

1. What is the domain of $f(x) = \frac{x^2+1}{\sqrt{2x-5}}$?

The denominator cannot be zero, and the radicand (thing inside the radical) must not be negative.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 5 &> 0 \\ 2x &> 5 \\ x &> \frac{5}{2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the equation of the line through the points (2, 3) and (-6, 9).

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{9 - 3}{-6 - 2} = \frac{6}{-8} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= m(x - x_1) + y_1 \\ y &= -\frac{3}{4}(x - 2) + 3 \\ y &= -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{3}{2} + 3 \\ y &= -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{9}{2} \end{aligned}$$

3. $f(x) = 3x + 2$ $g(x) = x^2$. Find $f(g(4))$.

$$g(4) = 4^2 = 16$$

$$f(g(4)) = f(16) = 3 \cdot 16 + 2 = 48 + 2 = 50$$

4. Find the vertex of the parabola $f(x) = x^2 - 6x - 4$

HINT: The vertex of parabola $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ is the point $\left(\frac{-b}{2a}, f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right)\right)$

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-(-6)}{2(1)} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) = f(3) = 3^2 - 6(3) - 4 = 9 - 18 - 4 = -13$$

The vertex is the point (3, -13)

5. $p(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 + 3x + 1$ Find $p(-2)$ using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ & \downarrow & -4 & 10 & -26 \\ \hline & 2 & -5 & 13 & -25 \end{array} \quad p(-2) = -25$$

6. Find a polynomial having roots 2, 3, and -7.

$$(x - 2)(x - 3)(x - [-7]) = (x - 2)(x - 3)(x + 7)$$

7. Find the roots: $(x - 3)(x + 6)x = 0$

HINT: Set each factor equal to zero and solve each for x.

$$\begin{aligned} x - 3 &= 0 & x + 6 &= 0 & x &= 0 \\ x &= 3 & x &= -6 & & \end{aligned}$$

8. Compute: $\ln 32.89 = 3.493$

9. Compute: $\log 2.16 \times 10^{5000}$ HINT: $\log XY = \log X + \log Y$

$$\log 2.16 \times 10^{5000} = \log 2.16 + \log 10^{5000} = .3345 + 5000 = 5000.3345$$

10. Compute: $\log_2 3.4$ HINT: $\log_b x = \frac{\log x}{\log b}$

$$\log_2 3.4 = \frac{\log 3.4}{\log 2} = \frac{.5315}{.3010} = 1.7658$$

11. Solve for x: $\log_3 4x^2 = \log_3 3x + 5$

$$\begin{aligned}\log_3 4x^2 &= \log_3 3x + 5 \\ \log_3 4x^2 - \log_3 3x &= 5 \\ \log_3 \frac{4x^2}{3x} &= 5 \\ \log_3 \frac{4}{3}x &= 5 \\ \frac{4}{3}x &= 3^5 = 243 \\ x &= \frac{3}{4} \cdot 243 = 182.25\end{aligned}$$

12. Solve for x: $2^{3x-5} = 16$ HINT: $b^x = b^y \Rightarrow x = y$; Make the bases the same.

$$\begin{aligned}2^{3x-5} &= 16 \\ 2^{3x-5} &= 2^4 \\ 3x - 5 &= 4 \\ 3x &= 9 \\ x &= 3\end{aligned}$$

13. Solve for x: $\log_x 49 = 2$ HINT: Use the definition $\log_b a = c \iff b^c = a$
Then $x^2 = 49$, and $x = 7$. Note that the base must be positive, so -7 is not a solution.

14. Solve for x: $\log_2 x + \log_2 2 = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}\log_2 2x &= 3 \\ 2x &= 2^3 = 8 \\ x &= 4\end{aligned}$$

15. Solve for x: $10^{2x} = 7$ HINT: log both sides using the common base 10 log.

$$\begin{aligned}10^{2x} &= 7 \\ \log 10^{2x} &= \log 7 \\ 2x &= .8451 \\ x &= .4226\end{aligned}$$

16. Solve for x: $\ln x + 2 \cdot \ln 5 = \ln 30$

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$$\ln x + 3.2189 = 3.4012$$

$$\ln x = 0.1823$$

$$e^{\ln x} = e^{0.1823}$$

$$x = 1.2$$

17. Suppose that \$1000 is invested at 5% APR compounded continuously. How long till the investment reaches a value of \$2000?

We use the equation $A = Pe^{rt}$ where $A=2000$, $P=1000$, and $r=5\%=.05$. Then, solve for t .

$$2000 = 1000e^{.05t}$$

$$2 = e^{.05t}$$

$$\ln 2 = \ln e^{.05t}$$

$$.6931 = .05t$$

$$13.862 = t$$

Hence, 13.862 years.

A general population growth problem.

$$p = p_0 e^{rt}$$

p = population after t years

p_0 = population when $t = 0$

r = annual growth rate AS A DECIMAL

t = years

The population of India is 1.148 billion in 2008 with an annual growth rate of 1.38%.

18. Assuming India's growth rate remains constant, what will the population be in 10 years?

$$p = 1.148e^{.0138(10)} = 1.148(1.148) = 1.318 \text{ billion}$$

19. Assuming India's growth rate remains constant, in how many more years would India's population reach 1000 billion?

$$\begin{aligned} 1000 &= 1.148e^{.0138t} \\ 871.08 &= e^{.0138t} \\ \ln 871.08 &= \ln e^{.0138t} \\ 6.7697 &= .0138t \\ 484.04 &= t \end{aligned}$$

In 484.04 years

decay problem. A

$$y = y_0 e^{kt}$$

y = amount after t years

y_0 = amount when $t = 0$

k = decay constant = $\frac{\ln .5}{\text{half-life}}$

t = years

Suppose that the half-life of an isotope is 8.6 years.

20. Find k . $k = \frac{\ln .5}{8.6} = \frac{-.6931}{8.6} = -.0806$

21. How long till 23.2 grams of this isotope decays to .07 grams?

$$\begin{aligned} .07 &= 23.2e^{-.0806t} \\ .00302 &= e^{-.0806t} \\ \ln .00302 &= \ln e^{-.0806t} \\ -5.8025 &= -.0806t \\ 71.99 &= t \end{aligned}$$

In 72.35 years.