

A2 - Properties of Logarithms Day 2

# Notes



## REVIEW: Logarithm Properties

Let  $b$ ,  $m$ , and  $n$  be positive numbers such that  $b \neq 1$ .

**Product Property**      $\log_b mn = \log_b m + \log_b n$

**Quotient Property**      $\log_b \frac{m}{n} = \log_b m - \log_b n$

**Power Property**      $\log_b m^n = n \log_b m$

ex: Expand.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \log_3 \left( \frac{abc}{9d} \right) &= \log_3 a + \log_3 b + \log_3 c - \log_3 9 = \log_3 d \\ &= \boxed{\log_3 a + \log_3 b + \log_3 c - 2 - \log_3 d} \end{aligned}$$

ex: Expand.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \log \left( \frac{100a^2}{b^3c} \right) &= \log 100 + \log a^2 - \log b^3 - \log c \\ &= \log 100 + 2 \log a - 3 \log b - \log c \\ &= \boxed{2 + 2 \log a - 3 \log b - \log c} \end{aligned}$$

$\log_{10} 100 = \boxed{2}$

ex: Expand.

$$c) \boxed{\log_3(a+b^2)}$$

no rule  
for add/sub  
in the argument  
of a log

Does not  
expand.

ex: Expand.

$$\begin{aligned} \star \text{d) } \log_4 \left( \frac{a+b}{a^2-b^2} \right) &= \log_4(a+b) - \log_4(a^2-b^2) \\ &= \log_4(a+b) - \log_4[(a+b)(a-b)] \\ &= \log_4(a+b) - \underbrace{\log_4(a+b) + \log_4(a-b)}_{\text{final}} \\ &= \log_4(a+b) - \log_4(a+b) - \log_4(a-b) \\ &= \boxed{-\log_4(a-b)} \end{aligned}$$

ex: Expand.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e) } \log_2 \left( a^2 - b^2 \right) &= \log_2 [(a+b)(a-b)] \\ & \quad \text{DOS} \quad \uparrow \text{mult.} \\ & \quad \text{factor} \\ &= \boxed{\log_2 (a+b) + \log_2 (a-b)} \end{aligned}$$

ex: Expand.

$$f) \log_3(a-b) \textcircled{7} = \boxed{7 \log_3(a-b)}$$



ex: Expand.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{g) } \ln \sqrt{\frac{y^3+z}{x^3(a+1)^5}} &= \ln \left[ \frac{y^3+z}{x^3(a+1)^5} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{y^3+z}{x^3(a+1)^5} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln(y^3+z) - \ln x^{\textcircled{3}} - \ln(a+1)^{\textcircled{5}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln(y^3+z) - 3 \ln x - 5 \ln(a+1) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(y^3+z) - \frac{3}{2} \ln x - \frac{5}{2} \ln(a+1) \end{aligned}$$

ex: Expand.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{h) } \log_2 \sqrt[3]{\frac{16a^5}{b^2+c^2}} &= \log_2 \left( \frac{16a^5}{b^2+c^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \log_2 \left( \frac{16a^5}{b^2+c^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \log_2 (16) + \log_2 a^5 - \log_2 (b^2+c^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} [4 + 5 \log_2 a - \log_2 (b^2+c^2)] \\ &= \frac{4}{3} + \frac{5}{3} \log_2 a - \frac{1}{3} \log_2 (b^2+c^2) \end{aligned}$$

ex: Expand.

$$\star \text{ i) } \log_{32} \left( \frac{x^3 - y^3}{8} \right) = \log_{32} (x^3 - y^3) - \log_{32} 8$$

$$= \log_{32} (x^3 - y^3) - \frac{3}{5}$$

Diff. of cubes  
(SOA)

$$\log_{32} 8 =$$

$$\log_{2^5} (2^3) = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$= \log_{32} [(x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)] - \frac{3}{5}$$

s      AP      mult.

$$= \boxed{\log_{32} (x - y) + \log_{32} (x^2 + xy + y^2) - \frac{3}{5}}$$

Prime  
trinomial

ex: Condense.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{a) } \underline{2} \log_5 a - \underline{3} \log_5 b + \underline{4} \log_5 (c+d) \\ & = \log_5 a^2 - \log_5 b^3 + \log_5 (c+d)^4 \\ & = \boxed{\log_5 \left[ \frac{a^2(c+d)^4}{b^3} \right]} \end{aligned}$$

ex: Condense.

$$b) \frac{1}{2} \log x + \frac{3}{2} \log y - 10 \log z$$

$$= \log X^{1/2} + \log Y^{3/2} - \log Z^{10}$$

$$= \log \left[ \frac{X^{1/2} Y^{3/2}}{Z^{10}} \right] = \boxed{\log \left[ \frac{\sqrt{X} Y^3}{Z^{10}} \right]}$$

ex: Condense.

★  
 $c) -3\log x - 4\log y - \frac{2}{3}\log z$

$-\log x^3 - \log y^4 - \log z^{2/3}$

$-\log(x^3 y^4 z^{2/3})$

$-\log(x^3 y^4 z^{2/3})^2$

$-\log(x^3 y^4 \sqrt[3]{z^2})^2$

$\log(x^3 y^4 \sqrt[3]{z^2})^{-1}$

$\log\left(\frac{1}{x^3 y^4 \sqrt[3]{z^2}}\right)$

★ Easier this way

$\log\left[\frac{1}{x^3 y^4 z^{2/3}}\right]$

add 1 into the numerator

$= \log\left[\frac{1}{x^3 y^4 \sqrt[3]{z^2}}\right]$

ex: Condense.

$$d) \frac{1}{3} \log_4 a + \frac{2}{3} \log_4 b - \frac{4}{3} \log_4 c$$

$$= \log_4 a^{1/3} + \log_4 b^{2/3} - \log_4 c^{4/3}$$

$$= \log_4 \left[ \frac{a^{1/3} b^{2/3}}{c^{4/3}} \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\log_4 \sqrt[3]{\frac{ab^2}{c^4}}}$$

## Change of Base Formula

$$\log_b x = \frac{\log_a x}{\log_a b} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{(base 10)} \\ \text{(base } e \text{)} \end{matrix}$$

The diagram shows the change of base formula:  $\log_b x = \frac{\log_a x}{\log_a b}$ . A bracket above the fraction indicates that the numerator  $\log_a x$  is the logarithm of  $x$  with base  $a$ . An arrow points from the denominator  $\log_a b$  to the label "(base 10)", indicating that  $a$  is 10. Another arrow points from the denominator  $\log_a b$  to the label "(base e)", indicating that  $a$  is  $e$ .

\*\*\*Change of base formula is **NOT** used to expand or condense\*\*\*





ex: Rewrite using common <sup>base 10</sup> and natural <sup>base e</sup> logarithms.

Then evaluate on your calculator.  $\rightarrow$  3 decimal places.

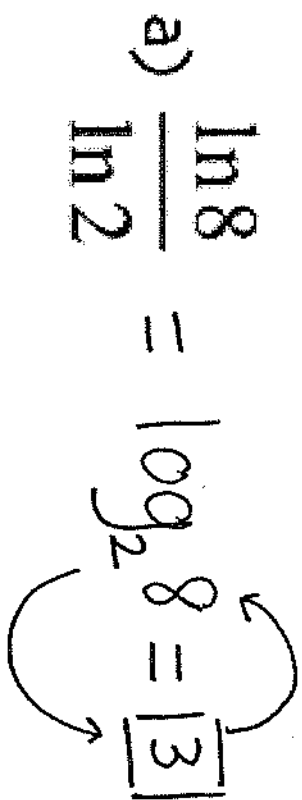
$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \log_2 11 &= \frac{\log 11}{\log 2} \\ &= \frac{\ln 11}{\ln 2} \\ &\approx \boxed{3.459} \end{aligned}$$



ex: Rewrite using common <sup>Base 10</sup> and natural <sup>Base e</sup> logarithms.  
Then evaluate on your calculator.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \log_3 25 &= \frac{\log 25}{\log 3} = \frac{\ln 25}{\ln 3} \approx \boxed{2.930} \end{aligned}$$

ex: Evaluate without the use of a calculator.

$$a) \frac{\ln 8}{\ln 2} = \log_2 8 = \boxed{3}$$


★ *change base backwards*

ex: Evaluate without the use of a calculator.

$$b) \frac{\log 64}{\log 2} = \log_2 64 = \boxed{6}$$

\* change of base backwards