

U5 Day 4 Properties of Logs

Logarithms can have ANY positive base b , except $b \neq 1$. Ex. $\log_2 \log_3 \log_4$ etc.

TWO Special Bases (We can put these in the calculator - round to 2 decimal places!)

Common Logs - Base 10	Natural logs - Base e
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For example:

$\log 10 = 1$ this means: $10^1 = 10$	$\ln e = 1$ this means: $e^1 = e$
$\log 1 = 0$ this means: $10^0 = 1$	$\ln 1 = 0$ this means: $e^0 = 1$
$\log 49 \approx 1.69$ this means: $10^{1.69} \approx 49$	$\ln 49 \approx 3.89$ this means: $e^{3.89} \approx 49$
$\log 4 \approx .602$ this means: $10^{.602} \approx 4$	$\ln 4 \approx 1.386$ this means: $e^{1.386} \approx 4$

What do these two kinds of logs have in common?

- 1) both have zeros at $x=1$ similar shape
- 2) Both are useful in many applications

Can we put other bases into the calculator? Only with New Operating System

Change of Base Formula

$$\log_m n = \frac{\log n}{\log m}$$

$\log_2 3.1$	$\log_5 29$	$\log_7 25$	$\log_2 3.1$
1.632	2.092	1.654	1.632
$\frac{\log 3.1}{\log 2}$	$\frac{\log 29}{\log 5}$	$\frac{\log 25}{\log 7}$	$\frac{\log 3.1}{\log 2}$

PROPERTIES of ALL logarithms, any base

Product Rule: $\log_b MN =$ $\log_b M + \log_b N$	$\log 10x = \log 10 + \log x$
	$\ln 7x = \ln 7 + \ln x$
Quotient Rule: $\log_b \frac{M}{N} =$ $\log_b M - \log_b N$	$\log \frac{x}{2} = \log x - \log 2$
	$\ln \frac{e}{7} = \ln e - \ln 7$ $= 1 - \ln 7$
Power Rule: $\log_b M^N =$ $N \log_b M$	$\log \sqrt{x} = \log x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \log x$
	$\ln x^2 = 2 \ln x$

Expanding Logarithms - Use properties to take a complex log apart.

$\log_5 x^2 y^3$ $= \log_5 x^2 + \log_5 y^3$ $= 2 \log_5 x + 3 \log_5 y$	$\log_6 36 x^2$ $= \log_6 36 + \log_6 x^2$ $= 2 + 2 \log_6 x$	$\ln \frac{2rs}{5w}$ $= \ln 2rs - \ln 5w$ $= \ln 2 + \ln r + \ln s - \ln 5 - \ln w$
$\log \frac{x}{yz} = \ln x - \ln yz$ $= \ln x - (\ln y + \ln z)$ $= \ln x - \ln y - \ln z$	$\log \frac{2x^3}{z} = \log 2x^3 - \log z$ $= \log 2 + \log x^3 - \log z$ $= \log 2 + 3 \log x - \log z$	$\ln (3xyz)^2 = 2 \ln (3xyz)$ $= 2 (\ln 3 + \ln x + \ln y + \ln z)$ $= 2 \ln 3 + 2 \ln x + 2 \ln y + 2 \ln z$
$\ln x^2 y^4$ $= \ln x^2 + \ln y^4$ $= 2 \ln x + 4 \ln y$	$\log_6 \frac{xy}{z} = \log_6 xy - \log_6 z$ $= \log_6 x + \log_6 y - \log_6 z$	$\ln \frac{x}{yz} = \ln x - \ln yz$ $= \ln x - (\ln y + \ln z)$ $= \ln x - \ln y - \ln z$

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Simplifying logarithms – Use properties to write several logs with the same base as a **single log**. (You need this skill to solve log equations.)

$\log_2 x + \log_2 z$ $= \log_2 xz$	$2 \log_3 x - 3 \log_3 y$ $\log_3 x^2 - \log_3 y^3$ $= \log_3 \frac{x^2}{y^3}$	$4 \log_2 x + 5 \log_2 y$ $\log_2 x^4 + \log_2 y^5$ $= \log_2 x^4 y^5$
$\frac{1}{2} \log x + \frac{1}{4} \log 2y$ $\log x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \log (2y)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ $= \log x^{\frac{1}{2}} (2y)^{\frac{1}{4}}$	$2 \log x + 3 \log 3y - 4 \log w$ $\log x^2 + \log (3y)^3 - \log w^4$ $= \log \frac{x^2 (3y)^3}{w^4}$	$3(5 \log x^3)$ $= 15 \log x^3$ $\log (x^3)^{15} = \log x^{45}$
$5 \log 2 + 3 \log 2$ $\log 2^5 + \log 2^3$ $= \log 2^8 = \log 256$ ≈ 2.41	$\frac{1}{2} (\ln x - \ln y)$ $= \frac{1}{2} \ln x - \frac{1}{2} \ln y$ $= \ln \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{y^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ $= \ln \left(\frac{x}{y} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$	$\ln 7 - \ln 3 + \ln 6$ $\ln \frac{7(6)}{3} = \ln 14$ ≈ 2.64

→ $\log (27 x^2 y^3 / w^4)$