

Your answers must be fully justified to receive credit.

1. Simplify each of the following as much as possible:

(a) $\log_3 \frac{3}{2} + \log_3 24 - \log_3 4$

$$\log_3 \frac{3}{2} + \log_3 24 - \log_3 4 = \log_3 \left(\frac{3}{2} \cdot 24 \div 4 \right) = \log_3 9 = \log_3 3^2 = 2$$

(b) $\ln e^5 + e^{\ln 6} + e^{3 \ln 2}$

$$\ln e^5 + e^{\ln 6} + e^{3 \ln 2} = 5 + 6 + e^{\ln 2^3} = 11 + 2^3 = 19$$

2. Find $f'(x)$.

(a) $f(x) = \ln \frac{(\sqrt{x^2 + 3})(x + 1)}{x^3 - 4x + 2}$ (Hint: Rewrite it first.)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \ln \frac{(\sqrt{x^2 + 3})(x + 1)}{x^3 - 4x + 2} \\ &= \ln \sqrt{x^2 + 3} + \ln(x + 1) - \ln(x^3 - 4x + 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 3) + \ln(x + 1) - \ln(x^3 - 4x + 2) \\ f'(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x^2 + 3} \cdot 2x + \frac{1}{x + 1} - \frac{1}{x^3 - 4x + 2} \cdot (3x^2 - 4) \\ &= \frac{x}{x^2 + 3} + \frac{1}{x + 1} - \frac{3x^2 - 4}{x^3 - 4x + 2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $f(x) = x^{2x+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^{2x+1} \\ &= e^{\ln(x^{2x+1})} \\ &= e^{(2x+1) \ln x} \\ f'(x) &= e^{(2x+1) \ln x} \left(2 \ln x + (2x + 1) \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right) \\ &= x^{2x+1} \left(2 \ln x + 2 + \frac{1}{x} \right) \end{aligned}$$

3. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^{2x} + 4)^{3/x}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^{2x} + 4)^{3/x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln(e^{2x} + 4)^{3/x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{3}{x} \ln(e^{2x} + 4)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{3 \ln(e^{2x} + 4)}{x}} \\ &= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 \ln(e^{2x} + 4)}{x}} \\ &\stackrel{\checkmark}{=} e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3}{e^{2x} + 4} \cdot 2e^{2x}}{1}} \\ &= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6e^{2x}}{e^{2x} + 4}} \\ &\stackrel{\checkmark}{=} e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{12e^{2x}}{2e^{2x}}} \\ &= e^6\end{aligned}$$