

HOMework – Properties of Logarithms

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1. $\log_3 x + \log_3 4 - \log_3 2$

2. $\log_2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \log_2\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$

3. $7\log_3 x - 4\log_3 x$

4. $\frac{1}{2}\log 3c + \frac{1}{2}\log 4d - 2\log 5e$

EXPAND the logarithm completely. SIMPLIFY, if possible.

5. $\log(3 \cdot 2^3)$

6. $\log_5\left(\frac{2x}{5}\right)^4$

7. $\log_2 \sqrt{8a^7}$

8. $\log \frac{1}{mn}$

EVALUATE without a calculator.

9. $\log_3 3^5 + \log_5 125$

10. $\log_3 \frac{1}{9} - 2^{\log_2 3}$

11. $\log_2 6 \cdot \log_6 8$

12. $5^{\log_5 6 + \log_5 7}$

PRACTICE using the Properties of Logarithms

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1. $\log_2 14 - \log_2 7$

$$= \log_2 \frac{14}{7}$$

$$= \log_2 2 = \boxed{1}$$

2. $\log_2 5 + \log_2 x - \log_2 10$

$$= \log_2 5x - \log_2 10$$

$$= \log_2 \frac{5x}{10} = \log_2 \frac{x}{2}$$

OR
= $\log_2 \frac{1}{2}x$

3. $2 \log 5 + \log 4$

$$= \log 5^2 + \log 4$$

$$= \log 25 + \log 4$$

$$= \log 25(4) = \log 100$$

$$= \boxed{10}$$

4. $\log_7 3x - \log_7 9x + \log_7 6y$

$$= \log_7 \frac{13xy}{39x} + \log_7 6y$$

$$= \log_7 \frac{1}{3}(6y) = \boxed{\log_7 2y}$$

5. $5 \log_2 x - 2 \log_2 y$

$$= \log_2 x^5 - \log_2 y^2$$

$$= \boxed{\log_2 \frac{x^5}{y^2}}$$

6. $4 \log_b x + \frac{1}{2} \log_b y - 3 \log_b 2z$

$$= \log_b x^4 + \log_b y^{1/2} - \log_b (2z)^3$$

$$= \log_b x^4 \sqrt{y} - \log_b 8z^3$$

$$= \boxed{\log_b \frac{x^4 \sqrt{y}}{8z^3}}$$

EXPAND the logarithm completely. SIMPLIFY, if possible.

7. $\log_3 8x^2y$

$$= \log_3 8 + \log_3 x^2 + \log_3 y$$

$$= \boxed{\log_3 8 + 2 \log_3 x + \log_3 y}$$

8. $\log \left(\frac{x}{9}\right)^5$

$$= \log \frac{x^5}{9^5} = \log x^5 - \log 9^5$$

$$= \boxed{5 \log x - 5 \log 9}$$

9. $\log_b \frac{b}{x}$

$$= \log_b b - \log_b x$$

$$= \boxed{1 - \log_b x}$$

10. $\log \frac{x^2 y^3}{z^4}$

$$= \log x^2 + \log y^3 - \log z^4$$

$$= \boxed{2 \log x + 3 \log y - 4 \log z}$$

11. $\log_4 4\sqrt{3x^3}$

$$= \log_4 4 + \log (3x^3)^{1/2}$$

$$= \boxed{1 + \frac{1}{2} \log 3 + \frac{3}{2} \log x}$$

12. $\log_2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{n^3}}$

$$= \log_2 \frac{m^{1/2}}{(n^3)^{1/2}} = \log_2 \frac{m^{1/2}}{n^{3/2}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \log_2 m - \frac{3}{2} \log_2 n}$$

EVALUATE without a calculator.

13. $\log 10^2$

$$\boxed{2}$$

14. $\log_9 9^{11} - \log_4 64$

$$11 - 3 = \boxed{8}$$

15. $6^{\log_6 3} - \log_5 \frac{1}{25}$

$$= 3 - \log_5 5^{-2}$$

$$= 3 - (-2) = \boxed{5}$$

16. $\log_3 8 \cdot \log_8 9$

$$= \frac{\log 8}{\log 3} \left(\frac{\log 9}{\log 8} \right) = \frac{\log 9}{\log 3}$$

$$= \log_3 9 = \boxed{2}$$

17. $\log_4 48 - \frac{1}{2} \log_4 9$

$$= \log_4 48 - \log_4 9^{1/2} \leftarrow \sqrt{9}$$

$$= \log_4 48 - \log_4 3$$

$$= \log_4 \frac{48}{3} = \log_4 16 = \boxed{2}$$

18. $\frac{1}{2} \log_5 15 - \log_5 \sqrt{75}$

$$= \log_5 \sqrt{15} - \log_5 \sqrt{75}$$

$$= \log_5 \frac{\sqrt{15}}{\sqrt{75}} = \log_5 \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$= \log_5 5^{-1/2} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

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3. $7 \log_3 x - 4 \log_3 x$

$$= \log_3 x^7 - \log_3 x^4$$

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4. $\frac{1}{2} \log 3c + \frac{1}{2} \log 4d - 2 \log 5e$

$$= \log(3c)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \log(4d)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log(5e)^2$$

$$= \log \sqrt{3c}(\sqrt{4d}) - \log 25e^2$$

$$= \log \frac{\sqrt{12cd}}{25e^2} = \log \frac{2\sqrt{3cd}}{25e^2}$$

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5. $\log(3 \cdot 2^3)$

$$= \log 3 + \log 2^3$$

$$= \log 3 + 3 \log 2$$

6. $\log_5 \left(\frac{2x}{5} \right)^4 = \log_5 \frac{2^4 x^4}{5^4}$

$$= 4 \log_5 2 + 4 \log_5 x - 4 \log_5 5$$

$$= 4 \log_5 2 + 4 \log_5 x - 4 \quad OR$$

$$= 4(\log_5 2 + \log_5 x - 1)$$

7. $\log_2 \sqrt{8a^7} = \log_2 8^{\frac{1}{2}} a^{\frac{7}{2}}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 8 + \frac{7}{2} \log a$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(3) + \frac{7}{2} \log a$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{7}{2} \log a$$

8. $\log \frac{1}{mn}$

$$= \log 1 - (\log m + \log n)$$

$$= 0 - \log m - \log n$$

$$= -\log m - \log n$$

EVALUATE without a calculator.

9. $\log_3 3^5 + \log_5 125$

$$= 5 + 3$$

$$= 8$$

10. $\log_3 \frac{1}{9} - 2^{\log_2 3}$

$$= -2 - 3$$

$$= -5$$

11. $\log_2 6 \cdot \log_6 8 = \frac{\log 6}{\log 2} \left(\frac{\log 8}{\log 6} \right)$

$$= \frac{\log 8}{\log 2}$$

$$= \log_2 8$$

$$= 3$$

12. $5^{\log_5 6 + \log_5 7}$

$$= 5^{\log_5 42}$$

$$= 42$$