

More Practice with Laws of Logs

Expand each of the following as much as possible using laws of logarithms. When applicable, write "not possible."

1)  $\log\left(\frac{x^3 y^6}{\sqrt{z}}\right)$

$3\log x + 6\log y - \frac{1}{2}\log z$

2)  $\log\sqrt[4]{x^2+y^2}$

$\frac{1}{4}\log(x^2+y^2)$

3)  $\ln\left(\frac{x(x^2+1)}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}\right)$

$\ln x + \ln(x^2+1) - \frac{1}{2}\ln(x^2-1)$   
 $\ln x + \ln(x^2+1) - \frac{1}{2}\ln[(x+1)(x-1)]$   
 $\ln x + \ln(x^2+1) - \frac{1}{2}\ln(x+1) - \frac{1}{2}\ln(x-1)$

4)  $\log\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{1-x}}\right)$

$\log x - \frac{1}{3}\log(1-x)$

5)  $\log\sqrt[3]{\frac{x+y}{x^6}}$

$\frac{1}{3}(\log(x+y) - 6\log x)$   
 or  $\frac{1}{3}\log(x+y) - 2\log x$

6)  $\ln(x-y)$

not possible

Condense each of the following into a single logarithm using properties of logs:

7)  $6\log x - 2\log y + \frac{1}{3}\log z$

$\log\left(\frac{x^6 z^{\frac{1}{3}}}{y^2}\right)$

8)  $5\log x - \frac{1}{4}\log(x^2+1) + 2\log(x-1)$

$\log\frac{x^5(x-1)^2}{\sqrt[4]{x^2+1}}$

9)  $\ln\left(\frac{a}{a^2-b^2}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{a-b}{a^2}\right)$

$\ln\left(\frac{a(a-b)}{(a+b)(a-b)a^2}\right)$   
 $\ln\left(\frac{a-b}{a(a+b)}\right)$

10)  $2(\log_5 x - 3\log_5 z + 2\log_5 y)$

$\log_5\left(\frac{x^2 y^4}{z^6}\right)$

11)  $3\ln x - \left(2\ln y + \frac{1}{2}\ln z\right)$

$3\ln x - 2\ln y - \frac{1}{2}\ln z$   
 $\ln\frac{x^3 y^2}{\sqrt{z}}$

12)  $4(2\ln x - 3\ln y) + 3(4\ln y - \ln x)$

$8\ln x - 12\ln y + 12\ln y - 3\ln x$   
 $5\ln x = \ln x^5$

13)  $\frac{1}{3}(\log_4 x + 6\log_4 y)$

$\log_4\sqrt[3]{xy^6}$   
 $\log_4(y^2\sqrt[3]{x})$

14)  $\log(x+3) - (\log(x^2-9) - \log(x^3-27))$

$\log(x+3) - \log(x^2-9) + \log(x^3-27)$   
 $\log\frac{(x+3)(x^3-27)}{(x+3)(x-3)(x^2+3x+9)}$   
 $\log\frac{(x-3)(x^2+3x+9)}{(x-3)(x^2+3x+9)}$   
 $\log(x^2+3x+9)$

15)  $4\ln x - \frac{1}{2}\left(6\ln y - \frac{1}{4}\ln z\right)$

$4\ln x - 3\ln y + \frac{1}{8}\ln z$   
 $\ln\frac{x^4 z^{\frac{1}{8}}}{y^3}$

Solve each of the following:

16)  $\frac{30}{32} = \frac{32(1-2^{-t})}{32}$

$\frac{15}{16} = 1 - 2^{-t}$   
 $\frac{-1}{16} = -2^{-t}$   
 $\frac{1}{16} = 2^{-t}$   
 $2^{-4} = 2^{-t}$   
 $t = 4$

17)  $\log_3(x+2) = 4$

switch  $3^4 = x+2$   
 $81 = x+2$   
 $79 = x$

18)  $\frac{10}{1+e^{-x}} = 2$

$10 = 2(1+e^{-x})$   
 $5 = 1+e^{-x}$   
 $4 = e^{-x}$   
 $\ln 4 = -x$   
 $-\ln 4 = x$  exact  
 or  $\ln 4^{-1} = x$   
 $x \approx -1.386$

19)  $\log_5(x+1) - 2 = \log_5(x-1)$

$\log_5(x+1) - \log_5(x-1) = 2$

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

Switch

$5^2 = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$

$25x - 25 = x + 1$

$\frac{24x}{24} = \frac{26}{24} \quad \boxed{x = \frac{13}{12}}$

22)  $\log_2(3x+2) = 3 + \log_2 x$

$\log_2(3x+2) - \log_2 x = 3$

$\log_2 \frac{3x+2}{x} = 3$

$2^3 = \frac{3x+2}{x}$

$8x = 3x + 2$

$5x = 2 \quad \boxed{x = \frac{2}{5}}$

25)  $\log_{\sqrt{216}} x = \frac{4}{3}$

$\sqrt[4]{216} = x$

$(6^{3/2})^{4/3} = x$

$6^2 = x$

$\boxed{36 = x}$

28)  $\left(\frac{1}{16}\right)^x = 64$

$(2^{-4})^x = 2^6$

$-4x = 6$

$\boxed{x = -\frac{3}{2}}$

29)  $9^{2x} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{x-1} = 81$

$(3^2)^{2x} \cdot (3^{-3})^{x-1} = 3^4$

$3^{6x} \cdot 3^{-3x+3} = 3^4$

$3^{6x-3x+3} = 3^4$

$3x+3 = 4$

$3x = 1$

$\boxed{x = \frac{1}{3}}$

20)  $2 = \log_2(x^2 - x - 2)$

$2^2 = x^2 - x - 2$

$0 = x^2 - x - 6$

$0 = (x-3)(x+2)$

$\boxed{x=3} \quad \boxed{x=-2}$

23)  $2 \log_5 x - \log_5 9 = 2$

$\log_5 \frac{x^2}{9} = 2$

$5^2 = \frac{x^2}{9}$

$\sqrt{225} = \sqrt{x^2}$

$\boxed{x=15} \quad x \neq -15$

21)  $\ln(x+4) = 3$

$e^3 = x+4$

$\boxed{e^3 - 4 = x} \leftarrow \text{exact}$

$\boxed{x \approx 16.086}$

24)  $\log(x^2) = \log 4 + \log 5$

$\log x^2 = \log 20$

$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{20}$

$\boxed{x = \pm 2\sqrt{5}}$

26)  $\log_9 8 = \log_9 \frac{1}{2} + 2 \log_9 x$

$\log_9 8 = \log_9 \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2\right)$

$8 = \frac{1}{2} x^2$

$\sqrt{16} = \sqrt{x^2}$

$\boxed{x=4} \quad x \neq -4$

27)  $6e^{2x} + 45 = 3e^{4x}$

$2e^{2x} + 15 = e^{4x}$

$0 = e^{4x} - 2e^{2x} - 15$

exact  $0 = (e^{2x} - 5)(e^{2x} + 3)$

$\downarrow$   $e^{2x} - 5 = 0 \quad e^{2x} + 3 = 0$

$\frac{1}{2} \ln 5 = x \quad e^{2x} = 5 \quad e^{2x} = -3$

$x \approx .805 \quad \ln 5 = 2x \quad \text{not possible}$

30)  $\log_3(x-1) - \log_3(x+6) = \log_3(x-2) - \log_3(x+3)$

$\log_3 \frac{(x-1)}{(x+6)} = \log_3 \frac{(x-2)}{(x+3)}$

$\frac{(x-1)}{(x+6)} = \frac{(x-2)}{(x+3)}$

$(x-1)(x+3) = (x-2)(x+6)$

$x^2 + 2x - 3 = x^2 + 4x - 12$

$-2x = -9$

$\boxed{x = \frac{9}{2}}$

Evaluate:

31)  $\log_{25} \left( \frac{125}{\sqrt{5}} \right) = \boxed{\frac{4}{3}}$

32)  $\log_{49} \left( \frac{1}{7} \right) = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2}}$

33)  $\log_8 \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt[4]{4}} \right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$

$\log_{25} \frac{5^3}{5^{1/3}} = \log_{25} 5^{8/3} = x$   
 $(5^2)^x = 5^{8/3} \rightarrow 2x = 8/3$   
 $x = 4/3$

$8^x = \frac{2}{2^{1/4}}$   
 $2^{3x} = 2^{1/2}$   
 $3x = 1/2$   
 $x = 1/6$

34)  $\frac{\log_4 16}{\log_3 \left( \frac{1}{27} \right)} = \frac{2}{-3} = \boxed{-\frac{2}{3}}$

35)  $\log_3 2 \div \log_3 8$   
 change of base  
 $\frac{\log_3 2}{\log_3 8} = \log_8 2 = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$

36)  $\log_2 3 - \log_2 12$   
 $\log_2 \left( \frac{3}{12} \right) = \log_2 \frac{1}{4} = \boxed{-2}$

37) Which of the following  $\frac{\log 27}{\log 3} ? = \log_3 27$  (Circle all that apply)

- a)  $\log 9$       **b) 3**      c)  $-\log 3^{-1}$       d)  $\log 24$

38) Which of the following are equivalent?

- i.  $\frac{\log_6 216}{\log_6 36} = \log_{36} 216$   
 $(6^2)^x = 6^3 \rightarrow 2x = 3 \rightarrow x = 1.5$   
 $\log_{36} 36 = 1$   
 ii.  $\log_6 \frac{216}{36}$   
 $\log_6 6 = 1$   
 iii.  $\log_6 216 - \log_6 36$   
 $3 - 2 = 1$
- a) i & ii      **b) ii & iii**      c) iii      d) none of these      e) all of these

39) Which of the following are equivalent?

- i.  $\frac{1}{3} \log 270$   
 $\frac{1}{3} \log 270 = \log_3 \sqrt[3]{270} = \log_3 \sqrt[3]{10} = \log 3 + \frac{1}{3} \log 10$   
 ii.  $\log 90$   
 $\log(10 \cdot 9)$   
 iii.  $\frac{1}{3} + \log 3$   
 $\log 3 + \frac{1}{3} \log 10$
- a) i & ii      **b) i & iii**      c) ii & iii      d) none of these      e) all of these

40) Given  $\log 7 = x, \log 5 = y, \log 3 = z$  determine each of the following:

- a)  $\log_9 9^2 = \frac{\log 9^2}{\log 9} = \frac{2 \log 9}{\log 9} = \boxed{2}$
- b)  $\log 150 = \log(10 \cdot 5 \cdot 3) = \log 10 + \log 5 + \log 3 = \boxed{1 + y + z}$
- c)  $\log_5 7 = \frac{\log 7}{\log 5} = \boxed{\frac{x}{y}}$
- d)  $\log_7 15 = \frac{\log 15}{\log 7} = \frac{\log(5 \cdot 3)}{\log 7} = \frac{\log 5 + \log 3}{\log 7} = \frac{y + z}{x} = \boxed{\frac{y+z}{x}}$
- e)  $\log(3/5) = \log 3 - \log 5 = \boxed{z - y}$
- f)  $\log 30 = \log(10 \cdot 3) = \log 10 + \log 3 = \boxed{1 + z}$

41) State the domain of each of the following:

a)  $f(x) = \ln(9-x)$   
 $f(x) = \ln(-(x-9))$   
  
 Domain:  $(-\infty, 9)$   
 $x = 9$

b)  $f(x) = \ln(3x+2)$   
 $f(x) = \ln(3(x+2/3))$   
  
 Domain:  $(-\frac{2}{3}, \infty)$   
 $x = -\frac{2}{3}$

42) State the transformations applied to the graph of  $f(x)$  which result in the graph of  $g(x)$ .

a)  $f(x) = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x$

b)  $f(x) = 3^x$

c)  $f(x) = 2^x$

d)  $f(x) = e^x$

$g(x) = 3\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{x+3} = 3\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{(x+3)}$

$g(x) = \frac{1}{5} \cdot 9^{x-1} + 4$

$g(x) = -3\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{2-x} - 1$

$g(x) = -e^{6-3x} - 3(x-2)$

$g(x) = \frac{1}{3}(3)^{x+4} + 4$

$g(x) = -3(2)^{2(x-2)} - 1$

$g(x) = -e^{-3(x-2)}$

• vert. stretch by 3

• vert. shrink by  $\frac{1}{3}$

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• reflect over y-axis

• reflect over y-axis

• horiz. shrink by  $\frac{1}{2}$

• horiz. shrink by  $\frac{1}{2}$

• reflect over x-axis

• shift left 3

• shift right 1

• reflect over y-axis

• horiz. shrink by  $\frac{1}{3}$

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\_\_\_\_\_ up 4

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\_\_\_\_\_ shift right 2

\_\_\_\_\_ shift right 2 down 1

43) Given that  $f(x) = \ln(x+3)$  determine each of the following:

a)  $f(-3) = \text{undefined}$

b)  $f(-2) = 0$

c)  $f(2) = \ln 5$

d)  $f(2x) = \ln(2x+3)$

$\ln(-3+3)$   
 $\ln(0)$

$\ln(-2+3)$   
 $\ln 1$

$\ln(2+3)$   
 $\ln 5$

$\ln(2x+3)$

d)  $f(x^2-3) = \ln x^2$   
 $\ln(x^2-3+3)$

e)  $f(x^2-12) = \ln(x^2-9)$   
 $\ln(x^2-12+3)$

f)  $f(x^2+6x+6) = \ln(x+3)^2$   
 $\ln(x^2+6x+6+3)$   
 $\ln(x^2+6x+9)$   
 $\ln(x+3)^2$

44) Now...using your answers from #43 determine whether each of the following is TRUE or FALSE:

a)  $f(-3) = 0$

b)  $f(-2) = 0$

c)  $f(2x) = f(2) + f(x)$

**False**

**True**

$\ln(2x+3) = \ln 5 + \ln(x+3)$   
 $= \ln(5x+15)$

**False**

d)  $f(x^2-3)$  has a domain of all real numbers

e)  $f(x^2-12) = f(x) + \ln(x-3)$

f)  $\frac{1}{2}f(x^2+6x+6) = f(x)$

$\ln x^2$

**False**

$x \neq 0$

$\ln(x^2-9) = \ln(x+3) + \ln(x-3)$

$\ln(x^2-9) = \ln((x+3)(x-3))$

$\ln(x^2-9) = \ln(x^2-9)$

**True**

$\frac{1}{2} \ln(x+3)^2 = \ln(x+3)$

$\ln \sqrt{(x+3)^2} = \ln(x+3)$

$\ln(x+3) = \ln(x+3)$

**True**