

Algebra practice

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Directions:

Show all work on a separate piece of paper. Place your final answer on this sheet.

1. Given $g(x) = \frac{3}{x-1}$

a. Evaluate and simplify completely

i) $g(-2) = -1$ ii) $g(0) = -3$ iii) $g(1) = \text{Undefined}$ iv) $g(4) = 1$ v) $g(x+3) = \frac{3}{x+2}$

b. Solve algebraically for exact x

i) $g(x) = 5$
 $x = \frac{8}{5}$

ii) $g(x+2) = 4$
 $x = -\frac{1}{4}$

iii) $g(x)+2 = 4$
 $x = \frac{5}{2}$

2. Simplify the difference quotient for the following functions [different quotient $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$]

a) $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 3$ $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h} = 2x + 2 + h$

b) $f(x) = x^3 - 5$ $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h} = 3x^2 + 3xh + h^2$

c) $f(x) = \frac{4}{x}$ $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h} = \frac{-4}{x(x+h)}$

3. Simplify the following completely with a common denominator. Your final answer will not contain any negative exponents.

a) $\frac{4x}{x-1} - \frac{5x+2}{2x} = \frac{3x^2 + 3x + 2}{2x(x-1)}$

b) $\frac{(b+2)^x}{(b+2)^{4x-2}} = \frac{(b+2)^2}{(b+2)^{3x}}$

c) $\frac{1+2t}{\sqrt{t+3}} + 2\sqrt{t+3} = \frac{7+4t}{(t+3)^{1/2}}$

d) $\frac{(x^2+1)\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - \sqrt{x}(2x)}{(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{-3x^2+1}{2\sqrt{x}(x^2+1)}$

e) $\frac{2}{x+5} - \frac{3}{x-5} = \frac{-x-25}{(x+5)(x-5)}$

f) $\frac{4(z+2)^{1/2} - 2z(z+2)^{-1/2}}{z+2} = \frac{2z+8}{(z+2)^{1/2}}$

g) $\frac{a^n 3^{n+1}}{3^n a^{n+1}} = \frac{3}{a}$

h) $e^x e^{1-x} = e^1 = e$

i) $\frac{(x^3+1)^2 - 6x^3(x^3+1)}{(x^3+1)^4} = \frac{-5x^3+1}{(x^3+1)^3}$

j) $\frac{5}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} - 3\sqrt{1-z^2} = \frac{2+3z^2}{\sqrt{1-z^2}}$

$$k) \frac{2x \cdot (x^2 + 5)^{\frac{1}{2}} - x^2(x^2 + 5)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2x}{x^2 + 5} = \frac{10x}{(x^2 + 5)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$m) \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y}}{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2}} = \frac{xy}{x+y}$$

$$l) \frac{\frac{1}{(x+h)^2} - \frac{1}{x^2}}{h} = \frac{-2x-h}{x^2(x+h)^2}$$

4. Solve algebraically for the exact solution(s). Solve for the indicated variable. Assume all other variables are constants.

$$x = \frac{\ln(\frac{1}{2})}{5} \quad e^{5x} + e^{-5x} = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1+8b}{4b-a} \quad \frac{1+ax}{x-2} = 4b$$

$$x = \underline{25} \quad \log(x) + \log(x-21) = 2$$

$$x = \frac{2a+b}{2} \quad \frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{2x} = 1$$

$$y = \underline{(-6)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \quad 6y^{-2} + y = 0$$

$$t = \underline{0 \text{ or } -5} \quad 10te^{3t} + 2t^2e^{3t} = 0$$

$$t = \underline{\ln(\frac{12}{18})} \quad 3^t = 12(.8)^t$$

$$p = \underline{1, 11, -11} \quad \frac{(p-1)(p^2-11)}{(p-2)(p+3)} = 0$$

$$\text{Technically } x = \underline{x = \frac{1}{3}} \quad \ln(t+2) - \ln(t) = \ln(7)$$

$$x = \underline{145} \quad \sqrt{x-1} - 10 = 2$$

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

$$x = \underline{3+(13)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \quad (3-x)^3 = -13$$

$$x = \underline{\frac{4a-3}{7a-2}} \quad 3(ax+1) - 2x = 4(a-ax)$$

$$x = \underline{0 \text{ or } 3} \quad 9xe^{ax} - 3x^2e^{ax} = 0$$

$$x = \underline{-6 \text{ or } 2} \quad (x+1)(x+3) = 15$$

$$x = \underline{\frac{e^e}{\ln(\frac{4}{5})}} \quad \ln(\ln(x)) = 1$$

$$x = \underline{10/9} \quad \log(x) - \log(x-1) = 1$$

$$x = \underline{A(.83)^x} \quad B(b)^x$$

$$x = \underline{2 \text{ or } -\frac{5}{3}} \quad \frac{3x}{5} - \frac{2}{x} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$x = \underline{5 \text{ or } -3} \quad (x-4)(x+2) = 7$$

$$x = \underline{\frac{-5+\sqrt{409}}{2}} \quad \log(x+4) = 2 - \log(x+1)$$

$$x = \underline{\frac{3}{4}} \quad 4xe^x - 3e^x = 0$$

$$x = \underline{-1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}} \quad 4(x+1)^2 - 5 = 0$$

$$y = \underline{\frac{2}{5}} \quad \frac{5y-2}{y-2} = 0$$

$$z = \underline{6 \text{ or } -6 \text{ or } -\frac{3}{2}} \quad 0 = 4z^3 + 6z^2 - 24z - 36$$

$$y = \underline{\text{No solution}} \quad \frac{1-4y}{1+2y} + 2 = 0$$

$$t = \underline{5 \text{ or } -4} \quad t^2 - t - 6 = 14$$

$$t = \underline{-\frac{7}{3}} \quad 2t - (3t+4) = 5(t+2)$$

$$y = \frac{x^3 - 3x}{x-2} \quad x^2 + \frac{2y}{x} = y + 3$$

$$t = \underline{2 \text{ or } -2} \quad t^3 - 16t^{-1} = 0$$

$$p = \underline{-1 \text{ or } \frac{2}{3}} \quad \frac{3p^2 + p - 2}{p - 7} = 0$$

$$y = \frac{-C-Ax}{B} \quad Ax + By + C = 0$$

$$t = \underline{\frac{2}{\pi-1}} \quad \ln(t+2) - \ln(t) = \ln(\pi)$$

$$R = \underline{\frac{ab}{b+a}} \quad \frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$$

5. Determine if each statement is **Correct** or **Incorrect**. Circle the correct answer.

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \sqrt{x^2 + 121} = x + 11$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \sqrt{4} = \pm 2$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \frac{\frac{x+3}{3}}{3} = \frac{x+3}{9}$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \frac{\frac{w+1}{2}}{w+1} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{for } w \neq -1$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \ln(e^x e^y) = x + y$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad e^{\ln(x)+5} = xe^5$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \ln(M) - \ln(B) = \frac{\ln(M)}{\ln(B)}$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \ln(\sqrt{a}) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(a)$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad 2^{x+y} = 2^x + 2^y$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \log(ab^t) = t \log(ab)$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \ln(e^x + e^y) = x + y$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \sqrt[3]{r^3 - 64} = r - 4$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \frac{x^{-1} + 2}{x} = \frac{2}{x^2}$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \frac{x^2 + 3x + 1}{x^2} = 3x + 1$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad e^{-3^2} = e^9$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad 8(2t+1)^3 = (4t+2)^3$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad (e^x)^2 = e^{2x}$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \frac{1}{x-4} = \frac{-1}{4-x}$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad (x+1)^2 + 2(x+1) = (x+1)(x+3)$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \frac{1}{3t^4} = (3t)^{-4}$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \ln(1) = e$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{(z-8)^2}} = (z-8)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \frac{1}{a^{-1} + b^{-1}} = \frac{ab}{a+b}$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad 2^t = t \ln(2)$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \frac{\log(x)}{\log(t)} = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(t)}$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \frac{Ax^2 + B}{x} = Ax + B$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \log(x+y) = \log(x)\log(y)$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad e^{4 \ln(x)} = 4x$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad (1+y)^3 = 1+y^3$$

$$\text{C(I)} \quad \text{If } f(x) = 5^x, \text{ then } f(x+4) = 5^x + 4$$