

Chapter (6) Logarithmic and Exponential functions

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1. It is given that $\log_4 x = p$. Giving your answer in its simplest form, find, in terms of p ,

a. $\log_4(16x) = \log_4 16 + \log_4 x$
 $= \log_4 4^2 + p$
 $= 2 + p$ [2]

b. $\log_4\left(\frac{x^7}{256}\right) = \log_4 x^7 - \log_4 256$
 $= 7p - \log_4 4^4$
 $= 7p - 4$ [2]

Using your answers to parts (i) and (ii),

- c. solve $\log_4(16x) - \log_4\left(\frac{x^7}{256}\right) = 5$, giving your answer correct to 2 decimal places.

$$\begin{aligned} 2+p - (7p-4) &= 5 & [3] \\ 2+p - 7p + 4 &= 5 \\ -6p + 6 &= 5 \\ -6p &= -1 \\ p &= \frac{1}{6} = 0.17 \end{aligned}$$

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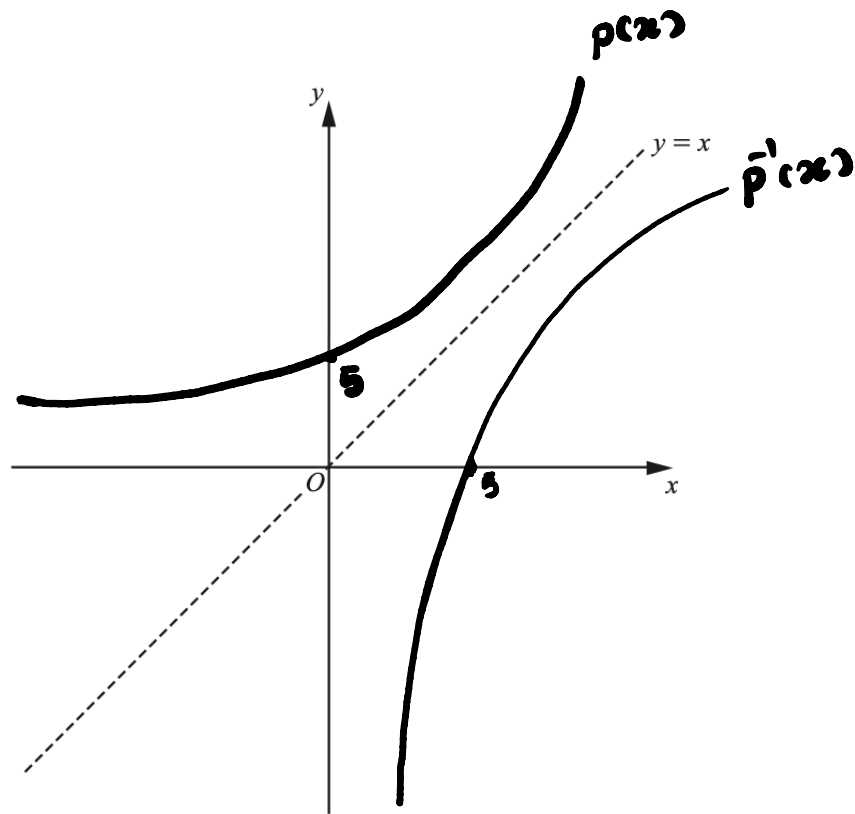
2. The function p is defined by $p(x) = 3e^x + 2$ for all real x .
- a. State the range of p .

$$y > 2$$

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- b. On the axes below, sketch and label the graphs of $y = p(x)$ and $y = p^{-1}(x)$. State the coordinates of any points of intersection with the coordinate axes.

$$y = 3e^x + 2$$
$$x=0, y = 3+2 = 5$$



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- c. Hence explain why the equation $p^{-1}(x) = p(x)$ has no solutions.

because there is no intersection point. [1]

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3. (a) Solve $\log_3 x + \log_9 x = 12$.

$$\log_3 x + \log_{3^2} x = 12$$

[3]

$$\log_3 x + \frac{1}{2} \log_3 x = 12$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \log_3 x = 12$$

$$\log_3 x = \frac{4}{2}$$

$$\log_3 x = 2$$

$$x = 3^2 = 9$$

- (b) Solve $\log_4(3y^2 - 10) = 2\log_4(y - 1) + \frac{1}{2}$.

$$\log_4(3y^2 - 10) - \log_4(y - 1)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\log_4 \frac{(3y^2 - 10)}{(y - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{3y^2 - 10}{(y - 1)^2} = 2$$

$$3y^2 - 10 = 2(y^2 - 2y + 1)$$

$$3y^2 - 10 = 2y^2 - 4y + 2$$

$$y^2 + 4y - 12 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \times +6 \\ -2 \end{array}$$

$$(y + 6)(y - 2) = 0$$

$$y = -6 \text{ or } y = 2$$

(reject)

4. It is given that $f(x) = 5e^x - 1$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- a. Write down the range of f .

$$y > -1$$

[1]

- b. Find f^{-1} and state its domain.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 5e^x - 1 \\ x &= 5e^y - 1 \\ x + 1 &= 5e^y \\ \frac{x+1}{5} &= e^y \end{aligned}$$

$$\ln \frac{x+1}{5} = y$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \ln \frac{x+1}{5}, x > -1$$

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5. $f(x) = e^{3x}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$g(x) = \underline{2x^2 + 1} \text{ for } x \geq 0$$

- a. Write down the range of g .

$$\begin{aligned} g(0) &= 1 \\ y &\geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

[1]

- b. Show that $f^{-1}g(\sqrt{62}) = \ln 5$.

$$\begin{aligned} g(\sqrt{62}) &= f(\ln 5) \\ f(\ln 5) &= e^{3 \ln 5} = 125 \\ g(\sqrt{62}) &= 2 \times 62 + 1 \\ &= 124 + 1 = 125 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore g(\sqrt{62}) &= f(\ln 5) \quad [3] \\ f^{-1}g(\sqrt{62}) &= \ln 5 \\ &\text{(shown)} \end{aligned}$$

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6. Solve $\lg(x^2 - 3) = 0$.

$$x^2 - 3 = 10^0$$

$$x^2 - 3 = 1$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = 2 \text{ or } -2$$

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7. $f(x) = 3e^{2x} + 1$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$g(x) = x + 1$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$

(a) Write down the range of f and of g .

$$f(x) > 1$$

$$g(x) \in \mathbb{R}$$

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(b) Evaluate $fg^2(0)$.

$$fg^2(0) = fg(1)$$

$$= f(2)$$

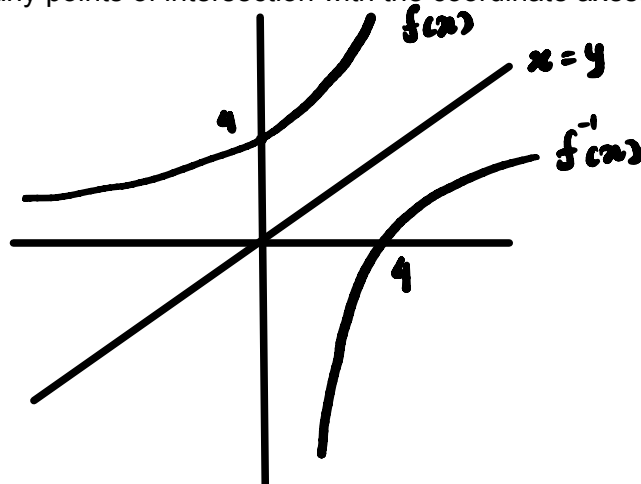
$$= 3e^4 + 1$$

$$= 165 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

[2]

(c) On the axes below, sketch and label the graphs of $y = f(x)$ and $y = f^{-1}(x)$. State the coordinates of any points of intersection with the coordinate axes.

$$y = 3e^{2x} + 1$$
$$x = 0, y = 3 + 1 = 4$$



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8. Solve $\log_7 x + 2\log_x 7 = 3$.

$$\log_7 x + 2 \frac{\log_7 7}{\log_7 x} = 3$$

Let $y = \log_7 x$

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

~~$y = 1$~~

$$y = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad y = 1$$
$$\log_7 x = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad \log_7 x = 1$$
$$x = 49 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 7$$

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9. (a) Given that $\log_a x = p$ and $\log_a y = q$, find in terms of p and q .

(i) $\log_a axy^2$

$$\log_a a + \log_a x + \log_a y^2$$
$$= 1 + p + 2q$$

[2]

(ii) $\log_a \left(\frac{x^3}{ay}\right)$

$$\log_a x^3 - (\log_a a + \log_a y)$$
$$3p - 1 - q$$

[2]

(iii) $\log_a x + \log_y a$

$$p + \frac{1}{\log_a y} = p + \frac{1}{q}$$

[1]

(b) Using the substitution $m = 3^x$, or otherwise, solve $3^x - 3^{1+2x} + 4 = 0$

[3]

$$3^x - 3 \times 3^{2x} + 4 = 0$$

$$m - 3m^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$(x-1) \quad 3m^2 - m - 4 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \quad - \quad 4 \quad 4 \\ 1 \quad + \quad 1 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

$$(3m-4)(m+1) = 0$$

$$m = \frac{4}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad m = -1$$

$$3^x = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$3^x = -1 \\ \text{(reject)}$$

$$\lg 3^x = \lg \frac{4}{3}$$

$$x = 0.262$$