

Math 29
PAL Worksheet 18

1. Find the exact value of x that solves each equation, then use your calculator to give an approximation of the solution, rounded to the nearest hundredth.

- a. $3 \log_x 2 = 4$
- b. $\ln(2x + 7) = 4$
- c. $\ln(x - 4) + \ln(2x + 1) = 2 \ln x$
- d. $\log_3(x + 5) - \log_3(2x + 1) = 4$
- e. $\ln(\log x) = 1.2$

2. Assume that the population of the United States can be modeled using the exponential model $P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$. Suppose the population of the US was 4 million in 1790 and 180 million in 1960. Using this model, what would you estimate the population to be in 2020?

3. In a typing class, the average number N of words per minute typed after t weeks of lessons can be modeled by

$$N(t) = \frac{95}{1 + 8.5e^{-0.12t}}.$$

- a. What is the average number of words typed per minute after 10 weeks of lessons? After 15 weeks?
- b. Estimate the number of weeks of lessons required to achieve an average of 70 words per minute typed.
- c. Does the number of words per minute have a limit as t increases without bound? Explain.