

1. (10 points) Answer the following questions about growth and decay.

- (a) (3 points) Market analysis suggests that an investment in Tessier-Ashpool S.A. will have a relative growth rate of 6% per year. If you invest \$5000 in this corporation, how long will it take your investment to grow to a value of \$6000?

The model for the growth of a \$5000 investment with a 6% rate of growth is  $f(t) = 5000e^{0.06t}$ , and here we are asking which value of  $t$  yields  $f(t) = 6000$ . Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} 5000e^{0.06t} &= 6000 \\ e^{0.06t} &= \frac{6000}{5000} = \frac{6}{5} \\ 0.06t &= \ln \frac{6}{5} \\ t &= \frac{\ln \frac{6}{5}}{0.06} \approx 3.04 \text{ years} \end{aligned}$$

The approximation step is provided for context, and need not be calculated under exam conditions.

- (b) (3 points) *Miraclo* is a drug with a half-life in the body of 5 hours. Produce a function describing the quantity still in the body  $t$  hours after administration of a 40mg dose.

A decay function with a given half-life  $\tau$  is given by either  $f(t) = A\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{\tau}}$  or  $f(t) = Ae^{-\frac{\ln 2}{\tau}t}$ , so in this case we would produce the function  $f(t) = 40\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{5}}$  or  $f(t) = 40e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{5}t}$ . Note that these two functions are actually algebraically equivalent.

Alternatively, if one dislikes appeal to the half-life formula, one can start with an arbitrary exponential function template  $f(t) = Ae^{rt}$  and use the fact  $f(0) = 40$  to find  $A = 40$ , and the fact  $f(5) = 20$  to find:

$$\begin{aligned} 20 &= f(5) = 40e^{r \cdot 5} \\ \frac{1}{2} &= e^{5r} \\ \ln \frac{1}{2} &= 5r \\ \frac{1}{5} \ln \frac{1}{2} &= r \end{aligned}$$

- (c) (2 points) *Miraclo* becomes ineffective when there is less than 15mg in the body. Using your result from the above question, determine how long after taking a 40mg dose this will occur.

From the above formula in exponential form, solving for  $f(t) = 15$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 40e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{5}t} &= 15 \\ e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{5}t} &= \frac{15}{40} = \frac{3}{8} \\ -\frac{\ln 2}{5}t &= \ln \frac{3}{8} \\ t &= \frac{-5 \ln \frac{3}{8}}{\ln 2} \approx 7.07 \text{ hours} \end{aligned}$$

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- (d) **(2 points)** *An alien spacecraft, red-hot from its entry into the atmosphere, lands on a warm summer day. Its temperature in degrees Fahrenheit  $t$  minutes after impact is given by the function  $f(t) = 80 + 1600e^{-0.015t}$ . A science team can begin experiments on it after it has cooled to  $400^\circ\text{F}$ . How many minutes will they need to wait?*

We are solving for the value of  $t$  such that  $f(t) = 400$ :

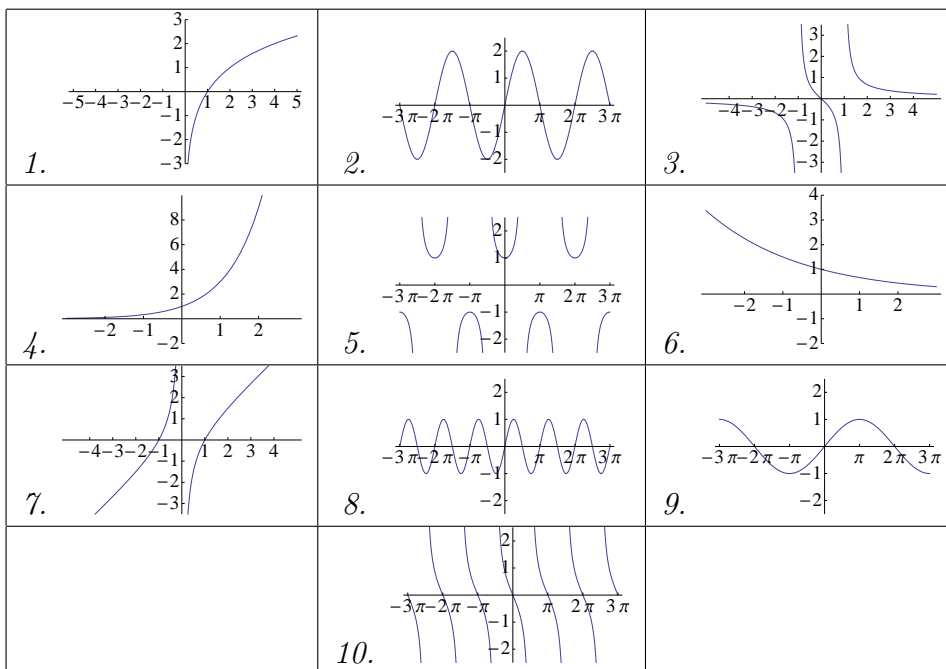
$$\begin{aligned} 80 + 1600e^{-0.015t} &= 400 \\ 1600e^{-0.015t} &= 320 \\ e^{-0.015t} &= \frac{320}{1600} = \frac{1}{5} \\ -0.015t &= \ln \frac{1}{5} \\ t &= \frac{\ln \frac{1}{5}}{-0.015} \approx 107.3 \text{ minutes} \end{aligned}$$

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2. **(10 points)** *The following ten graphs are of the following functions:*

$$\begin{array}{llll} A(x) = 3^x & B(x) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^x & C(x) = \log_2 x & D(x) = \sin 2x \\ E(x) = 2 \sin x & F(x) = \sin \frac{x}{2} & G(x) = \tan(-x) & H(x) = \sec x \\ I(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 1} & J(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x} & & \end{array}$$

Label each picture with the letter of the appropriate function.



Several of the graphs have highly characteristic and unique shapes which we can identify merely on sight. Graph #1 has an asymptote at 0 and exists only in the positive half of the plane; this is characteristic of a logarithm so it must be  $C(x)$ . Graph #5 has the disjoint humps and central gap of a secant-like function, so it must be  $H(x)$ . Graph #10 has the snaky repetition of a tangent-like function, and thus must be  $G(x)$ .

Of the remainder, we can broadly classify them into sinusoidal, exponential, and “other”. Graphs #2, #8, and #9 are sinusoidal and must thus correspond in some order to  $D(x)$ ,  $E(x)$ , and  $F(x)$ . Graph #2 has amplitude of 2, which corresponds to a multiplication by 2 outside of the trig function, as appears in  $E(x)$ . Graph #8 has period of  $\pi$  and graph 9 has period of  $4\pi$ , so they are respectively the result of a horizontal compression and a stretch of the ordinary sine function: we see that  $D(x)$  is a compression and  $F(x)$  is a stretch.

Now we handle the exponentials, of which there are two: graph #4 resembles a growth curve while graph #6 is a decay curve. On the functional side, there is  $A(x)$ , which has a base larger than 1 and thus is a growth curve, while  $B(x)$  has a base less than 1 and represents decay.

Finally, the two oddities are graphs #3 and #7, which we recognize as corresponding in some order to the rational functions  $I(x)$  and  $J(x)$ . The easiest visual identification is by vertical asymptotes;  $I(x)$  has  $x^2 - 1$  in the denominator and must have asymptotes at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ , as graph #3 does, while  $J(x)$  has  $x$  in the denominator and has an asymptote at  $x = 0$ , like graph #7.

3. (15 points) Answer the following questions about trigonometry.

(a) (2 points) Evaluate  $\csc \frac{17\pi}{6}$ .

Note that  $\frac{17\pi}{6} = (2\frac{5}{6})\pi$ , so  $\csc \frac{17\pi}{6} = \csc \frac{5\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{\sin \frac{5\pi}{6}}$ . The angle  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$  describes a point in the second quadrant, in which the sine is positive, so  $\sin \frac{5\pi}{6}$  is positive, and since this argument is a fully reduced fraction of the form  $\frac{k\pi}{6}$ , we know that  $\sin \frac{5\pi}{6} = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ ; since it is positive, we know  $\csc \frac{17\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{1/2} = 2$ .

(b) (2 points) Evaluate  $\sin 270^\circ$ .

We know that  $270^\circ$  is  $\frac{2\pi}{360} \cdot 270 = \frac{3\pi}{2}$  radians. The sine of any odd multiple of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  is  $\pm 1$ , and in this case, since an angle of  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$  describes a point on the negative  $y$ -axis, this sine is  $-1$ .

(c) (3 points) Identify the period, amplitude, and vertical shift of the periodic function  $g(x) = \frac{1}{3} \cos(\frac{3}{5}x) + 8$ .

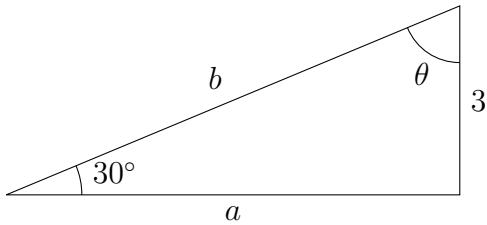
The vertical shift can be clearly seen to be  $+8$ , since the addition of 8 to the function value enacts a vertical shift of 8 on the graph.

The amplitude and period are dictated by the vertical and horizontal stretch factors respectively: we see that this graph is vertically stretched by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$  (i.e. compressed by a factor of 3), so the amplitude of the standard cosine function, which is 1, is transformed to  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

The period is dictated by the compression factor indicated in the argument to the cosine. We compress the ordinary cosine curve horizontally by a factor of  $\frac{3}{5}$ , so the standard period of  $2\pi$  is transformed into a period of length  $\frac{2\pi}{3/5} = \frac{10\pi}{3}$ .

(d) (3 points) If  $\sec x = \frac{-13}{12}$  and  $x$  describes a terminal point in the second quadrant, what is  $\cot x$ ?

- (e) **(3 points)** In the following right triangle (not drawn to scale), find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $\theta$ . Label which is which.

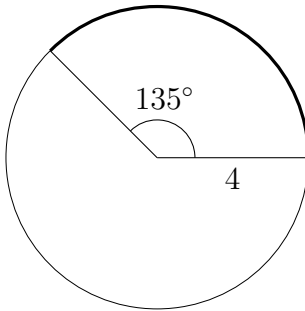


We know the angles of a triangle add up to  $180^\circ$ , so  $30 + 90 + \theta = 180$ , which simplifies to  $\theta = 60$ .

Using known trigonometric values for  $30^\circ$  and their relationship to triangle sides, we see that  $\frac{3}{b} = \sin(30^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Simplifying this algebraic expression, we will find that  $b = 6$ .

Using another known trigonometric value, we see that  $\frac{a}{b} = \cos(30^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ . Since we know  $b = 6$ , we find that  $a = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}b = 3\sqrt{3}$ .

- (f) **(2 points)** Find the length of the indicated arc (not drawn to scale).



We know that the length of an arc of radius  $r$  and angle  $\theta$  is  $r\theta$  if  $\theta$  is given in radians, which this arc is not. So first, we shall convert it:  $135^\circ$  is  $135 \cdot \frac{2\pi}{360} = \frac{3}{4}\pi$  radians. And now, the length of the arc will be  $4 \cdot \frac{3}{4}\pi = 3\pi$ .

4. **(5 points)** Answer the following questions about complex numbers.

- (a) **(3 points)** Express  $(2 + 3i)(1 - i) - (1 + i)(4i)$  in the form  $a + bi$ .

We evaluate each of the products via the distributive law, and make use of the fact that  $i^2 = -1$ , and then simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} (2 + 3i)(1 - i) - (1 + i)(4i) &= (2 - 2i + 3i - 3i^2) - (4i + 4i^2) \\ &= (2 - 2i + 3i + 3) - (4i - 4) = 9 - 3i \end{aligned}$$

- (b) **(2 points)** Express  $\frac{1+2i}{3-i}$  in the form  $a + bi$ .

We multiply the numerator and denominator by the conjugate  $(3 + i)$  to get the denominator to be noncomplex:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 + 2i}{3 - i} &= \frac{(1 + 2i)(3 + i)}{(3 - i)(3 + i)} \\ &= \frac{3 + i + 6i + 2i^2}{9 + 3i - 3i - i^2} = \frac{1 + 7i}{10} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{7}{10}i \end{aligned}$$

5. **(10 points)** Answer the following questions concerning logarithms.

(a) **(2 points)** Express  $5 \ln(xy^2) - \frac{1}{4} \ln x - 3 \ln\left(\frac{yz^3}{x}\right)$  as a single logarithm.

Using the rule  $n \log_b x = \log_b(x^n)$ , we can simplify this expression to

$$\ln(xy^2)^5 - \ln x^{1/4} - \ln\left(\frac{yz^3}{x}\right)^3 = \ln(x^5 y^{10}) - \ln x^{1/4} - \ln \frac{y^3 z^9}{x^3}$$

and then, using the rule  $\ln a - \ln b = \ln \frac{a}{b}$  we shall convert this to

$$\ln \frac{x^5 y^{10}}{x^{1/4} \frac{y^3 z^9}{x^3}} = \ln \frac{x^{31/4} y^7}{z^9}$$

(b) **(3 points)** Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{\log_{10}(x-1)}$ .

We have two potential problems: the denominator could be zero, or the argument of the logarithm could be nonpositive. We thus require that  $x - 1 > 0$  and  $\log_{10}(x - 1) \neq 0$ . The first condition is easily found to be  $x > 1$ ; the second, in contrast, is that  $x - 1 \neq 10^0 = 1$ , or  $x \neq 2$ . Thus, the domain consists of values  $x > 1$  and  $x \neq 2$ ; in interval notation,  $x$  lies in one of the intervals  $(1, 2)$  or  $(2, +\infty)$ .

(c) **(3 points)** Determine the value of  $\log_5 30 - \frac{1}{2} \log_5 144 + \log_5 10$ .

Using our logarithm-simplification rules,

$$\begin{aligned} \log_5 30 - \frac{1}{2} \log_5 144 + \log_5 10 &= \log_5 30 - \log_5 \sqrt{144} + \log_5 10 \\ &= \log_5 \frac{30 \cdot 10}{\sqrt{144}} = \log_5 \frac{300}{12} = \log_5 25 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

(d) **(2 points)** Solve for  $x$  in the exponential equation  $3 \cdot 2^{3x-1} = 48$ .

Isolating the  $x$  algebraically, we see:

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \cdot 2^{3x-1} &= 48 \\ 2^{3x-1} &= \frac{48}{3} = 16 \\ 3x - 1 &= \log_2 16 = 4 \\ 3x &= 5 \\ x &= \frac{5}{3} \end{aligned}$$

6. **(10 points)** Answer the following questions preparatory to sketching the rational function

$$h(x) = \frac{3(x+2)(x-1)}{x(x+4)}.$$

(a) **(2 points)** What is the function's domain?

The denominator cannot be zero, so  $x \neq 0$  and  $x + 4 \neq 0$ , which simplifies to  $x \neq 0, -4$ . In interval form, this would be  $(-\infty, 0), (0, 4), (4, \infty)$ .

(b) **(2 points)** Does this function have  $x$ -intercepts, and if so, what are they?

$h(x) = 0$  when its numerator is zero.  $3(x + 2)(x - 1) = 0$  when  $x + 2 = 0$  or  $x - 1 = 0$ . Thus,  $h(x)$  has the  $x$ -intercepts  $-2$  and  $1$ .

(c) **(2 points)** *Where are this function's vertical asymptotes?*

These are precisely the places where the denominator becomes zero, precipitating a “blow-up” of the function. As seen above, these points are  $x = 0$  and  $x = 4$ .

(d) **(3 points)** *How does this function behave as  $x$  becomes very large? How does it behave as  $x$  becomes very highly negative? Label which is which.*

This function is, in the long term, behaves much like  $\frac{3x^2}{x^2} = 3$ . So if we were to look at  $h(x)$  at very large values of  $x$ ,  $h(x)$  will be very close to 3; likewise, for  $x$  very highly negative,  $h(x)$  is close to 3.

(e) **(1 point)** *Does this function have a maximum or minimum value? Why or why not?*

It has neither; we can get arbitrarily large numbers or arbitrarily low numbers by considering  $x$ -values close to the asymptotes, e.g.  $h(3.999)$  or  $h(4.001)$ .