

## 9-2 Properties of Logarithms

$$\log_a 1 = 0 \quad \log_{a'} a' = 1$$

$a^0 = 1$                        $a' = a'$

Evaluate

$$\log_5 1 = 0$$

$$\ln 1 = 0$$

$$\log_4 4 = 1$$

$$\log 10 = 1$$

**Inverse Property of Logarithms**If  $b$  and  $M$  are positive real numbers, with  $b \neq 0$ , then

$$b^{\log_b M} = M$$

Evaluate

~~$$12^{\log_{12} \sqrt{2}} = x$$~~  

$$\log_{12} \sqrt{2} = \log_{12} x$$

$$10^{\log 0.2} = 0.2$$

**Inverse Property of Logarithms**If  $b$  and  $r$  are positive real numbers, with  $b \neq 0$ , then

$$\log_a a^r = r$$

Evaluate

~~$$\log_4 4^3$$~~

$$3$$

~~$$\ln e^{-0.5}$$~~  
~~$$\log_e e^{-0.5}$$~~

$$-0.5$$

$$\log 10^{-4}$$

$$-4$$

**Product Rule of Logarithms**If  $M, N$  and  $b$  are positive real numbers, with  $b \neq 0$ , then

$$\log_b(MN) = \log_b M + \log_b N$$

Write each of the following logarithms as the sum of logarithms.

$$\log_2(5 \cdot 3)$$

$$\log_2 5 + \log_2 3$$

$$\ln(6z)$$

$$\ln 6 + \ln z$$

**Quotient Rule of Logarithms**If  $M, N$  and  $b$  are positive real numbers, with  $b \neq 0$ , then

$$\log_b\left(\frac{M}{N}\right) = \log_b M - \log_b N$$

Write each of the following logarithms as the difference of logarithms.

$$\log_2\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$$

$$\log_2 5 - \log_2 3$$

$$\log\left(\frac{y}{5}\right)$$

$$\log y - \log 5$$

**Power Rule of Logarithms**If  $M$  and  $b$  are positive real numbers, with  $b \neq 0$ , then

$$\log_b M^r = r \log_b M$$

Use the power Rule of Logarithms to express all powers as factors.

$$\log_8 3^5$$

$$5 \log_8 3$$

$$3 \log_2 5$$

$$\log_2 5^3$$

$$\ln x^{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\sqrt{3} \ln x$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \log 16$$

$$\log 16^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\log \sqrt{16}$$

$$\log 4$$

Write the following as the sum or difference of logarithms.

$$\log_3 \left( \frac{4x}{y} \right)$$

$$\log_3 4x - \log_3 y$$

$$\log_3 4 + \log_3 x - \log_3 y$$

$$\log_2 (x^2 y^3)$$

$$\log_2 x^2 + \log_2 y^3$$

$$2 \log_2 x + 3 \log_2 y$$

Expand the logarithm.

$$\log(8xy^4)$$

$$\log 8 + \log x + 4 \log y$$

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$$\log_3 \left( \frac{9m^4}{\sqrt[3]{n}} \right)$$

$$\log_3 9 + 4 \log_3 m - \log_3 \sqrt[3]{n}$$

$$\log_3 3^2 + 4 \log_3 m - \log_3 n^{1/3}$$

$$2 + 4 \log_3 m - \frac{1}{3} \log_3 n$$

Write each of the following as a single logarithm.

$$\log_6 3 + \log_6 12$$

$$\log_6(3 \cdot 12)$$

$$\log_6 36$$

$$\log_6 6^2$$

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$$\log(x-2) - \log x$$

$$\log\left(\frac{x-2}{x}\right)$$

Write each of the following as a single logarithm.

$$\ln x^5 - 2 \ln(xy)$$

$$\ln x^5 - \ln(xy)^2$$

$$\ln x^5 - \ln x^2 y^2$$

$$(x-1)(x+1)$$

$$\log(x-1) + \log(x+1) - 3 \log x$$

$$\log(x^2-1) - 3 \log x$$

$$\log(x^2-1) - \log x^3$$

$$\log\left(\frac{x^2-1}{x^3}\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{x^5}{x^2 y^2}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{x^3}{y^2}\right)$$

Rewrite and express in terms of  $a$  and  $b$   
 given that  $a = \ln 3$  and  $b = \ln 4$

$\ln 36$

$$\begin{aligned} & \ln(3 \cdot 3 \cdot 4) \\ & \ln 3 + \ln 3 + \ln 4 \\ & a + a + b \\ & 2\ln 3 + \ln 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$2a + b$$

$\ln 27$

$$\frac{1}{3} \ln 27$$

#### Change of Base Formula

If  $a \neq 0$ ,  $b \neq 0$ , and  $M$  are positive real numbers, then

$$\log_a M = \frac{\log_b M}{\log_b a}$$

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Rewrite the following as a natural log

$$\log_4 45 = \frac{\ln 45}{\ln 4}$$

$$\frac{\log 27}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \log 27$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \log 27^{1/3} \\ & \log 3 = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 10} \end{aligned}$$

Use your calculator to approximate the following:

$$\log_4 45$$

$$\log_3 75$$

$$\log_6 40$$

## Summary of Properties

$$\log_a a^r = r \quad b^{\log_b M} = M$$

$$\log_b (MN) = \log_b M + \log_b N$$

$$\log_b \left( \frac{M}{N} \right) = \log_b M - \log_b N$$

$$\log_b M^r = r \log_b M$$

$$\log_a M = \frac{\log_b M}{\log_b a}$$