PRECALCULUS PROBLEM SESSION #7 SOLUTIONS

Exponential Functions

1. The function y = 2x 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, $y = 2^x$.







4.
$$f(x) = 1000 (0.5)^{\frac{80}{30}} = 157.49$$

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5. a)

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

b)
 $24\,e^{0.05\,(379)} \approx $4, 074, 662, 794$

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.

(b)

Logarithmic Functions

 $\log_{64} 4 = \frac{1}{3}$

1.

2. (a) -2 (b) 2 (c) -1 (d) 1/2 (e) 1 (f) 0 (g) 5

3. (a)
$$g(x) = \log_2(x-2)$$
, domain: $x > 2$

$$h(x) = \ln(6 - 2x)$$
, domain: $x < 3$

(h) 7





(c) $f(x) = \log_5(x+6)$, domain: x > -6

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4.

The graph of f(x) is in red and the graph g(x) is in blue.





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7. a) f(x)

6.

- b) *G*(*x*)
- c) *F*(*x*)
- 8. 124.7% if $f(x)=62 + 35 \log(x 4)$. But, if $f(x) = 6.2 + 35 \log(x - 4)$ then 68.9%.