

8. [13 points] Solve the following equations algebraically. Your solutions should be in **exact form**. Show all your work to receive full credit.

a. [4 points]  $\log(2x) - \log(2x + 1) = 3$ .

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned}\log(2x) - \log(2x + 1) &= 3 \\ \log\left(\frac{2x}{2x + 1}\right) &= 3 \\ \frac{2x}{2x + 1} &= 10^3 \\ 2x &= 1000(2x + 1) \\ 2x &= 2000x + 1000 \\ -1998x &= 1000 \\ x &= -\frac{1000}{1998} \quad \text{No solution.}\end{aligned}$$

b. [4 points]  $\ln(6e^{2x} - 8) = 2x$

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(6e^{2x} - 8) &= 2x \\ 6e^{2x} - 8 &= e^{2x} \\ 5e^{2x} &= 8 \\ e^{2x} &= \frac{8}{5} \\ 2x &= \ln\left(\frac{8}{5}\right) \quad x = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{8}{5}\right)\end{aligned}$$

c. [5 points]  $1.3(10^x) = (3.4)^{3x}$

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned}1.3(10^x) &= (3.4)^{3x} \\ \log(1.3(10^x)) &= \log((3.4)^{3x}) \\ \log(1.3) + \log(10^x) &= 3x \log(3.4) \\ \log(1.3) + x &= 3x \log(3.4) \\ \log(1.3) &= 3x \log(3.4) - x \\ \log(1.3) &= x(3 \log(3.4) - 1) \\ x &= \frac{\log(1.3)}{3 \log(3.4) - 1}.\end{aligned}$$