



Exponentials and Logarithms

Honors Calculus

Keeper 7

Properties of Exponents	Let a and b be real #'s and let m and n be integers.
Product of Powers	$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$
Power of a Power	$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$
Power of a Product	$(ab)^m = a^m b^m$
Negative Exponent	$a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}, a \neq 0$
Zero Exponent	$a^0 = 1, a \neq 0$
Quotient of Powers	$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}, a \neq 0$

$$x^2 x^3 = x^5$$

$$(x^2)^3 = x^6$$

$$(xy)^3 = x^3 y^3$$

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

$$x^0 = 1$$

$$\frac{x^3}{x^2} = x$$

Properties of Log & Exponentials

$$\blacktriangleright \log_e x = \ln x$$

$$\blacktriangleright \ln e = 1$$

$$\blacktriangleright \ln 1 = 0$$

$$\blacktriangleright \ln e^b = b$$

$$\blacktriangleright y = e^x \text{ \& } y = \ln x$$

are inverses

$$\blacktriangleright \ln a^c = c \ln a$$

$$\blacktriangleright \ln(ab) = \ln a + \ln b$$

$$\blacktriangleright \ln \frac{a}{b} = \ln a - \ln b$$

prop. of logs for condensing + expanding

$$\blacktriangleright e^{-x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\blacktriangleright e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$\blacktriangleright a^{x+y} = a^x \cdot a^y$$

$$\blacktriangleright a^{x-y} = \frac{a^x}{a^y}$$

Find the value without a calculator

$$1. 5 \ln e + 2 \ln \left(\frac{1}{e} \right)$$

$5(1) + 2 \ln e^{-1}$

$$5 - 2 = \boxed{3}$$

$$\sqrt{x} \times x^{1/2}$$

$$2. e^{-\ln e} - e^{\ln \sqrt{e}}$$

$\frac{1}{e} - e^{\ln e^{1/2}}$

$$\frac{1}{e} - e^{1/2} \text{ or } \frac{1}{e} - \sqrt{e}$$

Simplify

$$2 \ln a - 3 \ln b + \ln a + \ln b$$

3. $2 \ln a - 3 \ln b + \ln(ab)$

$$\ln\left(\frac{a^2 (ab)}{b^3}\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{a^3}{b^2}\right)$$

$$3 \ln a - 2 \ln b$$
$$\ln \frac{a^3}{b^2}$$

4. $3 \ln(e^2 \ln(e \ln e))$

$$3 \ln(e^2 \ln e)$$

$$= 3 \ln e^2$$
$$2 \cdot 3 \ln e$$

$$6$$

Express as a single logarithm

(Condense)

5. $2 \ln x - 4 \ln y - \ln 13$

$$\ln \left(\frac{x^2}{13y^4} \right)$$

6. $\log_3 7 + \frac{1}{2} \log_3 x^{1/2} - 5 \log_3 y$

$$\log_3 \left(\frac{7\sqrt{x}}{y^5} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^{1/2} &= \sqrt{x} \\ y^{-5} &= \frac{1}{y^5} \end{aligned}$$

Expand the following Logarithms

$$7. \log \frac{x^2 y^3}{wz^3}$$


$$\log x^2 + \log y^3 - \log w - \log z^3$$

$$2 \log x + 3 \log y - \log w - 3 \log z$$

$$8. \log \frac{b^3}{\sqrt{ac}} = \log \frac{b^3}{(ac)^{1/2}}$$

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

$$\text{or } -\frac{1}{2} \log a - \frac{1}{2} \log c$$



Solve Exponential & Logarithmic Equations

Solving Equations with Common Bases:

$$\text{If } b^x = b^y$$

$$\text{Then } x = y$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \log_b b^x = \log_b b^y \\ & x \log_b b = y \log_b b \\ & x = y \end{aligned}$$

Example 1: Solve the Equation

Same base,
set exponents
equal & solve

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-x+7} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{3x-1}$$

$$-x+7 = 3x-1$$

$$-4x = -8$$

$$x = 2$$

Example 2: Solve the Equation

Rewrite
with
smaller
base

$$8^{x+2} = 16^{2x+7}$$
$$\left(2^3\right)^{(x+2)} = \left(2^4\right)^{(2x+7)}$$

$$3(x+2) = 4(2x+7)$$

$$3x + 6 = 8x + 28$$

$$-5x = 22$$

$$x = -22/5$$

SOLVING EXPONENTIAL EQUATIONS WHEN YOU CAN'T GET A COMMON BASE

$$1. \quad 3e_b^{4x} = 45$$

$$e_b^{4x} = 15$$

$$\log_e 15 = 4x$$

$$\ln(15) = 4x$$

$$x \approx .677$$

Isolate $\text{base}^{\text{exp}} = \#$

Rewrite as \log $\log_{\text{base}} \# = \text{exp}$

2. $2(5^{2x}) - 1 = 47$

$b^{\text{exp}} = \#$
↓

$5^{2x} = 24$
b exp #

$\log_5 5^{2x} = \log_5 24$
 $2x = \log_5 24$

$\log_b \# = \text{exp}$

$\log_5 24 = 2x$

Calc:

$\log 24 \div \log 5 = 2x$

Math: A

ANS $\div 2$

or Alpha:

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$x \approx .987$

$$3. \quad 4 - 2e^x = -23$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4 \qquad \qquad \qquad -4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{-2e^x}{-2} = \frac{-27}{-2}$$

$$e^x = 13.5$$

$$\ln 13.5 = x$$

$$x \approx 2.603$$



Remember your Logarithm Properties!!!!

The Product Rule: $\log_a MN = \log_a M + \log_a N$

The Power Rule: $\log_a M^p = p \cdot \log_a M$

The Quotient Rule: $\log_a \frac{M}{N} = \log_a M - \log_a N$

Solving Logarithmic Equations

1. $\log_3(5x - 1) = \log_3(x + 7)$

$$\log_b x = \log_b y$$
$$x = y$$

$$5x - 1 = x + 7$$

$$4x = 8$$

$$x = 2$$

$$\log_3(5 \cdot 2 - 1) = \log_3(2 + 7)$$

$$\log_3 9 = \log_3 9$$

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condense to a single log 1st

$$2. \log(x + 6) = \log(8x) - \log(3x + 2)$$

$$\cancel{\log(x+6)} = \cancel{\log} \frac{8x}{3x+2}$$

$$\frac{(x+6)}{1} \times \frac{8x}{(3x+2)}$$

$$8x = (x+6)(3x+2)$$

$$8x = 3x^2 + 20x + 12$$

$$0 = 3x^2 + 12x + 12$$


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

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

$$x+2=0$$
$$x \neq -2$$

No Solution

you can't take
a log of 0 or
- #


$$3. \log_5(3x^{\#} + 1) = 2^{\text{exp}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5^2 &= 3x + 1 \\ 25 &= 3x + 1 \\ x &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log_b \# &= \text{exp} \\ \downarrow \\ b^{\text{exp}} &= \# \end{aligned}$$

4. $\frac{4}{4} \ln(x+2) = \frac{6}{4}$

Isolate
 $\log_b \# = \text{exp}$
Rewrite
 $b^{\text{exp}} = \#$

$\ln(x+2) = 1.5$
↓
 $\log_e(x+2) = 1.5$

calc → $e^{1.5} = x+2$

$x \approx 2.482$

5. $\log_2 4x \oplus \log_2(x+3) = 4$

$$\log_2 4x(x+3) = 4$$

$$\log_2 (4x^2 + 12x) = 4$$

$$2^4 = 4x^2 + 12x$$

$$16 = 4x^2 + 12x$$

$$0 = 4x^2 + 12x - 16$$

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

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

$$x+4=0$$
$$x \neq -4$$

$$x-1=0$$

$$x=1$$