

Math NIA: Alg & Precal Review

1. a. • Seeing is always easier than doing it yourself.  
 • Practicing something new will inevitably lead to you making mistakes.

b. Visit OH, SLC, classmates, and Piazza

2. a.  $-4^2 - 1^4$   
 $= -16 - 1$   
 $= -17$

b.  $\sqrt{13^2 - 5^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{169 - 25}$   
 $= \sqrt{144}$   
 $= 12$

c.  $(\sqrt{13} - \sqrt{5})^2$   
 $= (\sqrt{13})^2 - 2\sqrt{13} \cdot \sqrt{5} + (\sqrt{5})^2$   
 $= 13 - 2\sqrt{13} \cdot \sqrt{5} + 5$   
 $= 18 - 2\sqrt{65}$

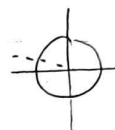
4. c.  $\log_8 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{32}} \right)$   
 $= \log_8 32^{-\frac{1}{3}}$   
 $= -\frac{1}{3} \log_8 32$   
 $= -\frac{1}{3} \log_8 2^5$   
 $= -\frac{5}{3} \log_8 2$   
 $\Rightarrow 8^x = 2$   
 $x = \frac{1}{3}$  (cube root)  
 $\Leftarrow -\frac{5}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$   
 $= -\frac{5}{9}$

6. a.  $\cos 225^\circ$   
 $= -\cos 45^\circ$   
 $= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$



b.  $\tan(-3\pi/2)$   
 $= \tan \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $= \text{DNE}$

c.  $\sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$   
 $= \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$   
 $= \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}$



d.  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$   
 $= \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$   
 $= \frac{3\pi}{4}$



3. a.  $16^{-3/2}$   
 $= (16^{1/2})^{-3}$   
 $= 4^{-3}$   
 $= \frac{1}{4^3}$   
 $= \frac{1}{64}$

b.  $\sqrt[5]{27^{3/2} \sqrt{3}}$   
 $= (27^{3/2} \sqrt{3})^{1/5}$   
 $= 27^{\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{5}} \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{5}}$   
 $= 27^{\frac{3}{10}} \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{10}}$   
 $= \sqrt[10]{27^3 \cdot 3}$   
 $= \sqrt[10]{3^9 \cdot 3}$   
 $= 3$

4. a.  $\log_3 9$   
 $\Rightarrow 3^x = 9$   
 $x = 2$   
 $\Leftarrow 2$

b.  $\log_3 \pi^0$   
 $\text{DNE: } (\log_a b, b > 0)$

c. cont'd.

5. a.  $\log_6 24 + \log_6 3 - \log_6 2$   
 $= \log_6 72 - \log_6 2$   
 $= \log_6 36$   
 $\Rightarrow 6^x = 36$   
 $x = 2$   
 $\Leftarrow 2$

b.  $2 \ln 4 - 4 \ln 2$   
 ~~$\ln 16 - \ln 16$~~   
 $= \ln 16 - \ln 16$   
 $= 0$

c.  $\log_4 49 + \log_2 \frac{8}{7}$   
 $= \log_4 49 + \frac{\log_4 \frac{8}{7}}{\log_4 2}$   
 $= \log_4 49 + \frac{\log_4 \frac{8}{7}}{1/2}$   
 $= \log_4 49 + 2 \log_4 \frac{8}{7}$   
 $= \log_4 49 + \log_4 \frac{64}{49}$   
 $= \log_4 49 + \log_4 64 - \log_4 49$   
 $= \log_4 64$   
 $\Rightarrow 4^x = 64$   
 $x = 3$   
 $\Leftarrow 3$

7. a.  $10.85$   
 b.  $8.1 + e$   
 (Gives 10.8183...)

8. a.  $p^5 + 3p^4 + 2p^3$   
 $= p^3(p^2 + 3p + 2)$   
 $= p^3(p+1)(p+2)$

b.  $p^8 - 16q^4 r^{12}$   
 $= (p^4)^2 - ((2qr^3)^2)^2$   
 $= (p^4 + (2qr^3)^2)(p^4 - (2qr^3)^2)$   
 $= (p^4 + 4q^2 r^6)(p^2 + 2qr^3)(p^2 - 2qr^3)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 9. \quad & \frac{(x+3)^2(3)(7-4x)^2(-4) - (7-4x)^3(2)(x+3)}{((x+3)^2)^2} \\
 & = \frac{-12(x+3)^2(7-4x)^2 - 2(7-4x)^3(x+3)}{(x+3)^4} \\
 & = \frac{-2(x+3)(7-4x)^2(6(x+3) + (7-4x))}{(x+3)^4} \\
 & = \frac{-2(7-4x)^2(6x+18+7-4x)}{(x+3)^3} \\
 & = \frac{-2(7-4x)^2(2x+25)}{(x+3)^3} \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 13. \quad a. \quad & t^2 - t - 6 = 0 \\
 & = (t-3)(t+2) \\
 & \boxed{= 3, -2} \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b. \quad & t^2 - t + 6 = 0 \\
 & = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-24}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow 1-24 < 0$ ; No real answers

$$\boxed{= \text{ONE}} \quad \square$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 10. \quad & \frac{g(1+h) - g(1)}{h} \\
 & = \frac{\frac{5}{1+h} - 5}{h} \\
 \Rightarrow & \frac{5}{1+h} - \frac{5(1+h)}{1+h} \\
 & = \frac{5-5-5h}{1+h} \\
 \Leftarrow & \frac{-5h}{1+h} \\
 & = \frac{-5h}{h(1+h)} \\
 & = \frac{-5}{h+1}; \quad x \neq 0, -1 \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

$$14. \quad a. \quad (z^4 - 2)^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \cancel{z^8 - 4z^4 + 4} \\
 & \cancel{z^8 - 4z^4 + 4 - 3} \\
 & = z^8 - 4z^4 + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{let } u &= z^4 \\
 \Rightarrow u^2 - 4u + 1 & \\
 & = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & = 2 \pm \sqrt{3} \\
 \Leftarrow z^4 &= 2 \pm \sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$z = \pm \sqrt[4]{2 \pm \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\boxed{= -\sqrt[4]{2-\sqrt{3}}, -\sqrt[4]{2+\sqrt{3}}, \sqrt[4]{2-\sqrt{3}}, \sqrt[4]{2+\sqrt{3}}} \quad \square$$

No extraneous  $\checkmark$

$$11. \quad f(2) = 2^3 - 2(2)$$

$$= 8 - 4$$

$$= 4$$

$$f(2^{-1}) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} - 1$$

$$= -\frac{7}{8}$$

$$f(2) - f(2^{-1})$$

$$= 4 + \frac{7}{8}$$

$$\boxed{= \frac{39}{8}} \quad \square$$

$$b. \quad (z^4 - 2)^2 - 10 = 0$$

$$= z^8 - 4z^4 + 4 - 10$$

$$= z^8 - 4z^4 - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{let } u = z^4$$

$$= u^2 - 4u - 6$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{40}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{10}}{2}$$

$$= 2 \pm \sqrt{10}$$

$$\Leftarrow z^4 = 2 \pm \sqrt{10}$$

$$z = \pm \sqrt[4]{2 \pm \sqrt{10}}$$

$$= -\sqrt[4]{2-\sqrt{10}}, -\sqrt[4]{2+\sqrt{10}}, \sqrt[4]{2-\sqrt{10}}, \sqrt[4]{2+\sqrt{10}}$$

Ext.

Ext.

$$\boxed{= -\sqrt[4]{2+\sqrt{10}}, \sqrt[4]{2+\sqrt{10}}} \quad \square$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 12. \quad & \frac{f(b) - f(3a)}{b-3a} \\
 & = \frac{(b^3 - 2b) - ((3a)^3 - 2(3a))}{b-3a} \\
 & = \frac{b^3 - 2b - 27a^3 + 6a}{b-3a} \\
 & = \frac{b^3 - 27a^3 - 2b + 6a}{b-3a} \\
 & = \frac{(b-3a)(b^2 + 3ab + 9a^2) - 2(b-3a)}{b-3a} \\
 & \boxed{= b^2 + 3ab + 9a^2 - 2; \quad b \neq 3a} \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

$$15. |3x-4| - 5x = 12$$

$$|3x-4| = 5x+12$$

$$3x-4 = 5x+12$$

$$3x = 5x+16$$

$$-2x = 16$$

$$x = -8$$

Extraneous

$$-3x+4 = 5x+12$$

$$-3x = 5x+8$$

$$-8x = 8$$

$$\boxed{x = -1}$$

$$16. a. 27^{1-2t} = 9$$

$$= (3^3)^{1-2t} = 3^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(1-2t) = 2$$

$$= 3-6t = 2$$

$$= -6t = -1$$

$$t = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\boxed{t = \frac{1}{6}}$$

$$b. \log_3(y^3 - 2y^2 - 9y + 27) - 2 = 0$$

$$= \log_3(y^3 - 2y^2 - 9y + 27) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^2 = y^3 - 2y^2 - 9y + 27$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9 = y^3 - 2y^2 - 9y + 27$$

$$0 = y^3 - 2y^2 - 9y + 18$$

$$= y^2(y-2) - 9(y-2)$$

$$= (y^2-9)(y-2)$$

$$= (y-3)(y+3)(y-2)$$

$$\boxed{y = -3, 2, 3}$$

No extraneous

$$17. x^6 + 7x^3 - 8 = 0$$

$$\text{let } u = x^3$$

$$\Rightarrow u^2 + 7u - 8 = 0$$

$$= (u+8)(u-1) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^3+8)(x^3-1) = 0$$

$$= (x+2)(x^2-2x+4)(x-1)(x^2+x+1)$$

Ext.

Ext.

$$\boxed{x = -2, 1}$$

$$18. 2\sin^2 x - \sin x = 1$$

$$= 2\sin^2 x - \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{let } u = \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2u^2 - u - 1 = 0$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{9}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm 3}{4}$$

$$= 1, -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin x = 1 \quad \sin x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$a. \sin x = 1; 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi \quad \sin x = -\frac{1}{2}; 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}}$$

$$b. \sin x = 1$$

$$\sin x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k$$

$$x = \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2\pi k, \frac{11\pi}{6} + 2\pi k$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k, \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2\pi k, \frac{11\pi}{6} + 2\pi k}$$

(let k be any integer)

$$19. \frac{x+3}{x^3-9x}$$

Worked w/ Santiago

$$x^3 - 9x \neq 0$$

$$= x(x^2 - 9)$$

$$= x(x-3)(x+3)$$

$$x \neq 0, 3, -3$$

$$\boxed{(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 0) \cup (0, 3) \cup (3, \infty)}$$

$$20. \frac{x+3}{x^2-9x}$$

$$x^2 - 9x \neq 0$$

$$x \neq 0, 3, -3 \text{ (from \#19)}$$

$$\frac{(x+3)}{x(x-3)(x+3)} \geq 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{x(x-3)} \geq 0$$

Cutpoints: -3, 0, 3

Interval Result.

$(-\infty, -3)$  +

$(-3, 0)$  +

$(0, 3)$  -

$(3, \infty)$  +

Invalid interval

$$\boxed{(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 0) \cup (3, \infty)}$$