

For #1-2, solve each equation and check for extraneous solutions.

1. $\log_x 81 = 4$

$$x^4 = 81$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt[4]{81}$$

$$x = \pm 3$$

~~x=3~~ is extraneous

x=3 is the only solution

2. $\frac{4}{x+4} - \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{12}{x^2+2x-8}$

$(CD = (x+4)(x-2))$

$$(x+4)(x-2) \left(\frac{4}{x+4} - \frac{1}{x-2} \right) = \left(\frac{12}{(x+4)(x-2)} \right) (x+4)(x-2)$$

$$4(x-2) - 1(x+4) = 12$$

$$4x - 8 - x - 4 = 12$$

$$3x - 12 = 12$$

$$3x = 24$$

$$\boxed{x = 8}$$

3. The equation $\frac{2x}{x+2} - 4 = \frac{6}{x}$ has exactly 2 solutions. What is the sum of the solutions for this equation?

$LCD = x(x+2)$

$$0 = 2x^2 + 14x + 12$$

$$x(x+2) \left(\frac{2x}{x+2} - 4 \right) = \left(\frac{6}{x} \right) \cdot x(x+2)$$

$$0 = 2(x^2 + 7x + 6)$$

$$0 = 2(x+6)(x+1)$$

$$x = -6, -1$$

$$x \cdot 2x - 4 \cdot x(x+2) = 6(x+2)$$

$$2x^2 - 4x(x+2) = 6x + 12$$

$$2x^2 - 4x^2 - 8x = 6x + 12$$

$$-2x^2 - 8x = 6x + 12$$

$$\boxed{\text{Sum} = -6 + -1 = -7}$$

For #4-5, simplify each expression.

4. $\frac{3x}{x-5} - \frac{2}{x^2-25}$ $(CD = (x+5)(x-5))$

$$= \frac{(x+5) \cdot 3x}{(x+5)(x-5)} - \frac{2}{(x+5)(x-5)}$$

$$= \frac{3x(x+5) - 2}{(x+5)(x-5)}$$

$$\boxed{= \frac{3x^2 + 15x - 2}{(x+5)(x-5)}} \quad x \neq -5, 5$$

5. $\frac{6}{x+4} - \frac{3}{1}$

$$= \frac{6}{x+4} - \frac{3 \cdot (x+4)}{1 \cdot (x+4)}$$

$$= \frac{6 - 3(x+4)}{x+4}$$

$$= \frac{6 - 3x - 12}{x+4}$$

$$= \frac{-3x - 6}{x+4} = \frac{-3(x+2)}{x+4} \quad x \neq -4$$

6. Condense the logarithmic expression given below.

$$\log 3 + \frac{1}{2} \log x - \log 5$$

$$= \log 3 + \log x^{1/2} - \log 5$$

$$= \log 3x^{1/2} - \log 5$$

$$\boxed{\log \frac{3x^{1/2}}{5}}$$

7. You make a one-time deposit of \$15,000 into a mutual fund investment. Your financial advisor informs you that this mutual fund has attained a 9.5% average annual return. *Compounded quarterly* Suppose you want to get out \$100,000 from this investment. How many years of investing are required?

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

$$100,000 = 15,000 \left(1 + \frac{0.095}{4}\right)^{4t}$$

$$\frac{100,000}{15,000} = (1.02375)^{4t}$$

$\frac{20}{3}$

$$4t = \log_{1.02375} \left(\frac{20}{3}\right)$$

$$t = \frac{\log_{1.02375} \left(\frac{20}{3}\right)}{4}$$

$$\boxed{t \approx 20 \text{ years}}$$

8.

Newton's Law of Cooling ($T = S + (T_0 - S)e^{-kt}$) states that the difference in the temperature of a warm body (or drink) and its surroundings changes exponentially.

T-Current Temperature S-Surrounding Temperature T_0 -Initial Temperature k-Constant t-Time (hrs.)

Tonight is fajita night! The freezer in your home is set to $0^\circ F$. Last night your Mom took the chicken out of the freezer and put it in the refrigerator to defrost it. The refrigerator is set at $35^\circ F$. When your Mom goes to start making dinner at 4:30 pm she finds that the temperature of the chicken is now $23.8^\circ F$. The cooling constant "k" is 0.0565.



Determine the total amount of time that the chicken was in the fridge.

$$T = S + (T_0 - S)e^{-kt}$$

$$23.8 = 35 + (0 - 35)e^{-0.0565t}$$

$$-11.2 = -35e^{-0.0565t}$$

$$\frac{11.2}{35} = e^{-0.0565t}$$

$$-0.0565t = \ln\left(\frac{11.2}{35}\right)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{11.2}{35}\right)}{-0.0565}$$

$$t = 20.2 \text{ hrs}$$