

11.6

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Objective: I can use logarithm properties.

Properties of exponents	Properties of logarithms
1. $a^0 = 1$	1. $\log_a 1 = 0$
2. $a^1 = a$	2. $\log_a a = 1$
3. $a^{\log_a x} = x$	3. $\log_a a^x = x$
4. $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$	4. $\log_x (ab)^m = \log_x a^m b^m$
5. $a^m = a^n \quad m=n$	5. $\log_a m = \log_a n \quad m=n$
6. $x^m \cdot x^n = x^{m+n}$	6. $\log_a m + \log_a n = \log_a mn$
7. $\frac{x^m}{x^n} = x^{m-n}$	7. $\log_a m - \log_a n = \log_a \frac{m}{n}$
8. $(x^m)^n = x^{mn}$	8. $\log_a r^m = m \log_a r$

Example:

Simplify. Do not use a calculator.

1. $\log_4 1 = 0$

2. $5^{\log_5 3} = 3$

3. $\log_7 7^{-3} = -3$

4. $\ln e^5 = 5$

5. $\log_2 64$
 $\log_2 2^6 = 6$

6. $\log_7 \frac{1}{49}$
 $\log_7 7^{-2} = -2$

7. $\log \sqrt[3]{10}$
 ~~$\log 10^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{3}$~~

Example:

Condense to one logarithm or simplify.

1. $\ln 8 + \ln x$
 $\ln 8x$

2. $\text{Log } u - \text{Log } v$
 $\log \frac{u}{v}$

3. $\frac{1}{4} \log_6 x$
 $\log_6 x^{\frac{1}{4}}$

4. $3 \log_7 x + \log_7 4$
 $\log_7 x^3 + \log_7 4$
 $\log_7 (4x^3)$

5. $5 \log 2 - \log 5x$

$\log 2^5 - \log 5x$
 $\log \frac{2^5}{5x}$

6. $4 \ln(uv) - 3 \ln(vw)$
 $\ln u^4 v^4 - \ln v^3 w^3$
 $\ln \frac{u^4 v^4}{v^3 w^3}$
 $\ln \frac{u^4 v}{w^3}$

7. $\log(x-4) + \log(6x+5)$
 $\log(x^2 - 19x - 20)$

$(x-4)(6x+5)$

Example:

Expand or write with more than one logarithm.

1. $\log 5x$

$$\log 5 + \log x$$

2. $\log \frac{5}{x}$

$$\log 5 - \log x$$

3. $\log_7 x^5$

$$5 \log_7 x$$

4. $\ln(x^2 e^x)$

$$\ln x^2 + \ln e^x$$
$$2 \ln x + x$$

5. $\log_6 \frac{\sqrt[4]{y}}{\sqrt[4]{x}}$

$$\log_6 \frac{y^{\frac{1}{4}}}{x^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$
$$\log_6 y^{\frac{1}{4}} - \log_6 x^{\frac{1}{4}}$$
$$\frac{1}{4} \log_6 y - \frac{1}{4} \log_6 x$$

Change of base formula:

used to type in calculator if not
base 10 or e

$$\log_b x = \frac{\log x}{\log b} = \frac{\ln x}{\ln b}$$

Example:

Write each logarithm using change of base formula. Then evaluate the logarithm rounding to the nearest ten-thousandth. Use common logarithms.

1. $\log_6 9 = \frac{\log 9}{\log 6} \approx 1.2263$

2. $\log_6 3.5$

$$\frac{\log 3.5}{\log 6} \approx .6992$$

Example:

Write each logarithm using change of base formula. Then evaluate the logarithm rounding to the nearest ten-thousandth. Use natural logarithms.

1. $\log_3 8 = \frac{\ln 8}{\ln 3} \approx 1.8928$

2. $\log_2 4.12$

Sometimes, when we substitute the given information into the equation the variable is in the exponent. When this happens, you need to use logarithms to solve for the variable.

Example:

1. The population of a bacteria can be modeled by $P(t) = 350(1.25)^t$. According to this model, when will the population be 800? Round to the nearest tenth of a day.

$$\begin{aligned} 800 &= 350(1.25)^t \\ \frac{800}{350} &= 1.25^t \\ \log_{1.25} \frac{800}{350} &= t \end{aligned}$$
$$\frac{\log \frac{800}{350}}{\log 1.25} = t$$
$$t \approx 3.7 \text{ days}$$

2. The value of a cell phone that is t years old can be modeled by $v(t) = 1,399(0.18)^t$. According to the model, when will the phone be worth \$300? Round to the nearest tenth of a year.

$$\begin{aligned} 300 &= 1399(0.18)^t \\ \frac{300}{1399} &= 0.18^t \\ \log_{0.18} \frac{300}{1399} &= t \end{aligned}$$
$$t \approx 0.9 \text{ yrs.}$$