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1. Rewrite  $\ln 2 = 0.693$  using exponential notation.

$$e^{0.693} = 2$$

2. The common logarithm has a base of ten.3. Express  $\log_b N$  in terms of natural logs.

Change of base:  $\log_b N = \frac{\log N}{\log b} = \frac{\ln N}{\ln b}$

4. Simplify  $\frac{2^6(2^{-3})}{2^4} = \frac{2^3}{2^4} = \frac{1}{2}$

5. Simplify  $(4^{-1} - 2^{-3})^{-2} = \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^{-2} = (8)^2 = 64$

6. Simplify  $\frac{5n^{4/5} - 20n^{-2/5}}{10n^{3/5}} = \frac{5n^{4/5}}{10n^{3/5}} - \frac{20n^{-2/5}}{10n^{3/5}} = \frac{1}{2}n^{1/5} - 2n^{-1} = \frac{\sqrt[5]{n}}{2} - \frac{2}{n}$

7. Simplify  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{c^4}}{\sqrt{c^{7/2}}} = \frac{c^{4/3}}{c^{7/2}} = c^{4/3 - 7/2} = c^{\frac{8}{6} - \frac{21}{6}} = c^{-13/6} = \frac{1}{c^{13/6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{c^{13}}} = \frac{1}{c^2 \sqrt[6]{c}}$

8. Solve  $(2x)^{-3} = 27$ .  $\frac{1}{(2x)^3} = \frac{27}{1}$

$$(2x)^3 (27) = 1 \quad x = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$8x^3 \cdot 27 = 1$$

$$x^3 = \frac{1}{216}$$

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9. Solve  $\frac{4^{x+1}}{2^3} = 32$ .

$$\frac{(2^2)^{x+1}}{2^3} = 2^5 \quad \frac{2^{2x+2}}{2^3} = 2^5$$

$$2^{2x-1} = 2^5$$

$$2x-1=5 \quad 2x=6$$

$$x=3$$

10. Solve  $\log_4(3x) = 3$ .

$$4^3 = 3x \quad x = \frac{64}{3} = 21\frac{1}{3}$$

$$64 = 3x$$

11. Compute  $\log_2 10$  to the nearest hundredth.

$$\frac{\log 10}{\log 2} \approx 3.32$$

12. What is the y-intercept of the graph of  $y = -2(4)^x$ ?

$$(0, -2)$$

\*A radioactive element has a half-life of 6 days. If 200 grams are now present in a laboratory:

13. Write an equation for the amount present after  $n$  days.

$$A(n) = 200\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n/6}$$

14. How much will remain after 21 days?

$$A(21) = 200\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{21/6}$$

$$A(21) \approx 17.68 \text{ grams}$$

15. Mr. Lee invests \$3000 at an annual interest rate of 4%, compounded monthly. What will the balance in his account be after 2 years and 5 months?

$$A(t) = 3000\left(1 + \frac{0.04}{12}\right)^{12t}$$

$$A\left(2\frac{5}{12}\right) = 3000\left(1 + \frac{0.04}{12}\right)^{12\left(2\frac{5}{12}\right)}$$

$$\approx \$3,303.95$$

\*If  $\log M = x$  and  $\log N = y$ , express each of the following in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ .

16.  $\log(M^2N)^2$

Law  
of  
Logs

$$2 \log(M^2N)$$

$$2 \log M^2 + 2 \log N$$

$$4 \log M + 2 \log N$$

$$4x + 2y$$

17.  $\log(200M)$

$$\log 200 + \log M$$

$$\log 2 + \log 100 + \log M$$

$$\log 2 + 2 + x$$

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18. Solve  $\log_2(2x) + \log_2 x = 18$ .

Laws  
of  
Logs

$$\log_2 2x^2 = 18$$

$$2^{18} = 2x^2$$

$$2^{17} = x^2$$

$$x = 2^{17/2} \approx 362.04$$

19. Express  $y$  as a function of  $x$  for  $3 \ln y = 7 - \ln x$ .

Solve for  
 $y$

$$3 \ln y + \ln x = 7$$

$$\ln y^3 + \ln x = 7$$

$$\ln y^3 x = 7 \quad y^3 = \frac{e^7}{x}$$

$$e^7 = y^3 x \quad y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{e^7}{x}}$$

20. Find the exact value of  $\log 5^{\log_5 100}$ .

$$\log 100 = \boxed{2}$$

21. A sequence is called a geometric sequence if the ratio of any two consecutive terms is constant.

22. Find the next term in the sequence 15, 21, 27, ...

$$27 + 6 = \boxed{33}$$

+6 +6

23. Write an explicit formula form for the sequence 16, 40, 100, ...

geometric

$$t_n = t_1 r^{n-1}$$

$$t_n = 16(2.5)^{n-1} \text{ or } t_n = 16\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

24. What is the fifth term in the sequence defined recursively by:  $t_1 = 4, t_n = t_{n-1} + 2$ .

$$t_1 = 4 \quad t_2 = 6 \quad t_3 = 8 \quad t_4 = 10$$

$$t_5 = \boxed{12}$$

$\times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$

25. Write a recursive formula for the sequence 16, 4, 1,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , ...

geometric

$$t_1 = 16$$

$$t_n = \frac{1}{4} t_{n-1}$$

26. The third term of an arithmetic sequence is 282 and the sixth term is 254. Find  $t_{27}$ .

$$t_3 = 282$$

$$t_6 = 254$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} & & 282 & & & 254 \\ & & t_3 & & t_4 & t_5 & t_6 \\ & & & & \nearrow & \nearrow & \nearrow \end{array}$$

$$282 = t_1 + \frac{-28}{3}(2)$$

$$282 = t_1 - \frac{56}{3}$$

$$\frac{902}{3} = t_1$$

$$d = \frac{254 - 282}{3}$$

$$d = -\frac{28}{3}$$

$$t_n = \frac{902}{3} - \frac{28}{3}(n-1)$$

$$t_{27} = \frac{902}{3} - \frac{28}{3}(26) = \boxed{58}$$

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27. In a geometric sequence, the first term is 5, and the 5<sup>th</sup> term is 1280. Find the common ratio.

$$t_1 = 5 \quad t_5 = 1280 \quad 1280 = 5r^4$$

$$256 = r^4 \quad \boxed{r = 4}$$

28. Find the sum of the geometric series  $2, -4, 8, -16, \dots$

infinite geometric series  $|r| > 1$  Thus, the series diverges and has no definable sum.  
 $| -2 | = 2 > 1$

29. Find the sum of all numbers between 50 and 685 that are multiples of 14.

Finite Arithmetic Series

$$56, 70, \dots, 672$$

$$672 = 56 + 14(n-1)$$

$$616 = 14(n-1)$$

$$44 = n-1 \quad n = 45$$

$$S_{45} = \frac{45(56 + 672)}{2} = \boxed{16,380}$$

30. Evaluate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log_2 \left( \frac{8n-8}{n+2} \right)$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log_2(8) = \boxed{3}$$

31. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2x^4 + 8x^3 - 7x}{4x^3 - x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -2x + 2 = -\infty$

\*Given the infinite geometric series  $400 - 100 + 25 - 6.25 + \dots$

32. Find the sum.

$$| -1/4 | < 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$S = \frac{t_1}{1-r} = \frac{400}{1 - (-1/4)} = \frac{400}{5/4} = \boxed{320}$$

33. Rewrite using sigma notation.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 400 \left( -\frac{1}{4} \right)^{k-1}$$

34. Given the infinite geometric series  $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} + \frac{x^4}{16} \dots$ , what is the interval of convergence?

$$r = \frac{x}{2} \quad \left| \frac{x}{2} \right| < 1 \quad \frac{x}{2} < 1 \quad \frac{x}{2} > -1 \quad \boxed{-2 < x < 2}$$

$$x < 2 \quad \text{and} \quad x > -2$$

35. Write the series  $\sum_{k=1}^6 (4 + 5k)$  in expanded form.

$$4 + 5(1) + 4 + 5(2) + 4 + 5(3) + 4 + 5(4) + 4 + 5(5) + 4 + 5(6)$$

$$9 + 14 + 19 + 24 + 29 + 34$$

36. Express the series  $2 + 6 + 12 + 20 + \dots$  using sigma notation.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(k+1)$$

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\*For the function  $y = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} : \frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{(x-2)}$

37. There is/are vertical asymptote(s) at:

none

39. There is/are zero(es) at:

$x = -2$

38. There is a horizontal asymptote at:

none  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} = x$

40. There is/are hole(s) at:

$x = 2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty$

41.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x = \infty$

42. Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^3 + 2x - 1$  and the point  $(3, 23)$  on its graph. What is the slope of the line tangent to  $f(x)$  at  $(3, 23)$ ?

$f'(x) = 2x^2 + 2$  Slope  
 $f'(3) = 2(3)^2 + 2 = 20$

43. Consider the function  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 6$ . At what point(s) will the tangent line be horizontal?

$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 6x^2$   
 $0 = 4x^3 - 6x^2$   
 $0 = 2x^2(2x - 3)$   
 $x = 0$   $x = 3/2$   $(0, 6)$   $(3/2, 69/16)$

44. Given  $h(x) = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{x}}$ , what is  $h'(x)$ ?

$h(x) = -2x^{-1/2}$   $h'(x) = x^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^3}} = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2}$

45. Write out an expression using limits to find the slope of  $y = (x+1)^2$ .

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h+1)^2 - (x+1)^2}{h}$

46. Find  $y'''$  given that  $y = (x+5)(2x^2 - 1) = 2x^3 + 10x^2 - x - 5$

$y' = 6x^2 + 20x - 1$

$y'' = 12x + 20$

$y''' = 12$

47.  $h(x)$  and  $m(x)$  are two functions defined in terms of  $x$ . Given that  $h(2) = 4$ ,  $h'(2) = -1$ ,  $m(2) = -3$ , and

$m'(2) = \frac{1}{2}$ , calculate  $[h(x)m(x)]'$  when  $x = 2$ .

$mh' + m'h$   
 $-3(-1) + \frac{1}{2}(4)$   
 $3 + 2 = 5$

