## PRECALCULUS PROBLEM SESSION \#7 SOLUTIONS

## Exponential Functions

1. The function $y=2 x$ is a linear function and the function $y=2^{x}$ is an exponential function, with the following graphs. Notice, however, that both share the point $(1,2)$.

2. In the following graphs the red graph is the graph of the original function, $y=2^{x}$.

$h(x)$ has a horizontal asymptote at $y=-1$. The domain of $h(x)$ is $D_{h(x)}=(-\infty, \infty)$ and the range of $h(x)$ is $R_{h(x)}=(-1, \infty)$.
b)

$g(x)$ has a horizontal asymptote at $y=0$.
The domain of $h(x)$ is $D_{g(x)}=(-\infty, \infty)$ and the range of $h(x)$ is $R_{g(x)}=(0, \infty)$.

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3. 

a) $\quad g(x)=3^{x-1}$
b) $\quad f(x)=3^{x}$
c) $\quad g(x)=3^{-x}$
4. $\quad f(x)=1000(0.5)^{\frac{80}{30}}=157.49$

Chernobyl will not be safe for human habitation by 2066. There will still be 157.5 kilograms of cesium-137 in Chernobyl's atmosphere.
5. a)

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24\left(1+\frac{0.05}{12}\right)^{12(379)} \approx \$ 3,917,360,753
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b)

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24 e^{0.05(379)} \approx \$ 4,074,662,794
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6. $7.6 \approx 8$ years

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7. If $b=1$, then for any $x, f(x)=b^{x}=1^{x}=1$, thus making the exponential function into a constant function.

## Logarithmic Functions

1. $\quad \log _{64} 4=\frac{1}{3}$
2. 

(a) -2
(b) 2
(c) -1
(d) $1 / 2$
(e) 1
(f) 0
(g) 5
(h) 7
3.
(a) $g(x)=\log _{2}(x-2)$, domain: $x>2$
(b) $\quad h(x)=\ln (6-2 x)$, domain: $x<3$


(c) $f(x)=\log _{5}(x+6)$, domain: $x>-6$

4.


The graph of $f(x)$ is in red and the graph $g(x)$ is in blue.
5. $0<b<1$

6.
7.
a) $\quad f(x)$
b) $\quad G(x)$
c) $\quad F(x)$
8. $\quad 124.7 \%$ if $f(x)=62+35 \log (x-4)$.

But, if $f(x)=6.2+35 \log (x-4)$ then $68.9 \%$.

