

1. **(4 points)** Write $\frac{2-2i}{1+i}$ in the form $a + bi$.

We multiply the numerator and denominator by the conjugate $(1 - i)$ of the denominator, in order to get the denominator to be “nice”:

$$\frac{(2 - 2i)(1 - i)}{(1 + i)(1 - i)} = \frac{2 - 2i - 2i - 2i^2}{1 - i + 1 - i^2} = \frac{2 - 4i + 2}{1 + 1} = \frac{-4i}{2} = -2i$$

2. **(3 points)** Using either synthetic or long division, find the quotient and remainder of the operation $\frac{3x^3 - 12x^2 + 10}{x - 2}$.

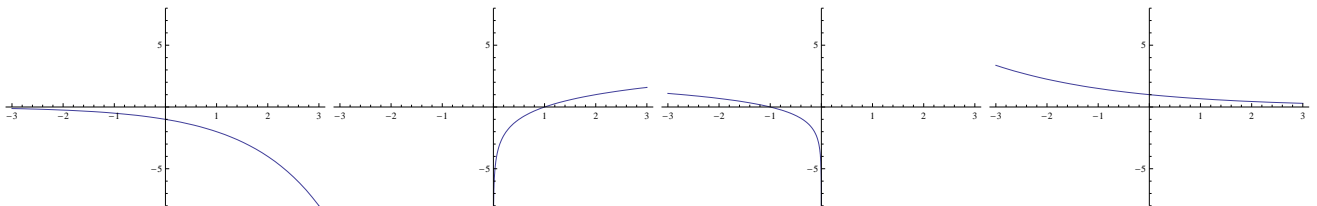
Here a long division is performed; synthetic division should give the same result:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 6x - 12 \\ x - 2 \overline{) 3x^3 - 12x^2 + 0x + 10} \\ \underline{3x^3 - 6x^2} \\ -6x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{-6x^2 + 12x} \\ -12x + 10 \\ \underline{-12x + 24} \\ -14 \end{array}$$

And thus the quotient is $3x^2 - 6x - 12$, with a remainder of -14 . Thus could also be written as

$$\frac{3x^3 - 12x^2 + 10}{x - 2} = 3x^2 - 6x - 12 - \frac{14}{x - 2}$$

3. **(4 points)** The four following graphs are of the functions $f(x) = -(2^x)$, $g(x) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^x$, $h(x) = \ln(-x)$, and $r(x) = \log_2 x$. Label which one is which.



One easy quick identification method would be to note that exponential functions have an easy evaluation at zero, so $f(0) = -(2^0) = -1$ and $g(0) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^0 = 1$, while logarithms can be easily evaluated at 1, so $h(-1) = \ln(+1) = 0$ and $r(1) = \log_2 1 = 0$. Then it is clear that $f(x)$, $g(x)$, $h(x)$, and $r(x)$ correspond respectively to the graphs containing the points $(0, -1)$, $(0, 1)$, $(-1, 0)$, and $(1, 0)$. These uniquely identify graphs above.

Alternatively, knowing the shapes of exponential and logarithmic functions is sufficient. $f(x)$ is a negative exponential with exponent larger than 1, so it is a negative growth function; $g(x)$ is a positive exponential with exponent between 0 and 1, so it is a decay function. $h(x)$ and $r(x)$ are logarithmic functions, so they only exist where their argument is positive. For $h(x) = \ln(-x)$, this is true only when x itself is negative, so $h(x)$ is identifiable as a logarithmic-looking curve which exists only on the left side of the plane; likewise, $r(x) = \log_2 x$ exists when x is positive, so it is a logarithmic-looking curve on the right side of the plane.

4. **(3 points)** Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2} - \log_{10}(x+3)$.

There are two potential problems with evaluatability of $f(x)$: there is a division, whose denominator must be nonzero, and a logarithm, whose argument must be positive. Thus, it must

be the case that $x - 2 \neq 0$ and $x + 3 > 0$. These are simplifiable to $x \neq 2$ and $x > -3$. For those who like interval notation, this means x is defined on the intervals $(-3, 2)$ and $(2, \infty)$.

5. **(3 points)** Evaluate the following three logarithms:

- $\log_5 1$.

Note that 1 is a power of 5, and, indeed, of any positive number, since $5^0 = 1$. This means that $\log_5 1 = 0$, and, indeed, $\log_b 1 = 0$ for all b .

- $\log_3 \frac{1}{27}$.

Trying to express $\frac{1}{27}$ as a power of 3, we recognize the 27, at the least, as 3^3 , so $\frac{1}{27} = \frac{1}{3^3}$, and since a reciprocal is like an exponentiation by -1 , we can further qualify this as $(3^3)^{-1} = 3^{-3}$. Since $\frac{1}{27}$ can be expressed as this power of 3, we know that $\log_3 \frac{1}{27} = -3$.

- $\log_{25} 5$.

Our familiar relationship between the base and the argument of this logarithm would be that $5^2 = 25$; recasting 5 as a power of 25, it would be more illuminating to note that $5 = \sqrt{25} = 25^{1/2}$. Thus, since we have expressed 5 as this power of 25, we know that $\log_{25} 5 = \frac{1}{2}$.

6. **(3 points)** Simplify and evaluate $2 \log_2 \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \log_2 25 + \log_2 45$.

We shall use, in order, the rules for logarithms multiplied by a constant, and the rules for addition and subtraction of logarithms, as such:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \log_2 \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \log_2 25 + \log_2 45 &= \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{6} \right)^2 - \log_2 (25)^{1/2} + \log_2 45 \\ &= \log_2 \frac{1}{36} - \log_2 5 + \log_2 45 \\ &= \log_2 \frac{36}{5} + \log_2 45 \\ &= \log_2 \left(\frac{36}{5} \cdot 45 \right) \\ &= \log_2 \frac{45}{180} = \log_2 \frac{1}{4} = -2 \end{aligned}$$

On two occasions I have been asked — “Pray, Mr. Babbage, if you put into the machine wrong figures, will the right answers come out?” In one case a member of the Upper, and in the other a member of the Lower House put this question. I am not able rightly to apprehend the kind of confusion of ideas that could provoke such a question.
—Charles Babbage