

6.4- Properties of Logarithmic Functions

Product and Quotient Properties of Logarithms

For $m > 0$, $n > 0$, $b > 0$, and $b \neq 1$:

Product Property $\log_b(mn) = \log_b m + \log_b n$

Quotient Property $\log_b \frac{m}{n} = \log_b m - \log_b n$

Given that $\log_2 3 = 1.5850$, approximate each expression below by using the Product and Quotient Properties of Logarithms

a. $\log_2 18$

$$\log_2(2 \cdot 9)$$

$$\log_2(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3)$$

$$\log_2 2 + \log_2 3 + \log_2 3$$

$$2^x = 2$$

$$1 + 1.5850 + 1.5850$$

$$4.1700$$

b. $\log_2 \frac{3}{4}$

$$\log_2(2 \cdot 2)$$

$$\log_2 2 + \log_2 2$$

$$\log_2 3 - \log_2 4$$

$$2^x = 4$$

$$1.5850 - 2$$

$$-.4150$$

Write each expression as a single logarithm. Then simplify if possible.

a. $\log_4 18 - \log_4 6$

$$\log_4 \frac{18}{6}$$
$$\log_4 3$$

b. $\log_b 4x - \log_b 3y + \log_b y$

$$\log_b \frac{4x}{3y} + \log_b y$$

$$\log_b \frac{4x \cancel{y}}{3y \cancel{y}}$$
$$\log_b \frac{4x}{3}$$

Power Property of Logarithms

For $m > 0$, $b > 0$, $b \neq 1$, and any real number p :

$$\log_b m^p = p \log_b m$$


Evaluate $\log_3 27^{100}$

$$100 \log_3 27 \quad \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow 3^x = 27 \\ \quad x = 3 \end{array}$$

$$100(3) \quad \begin{array}{l} \log_3(3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) \\ \log_3 3 + \log_3 3 + \log_3 3 \\ 1 + 1 + 1 \\ 3 \end{array}$$

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Exponential-Logarithmic Inverse Properties

For $b > 0$ and $b \neq 1$:

$$\underline{\log_b b^x = x} \text{ and } \underline{b^{\log_b x} = x} \text{ for } x > 0$$

Evaluate each expression.

a. $7^{\log_7 11} - \log_3 81 \rightarrow \log_3 (3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3)$
 $11 - 4$
 $3^x = 81$
 $x = 4$

7

b. $\log_8 8^5 + 3^{\log_3 8}$

$5 + 8$

13

One-to-One Property of Logarithm

If $\log_b x = \log_b y$, then $x = y$

Homework

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58-62 even, 72, 74

$$14) \log_2 8^x y$$

$$2^x = 8 \rightarrow x = 3$$

$$\log_2 8 + \log_2 x + \log_2 y$$

$$\log_2 (2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2)$$

$$\log_2 2 + \log_2 2 + \log_2 2$$

$$1 + 1 + 1$$

$$3 + \log_2 x + \log_2 y$$

$$16) \log_4 \frac{x}{32}$$

$$\log_4 x - \log_4 32$$

$$\log_4 x - \log_4 (4 \cdot 4 \cdot 2)$$

$$\log_4 x - (\log_4 4 + \log_4 4 + \log_4 2)$$

$$\log_4 x - (1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\log_4 x - \frac{5}{2}$$

$$18) \log_2 35$$

$$\log_2 (7 \cdot 5)$$

$$\log_2 7 + \log_2 5$$

$$2.8074 + 2.3219$$

$$5.1293$$

$$22) \log_2 105$$

$$\log_2 (7 \cdot 5 \cdot 3)$$

$$\log_2 7 + \log_2 5 + \log_2 3$$

$$2.8074 + 2.3219 + 1.5850$$

$$\boxed{6.7143}$$

$$38) 7 \log_3 y - 4 \log_3 x$$

$$\log_3 y^7 - \log_3 x^4$$

$$\log_3 \frac{y^7}{x^4}$$

$$40) \frac{1}{2} \log_b 3c + \frac{1}{2} \log_b 4d - 2 \log_b 5e$$

$$\log_b (3c)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \log_b (4d)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log_b (5e)^2$$

$$\log_b \frac{(3c)^{\frac{1}{2}} (4d)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(5e)^2} = \log_b \frac{\sqrt{12cd}}{25e^2}$$

$$42) 2 + 4 \log_3 x$$

$$\log_3 9 + \log_3 x^4$$

$$\log_3 9x^4$$

$$46) \log_{10} 10^2$$

2

$$47) 5^{\log_5 7} + \log_3 9$$

7 + 2

9

$$\log_3 3^2$$

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$$3^x = 9$$
$$x = 2$$

$$58) \log_{10}(5x-3) - \log_{10}(x^2+1) = 0$$

$$+ \log_{10}(x^2+1) \longrightarrow$$

$$\log_{10}(5x-3) = \log_{10}(x^2+1)$$

$$5x-3 = x^2+1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5x+3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} -5x+3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x-4)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = 4, 1$$

$$58) \log_{10}(5x-3) - \log_{10}(x^2+1) = 0$$

$$\log_{10} \frac{5x-3}{x^2+1} = 0$$

$$10^0 = \frac{5x-3}{x^2+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{1} = \frac{5x-3}{x^2+1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 1 = 5x - 3 \\ \underline{-5x + 3 \quad -5x + 3} \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x-4)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = 4, 1$$

$$60) \log_b(x^2 - 2) + 2 \log_b 6 = \log_b 6x$$

$$\log_b(x^2 - 2) + \log_b 6^2 = \log_b 6x$$

$$\log_b 36(x^2 - 2) = \log_b 6x$$

$$\log_b(36x^2 - 72) = \log_b 6x$$

$$36x^2 - 72 = 6x$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 36x^2 - 6x - 72 = 0 \\ \hline \frac{36x^2}{6} - \frac{6x}{6} - \frac{72}{6} = \frac{0}{6} \end{array}$$

$$6x^2 - x - 12 = 0$$

$$(3x + 4)(2x - 3) = 0$$

$$x = \cancel{-\frac{4}{3}}, \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$b2) \log_5 2 + 2 \log_5 T = \log_5 (3-T)$$

$$\log_5 2 + \log_5 T^2 = \log_5 (3-T)$$

$$\log_5 2T^2 = \log_5 (3-T)$$

$$2T^2 = 3-T$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +T-3-3+T \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$2T^2 + T - 3 = 0$$

$$(2T+3)(T-1) = 0$$

$$T = -\frac{3}{2} \quad | \quad \boxed{1}$$

$$72) \log_4 (\log_3 x) = 0$$

$$x = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4^0 &= \log_3 x \\ 1 &= \log_3 x \\ 3^1 &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$74) \log_{10} S = .425 \log_{10} W + .725 \log_{10} H + \log_{10} 71.84$$

$-\log_{10} S$
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$$0 = \log_{10} W^{.425} + \log_{10} H^{.725} + \log_{10} 71.84 - \log_{10} S$$

$$0 = \log_{10} \frac{W^{.425} H^{.725} (71.84)}{S}$$

$$S \left[\cancel{10^0} = \frac{71.84 W^{.425} H^{.725}}{S} \right]$$

$$S = 71.84 W^{.425} H^{.725}$$

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