

10.03 Properties of Logarithms

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Opener: Simplify the exponential expression.

1. $x^3 * x^7 * x^1$

$$\boxed{x^{11}}$$

2. $\frac{m^5 n^2}{m^2 n^9}$

$$= \frac{m^3}{n^7}$$

3. $(g^4)^{11}$

$$\boxed{g^{44}}$$

Special properties of exponents and logarithms, where b is positive and not 1:

$\log_b 1 = 0$	Why? $b^0 = 1$
$\log_b b = 1$	Why? $b^1 = b$
$\log_b b^x = x$	Why? $b^x = b^x$
$b^{\log_b x} = x$	Why? $\log_b x = \log_b x$ ✓

Properties of Logarithms:

Argument is a Product			
$\log_b u$	$\log_b v$	$\log_b uv$	General Rule:
$\log_2 4 =$	$\log_2 8 =$	$\log_2 32 =$	$\log_b u + \log_b v = \log_b uv$
Argument is a Quotient			
$\log_b u$	$\log_b v$	$\log_b \frac{u}{v}$	General Rule:
$\log_5 3125 =$	$\log_5 25 =$	$\log_5 125 =$	$\log_b u - \log_b v = \log_b \left(\frac{u}{v}\right)$
Argument is a Power			
$\log_b u^n$	$n \log_b u$	General Rule:	
$\log_2 4^5 =$	$5 \log_2 4 =$	$\log_b u^n = n \cdot \log_b u$	

Examples: Use properties of logarithms to expand each expression. The expanded logarithm expressions should have arguments with no exponent, product, or quotient.

$$1. \log_5 2x = \log_5 2 + \log_5 x$$

$$2. \log_2 8a^2b^5 = \log_2 8 + \log_2 a^2 + \log_2 b^5 \rightarrow \log_2 8 + 2\log_2 a + 5\log_2 b$$

$$3. \log_7 \frac{g}{h} = \log_7 g - \log_7 h$$

$$4. \log_4 \frac{16w^3}{x^6} \rightarrow \log_4 16 + \log_4 w^3 - \log_4 x^6 \rightarrow \log_4 16 + 3\log_4 w - 6\log_4 x$$

$$5. \log \sqrt{r} \rightarrow \log_{10} r^{1/2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \log_{10} r$$

$$6. \ln \frac{a+1}{\sqrt[3]{b-2c}} = \log_e \frac{(a+1)}{(b-2c)^{1/3}} \rightarrow \log_e (a+1) - \log_e (b-2c)^{1/3}$$

$$\log_e (a+1) - \frac{1}{3} \log_e (b-2c)$$

Examples: Use properties of logarithms to condense each expression. The condensed logarithm expression should be written as a single logarithm with no coefficient.

$$7. 3 \log 4 - 2 \log k = \log_{10} \frac{4^3}{k^2}$$

$$8. -5 \log_2 (x+1) + 3 \log_2 (6x) = \log_2 \frac{(6x)^3}{(x+1)^5}$$

$$9. \frac{1}{3} \log_4 10 + \frac{1}{3} \log_4 h - 6 \log_4 g = \log_4 \frac{10^{1/3} h^{1/3}}{g^6}$$

$$10. \ln(3m+5) - 4 \ln m - \ln(m-1) = \log_e \frac{(3m+5)}{m^4(m-1)}$$

$$\log_e \frac{(3m+5)}{m^4(m-1)} \rightarrow \ln \left(\frac{3m+5}{m^5 - m^4} \right)$$

$$11. \log 20 + 2 \log \frac{1}{2} - \log x + 3 \log y$$

$$\log_{10} 20 + \log_{10} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 - \log_{10} x + \log_{10} y^3 \rightarrow \log_{10} \left(\frac{20 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot y^3}{x} \right) \rightarrow \log_{10} \left(\frac{5y^3}{x} \right)$$

10.03 Practice

Use properties of logarithms to expand each expression. The expanded logarithm expressions should have arguments with no exponent, product, or quotient.

1. $\ln \frac{4}{5}$

2. $\log_6 3x$

3. $\log \frac{7b}{\sqrt{c}}$

4. $\log_2 \frac{m^4}{8n}$

$$\log_2 m^4 - \log_2 8 - \log_2 n \rightarrow \boxed{4\log_2 m - \log_2 8 - \log_2 n}$$

5. $\ln \sqrt[3]{10g^2}$

$$\rightarrow \log_e (10g^2)^{1/3} \rightarrow \log_e 10^{1/3} g^{2/3} \rightarrow \log_e 10^{1/3} + \log_e g^{2/3}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{3}\log_e 10 + \frac{2}{3}\log_e g}$$

6. $\log_3 \frac{u-1}{v^5 w^3}$

$$\log_3 (u-1) - \log_3 v^5 - \log_3 w^3$$

$$\boxed{\log_3 (u-1) - 5\log_3 v - 3\log_3 w}$$

7. $\log \frac{a^2 b}{\sqrt[5]{3a-1}}$

$$\log_{10} \frac{a^2 b}{(3a-1)^{1/5}} \rightarrow \log_{10} a^2 + \log_{10} b - \log_{10} (3a-1)^{1/5}$$

$$\boxed{2\log_{10} a + \log_{10} b - \frac{1}{5}\log_{10} (3a-1)}$$

Use properties of logarithms to condense each expression. The condensed logarithm expression should be written as a single logarithm with no coefficient.

8. $\log_5 8 - \log_5 12$

9. $3 \ln x + 5 \ln y$

10. $10 \log k - 2 \log 3$

11. $\frac{1}{2} \log_5 36 + \log_5 r - 3 \log_5 p$

$$\log_5 36^{1/2} + \log_5 r - \log_5 p^3$$

$$\log_5 \left(\frac{36^{1/2} r}{p^3} \right) \rightarrow \boxed{\log_5 \left(\frac{6r}{p^3} \right)}$$

12. $2 \log_8 9 - 3 \log_8 c - 4 \log_8 d$

$$\log_8 9^2 - \log_8 c^3 - \log_8 d^4 \rightarrow \boxed{\log_8 \left(\frac{81}{c^3 d^4} \right)}$$

13. $3 \log n - \frac{1}{2} \log(6-n) + \log 7$

$$\log_{10} n^3 - \log_{10} (6-n)^{1/2} + \log_{10} 7$$

$$\boxed{\log_{10} \left(\frac{7n^3}{(6-n)^{1/2}} \right)}$$

14. $\frac{2}{5} \ln 32 - (3 \ln j - \frac{1}{2} \ln 9)$

$$\log_e 32^{2/5} - \ln j^3 + \ln 9^{1/2}$$

$$(32^{1/5})^2 \rightarrow (2)^2 = 4$$

$$\log_e \left(\frac{32^{2/5} \cdot 9^{1/2}}{j^3} \right) \rightarrow \log_e \left(\frac{4 \cdot 3}{j^3} \right) \rightarrow \boxed{\log_e \left(\frac{12}{j^3} \right)}$$

10.03 More Practice with Log Properties

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Choose "A" or "B" as the correct answer. Then, explain the mistake in the wrong answer.

		Answer A	Answer B
1.	Expand: $\log\left(\frac{j}{kp}\right)$ $\log j - \log k - \log p$	$\log j - \log k + \log p$	$\log j - \log k - \log p$ ✓
2.	Condense: $\frac{\log a}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4} \log a \rightarrow \log a^{1/4}$	$\log\left(\frac{a}{4}\right)$	$\log a^{1/4}$ ✓
3.	Expand: $\log cd^3$ $\log_{10} c + \log_{10} d^3$ $\log c + 3 \log d$	$\log c + 3 \log d$ ✓	$3 \log c + 3 \log d$
4.	Condense: $\frac{1}{2} \log m - 4 \log r + \log u$ $\log m^{1/2} - \log r^4 + \log u$ $\log\left(\frac{m^{1/2}u}{r^4}\right)$	$\log \frac{\sqrt{m}}{r^4 u}$	$\log \frac{u\sqrt{m}}{r^4}$ ✓
5.	Expand: $\ln \sqrt[5]{z^2}$ $\log_e z^{2/5} \rightarrow \frac{2}{5} \log_e z = \frac{2}{5} \ln z$ ✓	$\frac{2 \ln z}{5}$	$\frac{5 \ln z}{2}$
6.	Condense: $\log_2(x+3) + \log_2(x-2)$ $\log_2(x+3)(x-2)$ $\log_2(x^2+3x-2x-6)$	$\log_2(x+1)$	$\log_2(x^2+x-6)$ ✓
7.	Which is equivalent to: $5^x = 100$ $5^x = 100 \rightarrow \log_5 100 = x$	$x = \log_5 100$ ✓	$x = \frac{100}{5}$
8.	Which is equivalent to: $e^2 = x$ $\log_e x = 2$ $\ln x = 2$	$\log x = 2$	$\ln x = 2$ ✓
9.	Which is equivalent to: $\log_3 9^{2x}$ $2x$	9^x	$2x$ ✓

10.04 Solving Exponential Equations

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Recall the **One-to-One Property of Exponential Functions**:

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

For this property to work, notice that the *bases must be the same*.

Examples: Solve each equation.

1. $32^{x+3} = 4^{2x+10}$

~~$$2^{5(x+3)} = 2^{2(2x+10)}$$~~

$$5x+15 = 4x+20$$

$$1x = 5 \quad \boxed{x=5}$$

2. $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2x} = 81^{x-3}$

~~$$3^{-2x} = 3^{4(x-3)}$$~~

$$-2x = 4x - 12$$

$$-6x = -12$$

$$\frac{-6x}{-6} = \frac{-12}{-6}$$

$$\boxed{x=2}$$

There is a similar property of logarithms:

One-to-One Property of Logarithmic Functions:

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

Examples: Solve each equation.

3. $\log_4 x = \log_4 3 + \log_4 (x-2)$

~~$$\log_4 x = \log_4 3(x-2)$$~~

$$x = 3(x-2)$$

$$x = 3x - 6$$

$$-2x = -6$$

$$\boxed{x=3}$$

This property also works backwards: if $x = y$, then $\log_b x = \log_b y$.

This method is often called "taking the log of both sides" and is helpful to solve exponential equations.

Examples: Solve each equation.

4. $4^x = 1.5$

5. $3.2e^{2x} + 2.5 = 16.9$

6. $6^{2x+4} = 5^{-x+1}$

7. $2^{3x+11} = 9^{2x+1}$