

MA121B: Spring 2019

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## February 12: Daily Vitamin

This daily vitamin will give you an opportunity to practice some of the concepts and/or calculations presented during class. The daily vitamin is not compulsory and won't be graded but remember: if you take your vitamins, you'll be stronger for it!

- 1. For each function f(x) below, do the following:
  - explain carefully why f(x) admits an inverse (desmos.com may be useful!);
  - determine a formulae for  $f^{-1}(x)$ ;
  - draw the graph of  $f^{-1}(x)$ .
  - (a)  $f(x) = 3x^5 + 10$ , x any real number.
  - (b)  $f(x) = -5(x+1)^2$ , where  $x \ge -1$ .
  - (c)  $f(x) = -5(x+1)^2$ , where  $x \le -1$ .

Solution:

2. Using the two of the expressions below, complete the sentence:

'the unique',  $a = y^x$ , 'one of many',  $x = a^y$ ,  $y = a^x$ Let a > 0, a = 1, and let x > 0 be a real number. Then,  $y = \log_a(x)$  is \_\_\_\_\_\_ real number(s) satisfying \_\_\_\_\_\_.