

Math-3

Lesson 5-5

Properties of Logarithmic Functions
(Product of Logs
Log of a Power)

$$f(x) = 5^{2x+4} \quad \text{Find } f^{-1}(x)$$

$$y = 5^{2x+4} \quad \text{Replace } f(x) \text{ with 'y'}$$

$$x = 5^{2y+4} \quad \text{exchange 'x' and 'y'}$$

$$\log_5 x = 2y + 4 \quad \text{Log is the exponent (remember how to convert between the two?)}$$

$$-4 + \log_5 x = 2y \quad \text{Solve for 'y'}$$

$$\frac{-4 + \log_5 x}{2} = y$$

$$y = -2 + \frac{1}{2} \log_5 x$$

$$2^3 * 2^2 = 2^5$$

The product of powers → add the exponents

$$2^3 * 2^2 = 2^5$$

Logarithm: another way of writing the exponent

Convert each exponent above into a log:

$$\log_2 8 + \log_2 4 = \log_2 32$$

$$3 + 2 = 5$$

This is the logarithm equivalent of the multiply powers property of exponents.

Log of a Product Property $\log_2 15 = \log_2 (3 * 5)$

$$\log_2 15 = \log_2 3 + \log_2 5$$

$$\log_b (RS) = \log_b R + \log_b S$$

log of a product = sum of the logs of the factors.

Expand the Logarithm: use properties of logs to rewrite a single log as an expression of separate logs.

$$\log_3 xy \quad \log_3 x + \log_3 y$$

$$\log_3 45 \quad \log_3 3 + \log_3 3 + \log_3 5$$

$$45 = 3 * 3 * 5 \quad 2 \log_3 3 + \log_3 5$$

Expand the Logarithm: use properties of logs to rewrite a single log as an expression of separate logs.

$$\begin{aligned}\log(3xy^2) &= \log 3 + \log x + \log y^2 \\ &= \log 3 + \log x + \log y + \log y \\ &= \log 3 + \log x + 2\log y\end{aligned}$$

$$\log_4 6 = \log_4 3 + \log_4 2$$

$$\ln 2xyw = \ln 2 + \ln x + \ln y + \ln w$$

Condense the Logarithm: apply properties of logarithms to rewrite the log expression as a single log.

$$\boxed{\log_2 7 + \log_2 5} = \log_2 (7 * 5) = \log_2 35$$

$$\boxed{\log 5 + \log x} = \log 5x$$

$$\log_7 5 + \log_5 7 \quad \text{“unlike logs”} \rightarrow \text{can't condense}$$

“Condense the Log”

$$\log_5 2 + \log_5 7 = \log_5 14$$

$$\log 9 + \log 4 = \log 36$$

$$\log_5 6 + \log_8 4 \quad \text{“unlike logs”} \rightarrow \text{can't condense}$$

“Expand the Log”

$$\begin{aligned}\log_2 9 &= \log_2 (3 * 3) \\ &= \log_2 3 + \log_2 3 \\ &= 2\log_2 3\end{aligned}$$

Notice something interesting

$$\log_2 9 = \log_2 (3)^2 = 2\log_2 3$$

“Expand the Product”

$$\begin{aligned}\log_3 16 &= \log_3 (4 * 4) \\ &= \log_3 4 + \log_3 4 \\ &= 2\log_3 4\end{aligned}$$

Notice something interesting


$$\log_3 16 = \log_3 (4)^2 = 2\log_3 4$$

“Expand the Product”

$$\log_5 10^2 \quad \underline{\text{Log of a product is the sum of the logs of the factors.}}$$

$$= \log_5 10 + \log_5 10 \quad \text{Combine “like terms”}$$

$$= 2 \log_5 10$$

$$\log_5 10^{\textcircled{2}} = 2 \log_5 10$$


New property: “log of a power”

Use Log of a Power to expand the log

$$\log x^3 = 3 \log x$$

$$\ln 8 = \ln 2^3 = 3 \ln 2$$

$$\log \sqrt{x} = \log x^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \log x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log_3 x^2 y^3 \sqrt[4]{z} &= \log_3 x^2 + \log_3 y^3 + \log_3 \sqrt[4]{z} \\ &= 2 \log_3 x + 3 \log_3 y + \frac{1}{4} \log_3 z \end{aligned}$$

Gotcha'

$$\log 3y^5 \begin{cases} \nearrow = 5 \log 3y \\ \searrow = \log 3 + \log y^5 \end{cases}$$

Which one?

$$5 \log 3y = \log (3y)^5 = \log 3^5 y^5$$

Log of a Power

$$c \log_b R^c \rightarrow c \log_b R$$

A potential error is this:

$$\log_2 6x^3 = \cancel{3 \log_2 6x}$$

What is the error ? '3' is an exponent of the base 'x' not '6x'

Correct the error.

$$\begin{aligned} \log_2 6x^3 &= \log_2 6 + \log_2 x^3 \\ &= \log_2 3 + \log_2 2 + 3 \log_2 x \end{aligned}$$

More Practice

1. Convert to a logarithm: $7 = 2(3)^x$

$$\log_3\left(\frac{7}{2}\right) = x$$

2. Convert to an exponential; $3\log_5(x - 6) = 6$

$$(5)^2 = x - 6$$

3. What is the Domain and range? $f(x) = 3\log(x + 2) - 5$

Domain: $(-2, \infty)$

Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$

More Practice

4. What do we mean when we say: “A log is an exponent”? $\log_5 25$

This example can be restated as “what exponent of 5 equals 25.”

$$\log_5 25 = x$$

$$5^x = 25$$

Notice something interesting...

Using substitution, replace ‘x’ in the second equation with the equivalent expression from the 1st equation.

$$5^{\log_5 25} = 25$$

This is a composition of a function with its inverse → they undo each other.

More Practice

5. Simplify: $(3)^{\log_3 x} = x$

6a. What is the logarand?
 $f(x) = 2\log(2x - 4) - 6$
logarand = $2x - 4$

6b. What is the vertical asymptote?
 $x = 2$

Eq. #1

$$3^5 = x$$

Convert to log form:

Eq. #2

$$\log_3 x = 5$$

Substitute Eq. #1 into Eq. #2

$$\log_3 3^5 = 5$$

When you compose a function with its inverse, they “undo” each other.

Properties of Logarithms: Log of a Product.

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$$\log_2 15 = \log_2 3 + \log_2 5$$

log of a product = sum of the logs of the factors.

Logarithm: another way of writing the exponent

Analogous to:

→ Product of powers

→ Add the exponents

$$x^5 x^2 = x^{5+2}$$

Properties of Logarithms

Log of a Power

$$c \log_b R^c \rightarrow c \log_b R$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log_2 3^4 \\ = 4 \log_2 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log 32 &= \log 2^5 \\ &= 5 \log 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$(x^5)^2 = x^{5*2} = x^{10}$$

Logarithm: another way of writing the exponent

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

Quotient of powers: subtract denominator exponent from the numerator exponent.

Logarithm: another way of writing the exponent

$$\log_3\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \log_3(5 * 2^{-1}) = \log_3(5) + \log_3(2)^{-1}$$

Negative Exponent Property
Log of a Product Property

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

Log of a Power Property

$$= \log_3 5 - \log_3 2$$

Definition of Subtraction: (adding a negative is subtraction)

Log of a Quotient Property

$$\log_b \left(\frac{R}{S} \right) = \log_b R - \log_b S$$

$$\log_3 \left(\frac{5}{2} \right) \quad \text{“expand the quotient”} \quad \log_3 5 - \log_3 2$$

$$\ln 8 - \ln 3 \quad \text{“condense the quotient”} \quad \ln \frac{8}{3}$$

“Negative Log” → denominator of the logarand

Expand the Quotient

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad \log \frac{4}{5} &= \log 4 - \log 5 = \log 2 + \log 2 - \log 5 \\ &= 2 \log 2 - \log 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$2. \quad \ln \frac{3}{7} = \ln 3 - \ln 7$$

Condense the quotient

$$3. \quad \log_4 5 - \log_4 2 = \log_4 \frac{5}{2}$$

$$4. \quad \log_5 8 - \log_5 16 = \log_5 \frac{8}{16} = \log_5 \frac{1}{2}$$

Expand the Logarithm

5. $\log\left(\frac{2x}{3y^5}\right) = \log 2x - \log 3y^5$ The denominator is a product!

$= \log 2x - (\log 3 + 5 \log y)$

Distributive property!

$= \log 2x - \log 3 - 5 \log y$

$= \log 2 + \log x - \log 3 - 5 \log y$

Logs of factors in the numerator will be positive.

Logs of factors in the denominator will be negative.

Expand the quotient

$$6. \quad \log_4 \frac{2\sqrt{x}}{4yz} = \log_4 2\sqrt{x} - \log_4 4yz$$

$$= \log_4 2 + \log_4 \sqrt{x} - \log_4 4 - \log_4 y - \log_4 z$$

$$= \log_4 2 + \frac{1}{2} \log_4 x - \log_4 4 - \log_4 y - \log_4 z$$

Change-of-Base Formula for Logarithms

$$\log_{\textcircled{c}} \textcircled{a} = \frac{\log_b \textcircled{a}}{\log_b \textcircled{c}}$$

Change to log base 10 or base 'e'
(your calculator can do these).

Convert to base 10.

$$\log_{\textcircled{4}} \textcircled{5} = \frac{\log_{10} \textcircled{5}}{\log_{10} \textcircled{4}} = \frac{0.699}{0.6021} = 1.161$$

$$\log_4 5 = \frac{\ln \textcircled{5}}{\ln \textcircled{4}} = \frac{1.609}{1.386} = 1.161$$

Simplify

$$\log_2 2$$

$$\log_2 2 = x$$

$$2^x = 2$$

$$x = 1$$

$$5 \log_3 27$$

$$5 \log_3 3^3$$

$$(3 * 5) \log_3 3$$

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Using Change of base:

$$\log_2 2 = \frac{\log 2}{\log 2} = 1$$

Possible Error (which one is true?)

$$\log \frac{3}{5} = \frac{\log 3}{\log 5}$$

$$\log \frac{3}{5} = \log 3 - \log 5$$

Simplify:

$$\log_4 16$$

$$\log_4 4^2$$

$$2 \log_4 4$$

$$2(1) = 2$$

Or: “4 raised to what power equals 16?”

$$\log_2 \sqrt{2}$$

$$\log_2 2^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \log_2 2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

Or: “2 raised to what exponent equals the square root of 2?”