are close to  
10,000 years

16. (5 pts) Solve the equation:  $\log_3 x + \log_3 (x-24) = 4$ .

$$\log_3 (x(x-24)) = 4$$

$$x^2 - 24x = 3^4 = 81$$

$$x^2 - 24x - 81 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 27x + 3x - 81 = 0$$

$$x(x-27) + 3(x-27) = 0$$

$$(x-27)(x+3) = 0 \implies x \in \{-3, 27\}$$

$$x = -3 \notin \text{Domain}$$

~~1st~~ Scratch:

$$81 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$$

$$27 - 3 = 24$$

Check:

$$\log_3 27 + \log_3 3 = 3 + 1 = 4 \checkmark$$

$$\boxed{x = 27} \text{ FINAL ANS}$$