

## Algebra and Calculus: Worksheet 9

Let's solve a ton of exponential and logarithmic equations!

1.  $3^{\frac{x}{14}} = 0.01$ .
2.  $\log(x + 3) = \log(x) + \log(3)$
3.  $\log(x)^3 = 3\log(x)$
4.  $\log_2(x) + \log_2(x - 3) = 2$ .
5.  $\log(x) + \log(x - 1) = \log(4x)$ .
6.  $e^{-5x} = 10$ .
7.  $6^{x^2-1} = 6^{1-x^2}$
8.  $4^x + 2^{1+2x} = 50$ .
9.  $125^x + 5^{3x+1} = 200$ .
10.  $\frac{50}{1 + e^{-x}} = 4$
11. **Section 4.5: 102**

A learning curve is a graph of a function  $P(t)$  that measures the performance of someone learning a skill as a function of the training time  $t$ . At first, the rate of learning is rapid. Then, as performance increases and approaches a maximal value  $M$ , the rate of learning decreases. It has been found that the function

$$P(t) = M - Ce^{-kt}$$

where  $k$  and  $C$  are positive constants and  $C < M$  is a reasonable model for learning.

- (a) Express the learning time  $t$  as a function of the performance level  $P$ .
- (b) For a pole-vaulter in training, the learning curve is given by

$$P(t) = 20 - 14e^{-0.024t}$$

where  $P(t)$  is the height he is able to pole-vault after  $t$  months. After how many months of training is he able to vault 12 ft?

12. **Section 4.5: 91** - A small lake is stocked with a certain species of fish. The fish population is modeled by the function

$$P = \frac{10}{1 + 4e^{-0.8t}}$$

where  $P$  is the number of fish in thousands and  $t$  is measured in years since the lake was stocked.

- (a) Find the fish population after three years.
- (b) After how many years will the fish population reach 5000 fish?