

10.01 Practice:

Simplify. Your answers should only contain positive exponents.

1.  $(x^{-2}x^{-3})^4$

$$(x^{-5})^4 = x^{-20}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^{20}}$$

2.  $\frac{8xy^3 \cdot 2y^3}{3x^2y^{-4}} \rightarrow \frac{2x^1y^6}{x^2y^{-4}}$

$$\frac{2x^1y^6 \cdot y^4}{x^2} \rightarrow \frac{2y^{10}}{x}$$

3.  $\frac{2a^{-4}}{(2a^{-4})^3}$

$$\frac{2a^{-4}}{2^3 a^{-12}} \rightarrow \frac{2a^{-4} \cdot a^{12}}{8} \rightarrow \frac{a^8}{4}$$

Solve. *If  $a^m = a^n$ , then  $m = n$ .*

4.  $27^x = 3^{2x+3}$

~~$3^{3x} = 3^{2x+3}$~~ 

$$3x = 2x + 3$$

$$x = 3$$

5.  $8^{2x+2} = 4^{x+15}$

~~$2^{3(2x+2)} = 2^{2(x+15)}$~~ 

$$6x + 6 = 2x + 30$$

$$4x = 24$$

$$x = 6$$

6.  $3^{x^2} + 5 = 6$

$$3^{x^2} = 1$$

$$3^{x^2} = 3^0$$

$$x^2 = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

7.  $16^a \cdot 64^{3-3a} = 64$

$$4^{2a} \cdot 4^{3(3-3a)} = 4^3$$
 ~~$4^{2a+3(3-3a)} = 4^3$~~ 

$$2a + 9 - 9a = 3$$

$$-7a + 9 = 3$$

$$-7a = -6$$

$$a = \frac{6}{7}$$

8.  $243^{x+2} \cdot 9^{2x-1} = 9$

$$3^{5(x+2)} \cdot 3^{2(2x-1)} = 3^2$$
 ~~$3^{5(x+2)+2(2x-1)} = 3^2$~~ 

$$5x + 10 + 4x - 2 = 2$$

$$9x + 8 = 2$$

$$9x = -6$$

$$x = \frac{-6}{9} = \frac{-2}{3}$$

9.  $\frac{125^{-3a}}{25^{3a}} = 125$

$$\frac{5^{-3(3a)}}{5^{2(3a)}} = 5^3$$
 ~~$5^{-9a-6a} = 5^3$~~ 

$$-15a = 3$$

$$a = \frac{-3}{15} = \frac{-1}{5}$$

10.  $2^x \cdot \frac{1}{32} = 32$

$$2^x \cdot 2^{-5} = 2^5$$
 ~~$2^{x-5} = 2^5$~~ 

$$x - 5 = 5$$

$$x = 10$$

11.  $\frac{4^{3x-1}}{64} = 4^x$

$$\frac{4^{3x-1}}{4^3} = 4^x$$

*\* subtract exponents*

$$4^{3x-1-3} = 4^x$$
 ~~$4^{3x-4} = 4^x$~~ 

$$3x - 4 = x$$

$$2x = 4$$

$$x = 2$$

12.  $\frac{343^{-2x}}{49^{x-3}} = 5^0$

$$\frac{7^{3(-2x)}}{7^{2(x-3)}} = 7^0$$
 ~~$7^{-6x-2(x-3)} = 7^0$~~ 

$$-6x - 2x + 6 = 0$$

$$-8x + 6 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-6}{-8} \text{ or } x = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$y = b^x \rightarrow x = b^y$$

$$y = \log_b x$$

### 10.02 Intro to Log Function



Inverse function:  
1) swap x and y  
2) solve for y

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A logarithmic function is the *inverse* of an exponential function.

**Definition:** Let  $b$  and  $y$  be positive numbers with  $b \neq 1$ . Then, the *logarithm of  $y$  with base  $b$*  is denoted by  $\log_b y$  and is defined as follows:

$$\log_b y = x \text{ if and only if } b^x = y$$

**Examples:** Convert from exponential form into logarithmic form.

1.  $2^3 = 8$

$$\log_2 8 = 3$$

2.  $5^{-3} = \frac{1}{125}$

$$\log_5 \frac{1}{125} = -3$$

3.  $81^{1/4} = 3$

$$\log_{81} 3 = \frac{1}{4}$$

**Examples:** Convert from logarithmic form into exponential form.

4.  $\log_5 25 = 2$

$$5^2 = 25$$

5.  $\log_7 \frac{1}{343} = -3$

$$7^{-3} = \frac{1}{343}$$

6.  $\log_{32} 2 = \frac{1}{5}$

$$32^{1/5} = 2$$

$$e \approx 2.72$$

❖ **Common log** is log base 10

❖ Denoted as  $\log N$ , it is understood to mean  $\log_{10} N$

❖ The LOG button on the calculator evaluates  $\log_{10} N$

❖ **Natural log** is log base  $e$

❖ Denoted as  $\ln N$ , it is understood to mean  $\log_e N$

❖ The LN button on the calculator evaluates  $\log_e N$

**Examples:** Rewrite in exponential form.

7.  $\log_{10} 100 = 2$

$$\log_{10} 100 = 2$$

$$10^2 = 100$$

8.  $\ln 7 = x$

$$\log_e 7 = x$$

$$e^x = 7$$

**Examples:** Rewrite in logarithmic form.

9.  $10^{-2} = \frac{1}{100}$

$$\log_{10} \frac{1}{100} = -2$$

$$\log \frac{1}{100} = -2$$

10.  $e^2 = 7.389$

$$\log_e 7.389 = 2$$

$$\ln 7.389 = 2$$

**Examples:** Evaluate the following logarithms.

11.  $\log_{10} 1 = x$

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$$10^x = 1$$

$$x = 0$$

12.  $\log_{64} 8 = x$

$$64^x = 8$$

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

13.  $\log_5 \frac{1}{625} = x$

$$5^x = \frac{1}{625}$$

$$x = -4$$