

Midterm Review

Practice Problems

① Represent  $\log_8 128$  as a fraction, integer or radical

$$\begin{aligned} \log_8 128 &= x \\ 8^x &= 128 \quad \leftarrow \text{Need to find a common base!} \\ (2^3)^x &= 2^7 \\ 2^{3x} &= 2^7 \\ \frac{3x}{3} &= \frac{7}{3} \\ x &= \frac{7}{3} \end{aligned}$$

② What is the largest domain on which  $\log_5(5-4x)$  is defined?

\*we can only take the log of a positive #

$$\begin{aligned} -5 - 4x &> 0 \\ -5 & \\ \hline -4x &> -5 \\ -4 & \\ \boxed{x < \frac{5}{4}} & \end{aligned}$$

③ Solve for x:  $16^{3x-5} = 32^{x+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} 16 &= 2^4 \\ 32 &= 2^5 \\ (2^4)^{3x-5} &= (2^5)^{x+1} \\ 2^{4(3x-5)} &= 2^{5(x+1)} \\ 4(3x-5) &= 5(x+1) \\ 12x - 20 &= 5x + 5 + 20 \\ -5x + 20 & \\ \hline 7x &= 25 \\ \boxed{x = \frac{25}{7}} & \end{aligned}$$

④ Find the equation of the line through  $(8, 11)$  and  $(4, 1)$

$$\text{slope } m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

point-slope formula:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$m = \text{slope}$

$(x_1, y_1) = \text{a point on the line}$

$$m = \frac{11 - 1}{8 - 4} = \frac{11 - 1}{4}$$

$$\boxed{y - 1 = \frac{11 - 1}{4}(x - 4)}$$

⑤ If  $\log A = 20$  and  $\log B = 30$

Simplify  $\log \frac{\sqrt{A}}{B^3}$

← Must expand before plugging in!

$$\begin{aligned}\log \frac{\sqrt{A}}{B^3} &= \log \sqrt{A} - \log B^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log A - 3 \log B \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(20) - 3(30) \\ &= 10 - 90 = \boxed{-80}\end{aligned}$$

Now we can plug in!

$$*\sqrt{A} = A^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

⑥ Write the equation of a circle with center at  $(8, -4)$  and radius 10.

$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$$

$r = \text{radius}$   
 $(h, k) = \text{center}$

general  
formula  
for a  
circle!

$$\boxed{(x - 8)^2 + (y + 4)^2 = 10^2}$$

⑦ Represent  $\log_{10} 1000$  as an integer, radical, or fraction

$$\log_{10} 1000 = x$$

$$10^x = 1000$$

$$\boxed{x = 3}$$

⑧ For the function  $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 12x + 9}{x^2 + 6x + 5}$

(a) What is the largest domain?

(b) What value, if any, does  $y$  approach as  $x$  approaches infinity?

(c) What, if any, are the zeroes of  $f(x)$ ?

(d) At what value, if any, does  $f(x)$  cross the  $y$ -axis?

$$\frac{3x^2 - 12x + 9}{x^2 + 6x + 5} = \frac{3(x^2 - 4x + 3)}{x^2 + 6x + 5} = \frac{3(x-3)(x-1)}{(x+5)(x+1)}$$

factor first!

(a)  $(x+5)(x+1) \neq 0$

$$x+5 \neq 0 \quad x+1 \neq 0$$

$$x \neq -5 \quad x \neq -1$$

Domain  $\rightarrow$  denominator  
cannot be  $\emptyset$ !

$$\boxed{x \neq -5, x \neq -1}$$

(b) essentially asking about asymptote (horizontal)

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

end behavior

look at the term of highest degree in numerator and denominator

$$\boxed{y=3}$$

(c)  $3(x-3)(x-1) = 0$

$$\cancel{3 \neq 0} \quad x-3=0 \quad x-1=0$$

$$x=3 \quad x=1$$

$$\boxed{x=3 \text{ and } x=1}$$

set numerator = 0  
then solve for  $x$

(d)  $y = 3(0-3)(0-1)$   
 $y = 3(-3)(-1)$   
 $y = 9$

$$\boxed{y = 9/5}$$

$$y = (0+5)(0+1)$$

$$y = (5)(1)$$

$$y = 5$$

Side note:  
To figure out end behavior you look at the terms of highest degree

$$\text{let } f(x) = \frac{ax^m + \dots}{bx^n + \dots}$$

- ①  $m > n$  infinity or none
- ②  $n > m$  zero ( $y=0$ )
- ③  $m = n$   $\frac{a}{b}$  ( $y = \frac{a}{b}$ )

plug in 0 for  $x$   
then solve for  $y$ .

↑  
horizontal asymptote

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + 7}{2x+3} \\
 \underline{- (2x^4 + 3x^3)} \downarrow \\
 \frac{4x^3 + 16x^2}{-(4x^3 + 6x^2)} \downarrow \\
 \frac{10x^2 + 29x}{-(10x^2 + 15x)} \downarrow \\
 \frac{14x + 21}{-(14x + 21)} \downarrow \\
 \quad \quad \quad 0
 \end{array}$$

polynomial  
long division.

No remainder!

$$x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + 7 = \frac{2x^4 + 7x^3 + 16x^2 + 29x + 21}{2x+3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{10} \quad \text{Solve for } x : & \quad 6^{3x+2} = 9^x \quad \rightarrow \text{take the log of both sides} \\
 & \log(6^{3x+2}) = \log(9^x) \\
 & (3x+2)\log 6 = x \cdot \log 9 \quad \rightarrow \text{Distribute!} \\
 & 3x \cdot \log 6 + 2 \cdot \log 6 = x \cdot \log 9 \quad \rightarrow \text{group all terms with } x \text{ and all terms w/o } x \\
 & 2 \log 6 = x \cdot \log 9 - 3x \log 6 \quad \rightarrow \text{factor out the } x \\
 & \frac{2 \log 6}{\log 9 - 3 \log 6} = \frac{x(\log 9 - 3 \log 6)}{\log 9 - 3 \log 6} \quad \rightarrow \text{Divide.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \log 6}{\log 9 - 3 \log 6}$$

- \textcircled{11} A container of yeast initially contains 20 gms, 5 hrs later it contains 30 gms. Find an equation for  $A(t)$ , the amount at time  $t$ . How much do you have after 24 hrs?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{30}{20} &= \frac{20 \cdot b^5}{20} \\
 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{1/5} &= (b^5)^{1/5} \\
 b &= \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$y = (20) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} x$$

$$A(t) = (20) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{5}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 t=24 \\
 A(24) = (20) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\frac{24}{5}}
 \end{array}$$

(12) If you deposit \$2000 at 8% compounded continuously  
How much will you have after 10 yrs?

$$F = Pe^{RT}$$

$$F = ?$$

$$P = 2000$$

$$R = .08$$

$$T = 10$$

$$F = 2000e^{(.08)(10)}$$

$$\boxed{F = 2000e^{.8}}$$