

Algebra 2

Ch. 8 Handout 8.4

Properties of Logarithms

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For any positive numbers M, N, and b where $b \neq 1$.

Product Property

Pull

Single form $\rightarrow$ Expanded

$$\log_b MN = \log_b M \oplus \log_b N$$

$$\log_3 2x = \log_3 2 + \log_3 x$$

$$\log_5 xy = \log_5 x + \log_5 y$$

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Quotient Property

Pull

Single $\rightarrow$ expanded

$$\log_b \frac{M}{N} = \log_b M - \log_b N$$

$$\log_7 \frac{x}{5} = \log_7 x - \log_7 5$$

$$\log_3 \frac{x}{y} = \log_3 x - \log_3 y$$

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Power Property

Pull

Single $\longrightarrow$ expanded

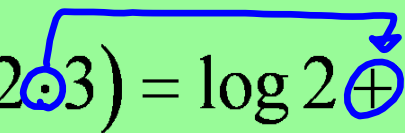
$$\log_b M^x = x \log_b M$$

$$\log_3 x^2 = 2 \log_3 x$$

$$\log x^4 = 4 \log x$$

1. State the property or properties used to rewrite each expression.

a) $\log 6 = \log(2 \cdot 3) = \log 2 \oplus \log 3$



Pull

Product Property

1. State the property or properties used to rewrite each expression.

$$\log_b x^2 - \log_b y$$

b) $\log_b \frac{x^2}{y} = 2\log_b x - \log_b y$

Pull

Power Property and
Quotient Property

2. Write each expression as a single logarithm.

Expanded $\rightarrow$ single

a) $\log_4 64 - \log_4 16$

$$\log_4 \frac{64}{16}$$

$$\boxed{\log_4 4}$$

b) $6\log_5 x + \log_5 y$

$$\log_5 x^6 + \log_5 y$$

$$\boxed{\log_5 x^6 y}$$

3. Expand each logarithm.

Single $\rightarrow$ expanded

a) $\log_7 \left(\frac{t}{u} \right)$

$$\log_7 t - \log_7 u$$

b) $\log(4 \cdot p^3)$

$$\log 4 + \log p^3$$

$$\log 4 + 3 \log p$$

$$\log \left(\frac{x^2 y}{z^{\frac{1}{3}}} \right)^3 = \log \frac{x^6 y^3}{z}$$

$$= \log x^6 + \log y^3 - \log z$$

$$= 6 \log x + 3 \log y - \log z$$

4. Evaluate.

a) $\log_2 4 - \log_2 32 = x$

$\log_2 \frac{4}{32} = x$

$\log_2 \frac{1}{8} = x$

$2^x = \frac{1}{8}$

$2^x = \frac{1}{2^3}$

$2^x = 2^{-3}$

$x = -3$

4. Evaluate.

$$\text{b) } \log_9 \frac{1}{3} + 4 \log_9 3 = x$$

$$\log_9 \frac{1}{3} + \log_9 3^4 = x$$

$$\log_9 \frac{1}{3} + \log_9 81 = x$$

$$\log_9 \frac{1}{3}(81) = x$$

$$\log_9 27 = x$$

$$9^x = 27$$

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

$$2x = 3$$

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

5. Assume that $\log_{10} 2 \approx .39$, $\log_{10} 9 \approx .95$, and $\log_{10} 3 \approx .48$.

$$\log_{10} 10 = 1$$

a. $\log 18 = \log 2 \cdot 9 = \log 2 + \log 9$

$$\begin{array}{r} .39 \\ + .95 \\ \hline 1.34 \end{array}$$

$$\approx .39 + .95$$

$$\approx 1.34$$

5. Assume that $\log 2 \approx .39$, $\log 9 \approx .95$, and $\log 3 \approx .48$.

$$\log 10 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } \log \frac{27}{2} &= \log \frac{9 \cdot 3}{2} \\ &= \log 9 + \log 3 - \log 2 \\ &\approx .95 + .48 - .39 \\ &\approx 1.04 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} .95 \\ + .48 \\ \hline 1.43 \\ - .39 \\ \hline 1.04 \end{array}$$

5. Assume that $\log 2 \approx \overset{.39}{\cancel{.30}}$, $\log 9 \approx .95$, and $\log 3 \approx .48$.

$$\log 10 = 1$$

$$\text{c. } \log 270 = \log 3 \cdot 9 \cdot 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} .48 \\ .95 \\ \hline 1.43 \\ +1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$= \log 3 + \log 9 + \log 10$$

$$\approx .48 + .95 + 1$$

$$\approx 2.43$$

Quick Check



State the property or properties used to rewrite each expression.

a) $\log_5 2 + \log_5 6 = \log_5 12$

Product
Property

b) $3\log_b 4 - 3\log_b 2 = \log_b 8$

Power
Property/
Quotient
Property

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Write $3\log 2 + \log 4 - \log 16$ as a single logarithm.



Can you write $3\log_2 9 - \log_6 9$ as a single logarithm?
Explain.

Pull



Expand each logarithm.

a) $\log_2 7b$

b) $\log \left(\frac{y}{3} \right)^2$

c) $\log_7 a^3 b^4$

Assignment

Day 1

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