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Solve the equation.

1) $\log_3 x - \log_3(x - 24) = 4$

$$\log_3 \left(\frac{x}{x-24} \right) = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 3^4 = \frac{x}{x-24} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{81}{1} = \frac{x}{x-24}$$

$$81x - 1944 = x$$

$$80x = 1944 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{x = 24.3}$$

Solve the problem.

- 2) A fossilized leaf contains 45% of its normal amount of carbon 14. How old is the fossil (to the nearest year)? Use 5600 years as the half-life of carbon 14.

(Hint: First use the 5600 years to solve for K)

$$A = A_0 e^{Kt}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \text{5600k}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 1 e$$

$$\ln \frac{1}{2} = 5600k$$

$$\frac{\ln \frac{1}{2}}{5600} = k$$

$$-1.238 \times 10^{-4} = k$$

$$A = A_0 e^{Kt}$$

$$0.45 = 1 e^{-1.238 \times 10^{-4} t}$$

$$\ln 0.45 = -1.238 \times 10^{-4} t$$

$$\frac{\ln 0.45}{-1.238 \times 10^{-4}} = t$$

$$6449.98 = t$$

$$\boxed{6450 \approx t \text{ years}}$$

Solve the exponential equation. Express the solution set in terms of natural logarithms.

3) $e^{2x+6} = 4$

$$\ln 4 = 2x + 6$$

$$(\ln 4) - 6 = 2x \implies x = \frac{(\ln 4) - 6}{2} \approx -2.31$$

Solve the problem.

- 4) The size P of a small herbivore population at time t (in years) obeys the function $P(t) = 600e^{0.16t}$ if they have enough food and the predator population stays constant. After how many years will the population reach 3600?

$$3600 = 600 e^{0.16t}$$

$$6 = e^{0.16t}$$

$$\ln 6 = 0.16t \implies t = \frac{\ln 6}{0.16} = 11.198$$

≈ 11 years

Solve the equation.

5) $2 + \log_3(4x+5) - \log_3 x = 4$

$$\log_3(4x+5) - \log_3 x = 2$$

$$\log_3\left(\frac{4x+5}{x}\right) = 2$$

$$\frac{4x+5}{x} = 3^2$$

$$\frac{4x+5}{x} = \frac{9}{1}$$

$$4x+5 = 9x$$

$$5 = 5x$$

$$1 = x$$

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Solve the equation.

1) $\log_3 x + \log_3(x-24) = 4$

$$\log_3 x(x-24) = 4$$

$$x^2 - 24x = 81$$

$$x^2 - 24x - 81 = 0$$

$$(x-27)(x+3) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x=27} \quad \cancel{x=-3}$$

Solve the problem.

- 2) A fossilized leaf contains 28% of its normal amount of carbon 14. How old is the fossil (to the nearest year)? Use 5600 years as the half-life of carbon 14.
(Hint: First use the 5600 years to solve for K)

$$A = A_0 e^{Kt}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 1 e^{5600K}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 5600K$$

$$K = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{5600}$$

$$\boxed{K = -1.238 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$A = A_0 e^{Kt}$$

$$0.28 = 1 e^{-1.238 \times 10^{-4} t}$$

$$\ln 0.28 = -1.238 \times 10^{-4} t$$

$$\boxed{10282 = t}$$

Years

Solve the exponential equation. Express the solution set in terms of natural logarithms.

3) $e^{x+6} = 4$

$$\ln 4 = x + 6 \implies x = \ln 4 - 6 \approx -4.61$$

Solve the equation.

4) $2 + \log_3(2x + 5) - \log_3 x = 4$

$$\log_3 \left(\frac{2x+5}{x} \right) = 2$$

$$\frac{2x+5}{x} = \frac{9}{1}$$

$$9x = 2x + 5$$

$$7x = 5 \implies x = \frac{5}{7}$$

Solve the problem.

- 5) The size P of a small herbivore population at time t (in years) obeys the function $P(t) = 600e^{0.16t}$ if they have enough food and the predator population stays constant. After how many years will the population reach 3000?

$$\frac{3000}{600} = \frac{600e^{0.16t}}{600}$$

$$5 = e^{0.16t}$$

$$\ln 5 = 0.16t$$

$$t = \frac{\ln 5}{0.16} = 10.059 \approx 10 \text{ years}$$