

Notes 2.4 – Using Log Properties

Warmup – Solve for x by using equal bases

Examples: $3^x = 81 \rightarrow 3^x = 3^4 \rightarrow x = 4$

$\log_2 x - \log_2 5 = 0 \rightarrow \log_2 x = \log_2 5 \rightarrow x = 5$

1. $3^{x+4} = 243$

$3^{x+4} = 3^5$

$x+4=5$

$x=1$

2. $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x = 8$

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

$x=-3$

3. $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^x = \frac{27}{64}$

$x=3$

4. $\log_2 x - \log_2 13 = 0$

$\log_2 x = \log_2 13$

$x=13$

5. $\log_2(2x-4) - \log_2 8 = 0$

$\log_2(2x-4) = \log_2 8$

$2x-4=8$

$2x=12$

$x=6$

6. $\log_2(x+2) - \log_2 9x = 0$

$\log_2(x+2) = \log_2 9x$

$x+2=9x$

$2=8x$

$x=\frac{1}{4}$

7. $\frac{\log 2x}{\log 14} = 1$

$\log 2x = \log 14$

$2x=14$

$x=7$

8. $\frac{\log(5x-1)}{\log 29} = 1$

$\log(5x-1) = \log 29$

$5x-1=29$

$5x=30$

$x=6$

9. $\frac{\log 5^{x-2}}{\log 625} = 1$

$\log 5^{x-2} = \log 625$

$5^{x-2} = 5^4$

$x-2=4$

$x=6$

Write the three log properties that we learned last class.

$\log_b mn = \log_b m + \log_b n$

$\log_b \frac{m}{n} = \log_b m - \log_b n$

$\log_b m^n = n \log_b m$

Investigation – Using log properties to find values

Rewrite each value as a product of 2 or more values.

$$6 \rightarrow 2 \cdot 3$$

$$15 \rightarrow 3 \cdot 5$$

$$20 \rightarrow 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$$

Given: $\log_2 3 \approx 1.585$
 $\log_2 5 \approx 2.322$
 $\log_2 7 \approx 2.807$

a. $\log_2 9 \approx \boxed{3.17}$
 $\log_2 3^2$
 $2 \cdot \log_2 3$
 $2(1.585)$

b. $\log_2 10 \approx \boxed{3.322}$
 $\log_2 (2 \cdot 5)$
 $\log_2 2 + \log_2 5$
 $1 + 2.322$

c. $\log_2 12 \approx \boxed{3.585}$
 $\log_2 (2^2 \cdot 3)$
 $2 \cdot \log_2 2 + \log_2 3$
 $2(1) + 1.585$

d. $\log_2 \left(\frac{7}{3}\right) \approx \boxed{1.222}$
 $\log_2 7 - \log_2 3$
 $2.807 - 1.585$

e. $\log_2 \left(\frac{30}{7}\right) \approx \boxed{2.1}$
 $\log_2 30 - \log_2 7$
 $\log_2 (2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5) - \log_2 7$
 $\log_2 2 + \log_2 3 + \log_2 5 - \log_2 7$
 $1 + 1.585 + 2.322 - 2.807$

f. $\log_2 486 \approx \boxed{8.925}$
 $\log_2 (2 \cdot 3^5)$
 $\log_2 2 + 5 \cdot \log_2 3$
 $1 + 5(1.585)$

Are there any other values needed to calculate any value of log base 2?

\log_2 (any prime #)

Use rewriting with log properties to determine if the two expressions are equivalent.

g. $\log_4 5 - \log_4 x = \log_4 \left(\frac{5}{x}\right)$

$$= \log_4 5 - \log_4 x$$

h. $\log 3 - \log x - \log x = \log\left(\frac{3}{x^2}\right)$

$$= \log 3 - 2 \cdot \log x$$

$$= \log 3 - \log x - \log x$$

i. $\log x - \log 5 = \frac{\log x}{\log 5}$

not equivalent

j. $5 \log x = \log x^5$

$$= 5 \log x$$

k. $2 \log x + \log 5 = \log(x^2 + 5)$

not equivalent

l. $\frac{1}{2} \log x = \log \sqrt{x}$

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

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

m. $\log(x - 5) = \frac{\log x}{\log 5}$

$$= \log x - \log 5$$

not equivalent

Check if you are correct by graphing using Desmos.com. Graph each expression and if they make the same line, then they are equivalent.