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Problems 1-6: Solve each exponential or logarithmic equation algebraically (i.e. without a calculator). Write your answer in exact form, then compute it as a decimal rounded to .xxx.

1. $7^{5x} = 317$
 $\log_7(7^{5x}) = \log_7 317$
 $5x = \frac{\log 317}{\log 7} \therefore x = \frac{1}{5} \frac{\log 317}{\log 7}$
 $x \approx 0.592$

2. $-2e^{2x} + 60 = 12$
 $-2e^{2x} = -48$
 $e^{2x} = 24$
 $2x = \ln 24$
 $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln 24$
 $x \approx 1.589$

3. $\ln \sqrt{x-2} = 3$
 $e^{\ln \sqrt{x-2}} = e^3$
 $\sqrt{x-2} = e^3$
 $x-2 = e^6$
 $x = 2 + e^6 \approx 405.429$

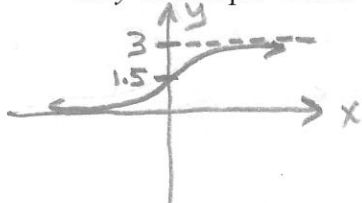
4. $6 - 3 \ln x = 12$
 $-3 \ln x = 6$
 $\ln x = -2$
 $e^{\ln x} = e^{-2}$
 $x = e^{-2} = \frac{1}{e^2} \approx 0.135$

5. $\log x + \log(x-7) = -\log 12$
 $\log x + \log(x-7) + \log 12 = 0$
 $\log [x(x-7)(12)] = 0$
 $10^{\log [x(x-7)(12)]} = 10^0$
 $12x(x-7) = 1$
 $12x^2 - 84x - 1 = 0$
 $x = \frac{84 \pm \sqrt{84^2 - 4(12)(-1)}}{24} = \frac{84 \pm 8\sqrt{111}}{24}$
 $x \approx 7.012$

6. $\ln x + \ln(x+5) = \ln 6$
 $\ln [x(x+5)] = \ln 6$
 $x^2 + 5x = 6$
 $x^2 + 5x - 6 = 0$
 $(x+6)(x-1) = 0$
 $x = -6, 1$
 $x = 1$

7. On your calculator, graph $f(x) = \frac{3}{1+e^{-5x}}$.

What are the horizontal asymptotes and what is the y-intercept? Make a sketch of the graph.



H.A.: $y = 3, y = 0$

$f(0) = \frac{3}{2}$

8. Solve $\frac{12}{1+3e^{-2x}} = 10$

$12 = 10(1+3e^{-2x})$
 $\frac{6}{5} = 1+3e^{-2x}$
 $\frac{1}{5} = 3e^{-2x}$
 $\frac{1}{15} = e^{-2x}$
 $15 = e^{2x}$
 $\ln 15 = 2x$
 $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln 15$
 $x \approx 1.354$

Problems 9-10: The number of hits a new web site received follows the model $H(t) = 4080e^{0.2988t}$, where H is the number of hits per month and t is the number of months since it started.

9. Find the number of hits it received in its third month.

$$H(3) = 4080e^{0.2988(3)}$$

$$\approx 9999.1$$

$$\approx \boxed{10000 \text{ hits}}$$

10. Find the number of months it will take to receive 5,000,000 hits.

$$5,000,000 = 4080e^{0.2988t}$$

$$1225.490 = e^{0.2988t}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{0.2988} \ln(1225.490)$$

$$\boxed{t \approx 23.8 \text{ months}} \quad (\text{about } 2 \text{ years})$$

Problems 11-12: The population of Flagstaff was 26,117 in 1970 and 52,894 in 2000. Suppose the population growth during that period was exponential according to the model $P(t) = a \cdot e^{kt}$.

11. Find a and k and write down the final population model. Round any decimals to .xxxx.

$$P(t) = ae^{kt} \quad \text{let } t=0 \text{ be } 1970$$

$$\boxed{a = 26117}$$

$$52894 = 26117e^{30k}$$

$$2.025 = e^{30k}$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{1}{30} \ln 2.025$$

$$\boxed{k \approx 0.0235}$$

12. In what year did the population exceed 45,000?

$$45000 = 26117e^{0.0235t}$$

$$1.723 = e^{0.0235t}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{0.0235} \ln 1.723$$

$$t \approx 23.15 \text{ years (past 1970)}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{1993}$$

13. The number of households in the U.S. that own widgets showed logistic growth from 1980 to 1999 according to $H(t) = \frac{91.86}{1 + 22.96e^{-0.4t}}$, where H is the number of households (in millions) and t is the number of years since 1980. In what year were there 86 million households that owned a widget?

$$86 = \frac{91.86}{1 + 22.96e^{-0.4t}}$$

$$86(1 + 22.96e^{-0.4t}) = 91.86$$

$$1.068 = 1 + 22.96e^{-0.4t}$$

$$0.068 = 22.96e^{-0.4t}$$

$$0.00297 = e^{-0.4t}$$

$$t = -\frac{1}{0.4} \ln 0.00297$$

$$t \approx 14.5 \text{ years past 1980}$$

$$\boxed{1994}$$