

3-2 Properties of Logarithms

$$\log_a 1 = 0 \quad \log_a a = 1$$

Evaluate

$$\log_5 1$$

$$\ln 1$$

$$\log_4 4$$

$$\log 10$$

Inverse Property of LogarithmsIf b and M are positive real numbers, with $b \neq 0$, then

$$b^{\log_b M} = M$$

Evaluate

$$12^{\log_{12} \sqrt{2}}$$

$$10^{\log 0.2}$$

Inverse Property of LogarithmsIf b and r are positive real numbers, with $b \neq 0$, then

$$\log_a a^r = r$$

Evaluate

$$\log_4 4^3$$

$$\ln e^{-0.5}$$

$$\log 10^{-4}$$

Product Rule of LogarithmsIf M, N and b are positive real numbers, with $b \neq 0$, then

$$\log_b (MN) = \log_b M + \log_b N$$

Write each of the following logarithms as the sum of logarithms.

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

$$\ln(6z)$$

Quotient Rule of LogarithmsIf M, N and b are positive real numbers, with $b \neq 0$, then

$$\log_b \left(\frac{M}{N} \right) = \log_b M - \log_b N$$

Write each of the following logarithms as the difference of logarithms.

$$\log_2 \left(\frac{5}{3} \right)$$

$$\log \left(\frac{y}{5} \right)$$

Write the following as the sum or difference of logarithms.

$$\log_3 \left(\frac{4x}{y} \right)$$

$$\log_2 (x^2 y^3)$$

Power Rule of LogarithmsIf M and b are positive real numbers, with $b \neq 0$, then

$$\log_b M^r = r \log_b M$$

Use the power Rule of Logarithms to express all powers as factors.

$$\log_8 3^5$$

$$\ln x^{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$3 \log_2 5$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \log 16$$

Expand the logarithm.

$$\log(8xy^4)$$

$$\log_3 \left(\frac{9m^4}{\sqrt[3]{n}} \right)$$

Write each of the following as a single logarithm.

$$\log_6 3 + \log_6 12 \qquad \log(x-2) - \log x$$

Write each of the following as a single logarithm.

$$\ln x^5 - 2\ln(xy)$$

$$\log(x-1) + \log(x+1) - 3\log x$$

Rewrite and express in terms of a and b given that $a = \ln 3$ and $b = \ln 4$

$$\ln 36 \qquad \ln 27$$

$$2\ln 4 \qquad \frac{1}{2}\ln 144$$

Change of Base Formula

If $a \neq 0$, $b \neq 0$, and M are positive real numbers, then

$$\log_a M = \frac{\log_b M}{\log_b a}$$

$$\log_a M = \frac{\log M}{\log a} = \frac{\ln M}{\ln a}$$

Rewrite the following as a natural log

$$\log_4 45 \qquad \frac{\log 27}{3}$$

Use your calculator to approximate the following:

$$\log_4 45 \qquad \log_3 75 \qquad \log_6 40$$

Summary of Properties

$$\log_a a^r = r \qquad b^{\log_b M} = M$$

$$\log_b (MN) = \log_b M + \log_b N$$

$$\log_b \left(\frac{M}{N} \right) = \log_b M - \log_b N$$

$$\log_b M^r = r \log_b M$$

$$\log_a M = \frac{\log_b M}{\log_b a}$$