

7-3

Reteaching

Logarithmic Functions as Inverses

A logarithmic function is the inverse of an exponential function.

To evaluate logarithmic expressions, use the fact that $x = \log_b y$ is the same as $y = b^x$. Keep in mind that $x = \log y$ is another way of writing $x = \log_{10} y$.

Problem

What is the logarithmic form of $6^3 = 216$?

Step 1 Determine which equation to use.

The equation is in the form $b^x = y$.

Step 2 Find x , y , and b .

$b = 6$, $x = 3$, and $y = 216$

Step 3 Because $y = b^x$ is the same as $x = \log_b y$, rewrite the equation in logarithmic form by substituting for x , y , and b .

$3 = \log_6 216$

Exercises

Write each equation in logarithmic form.

$$1. 4^{-3} = \frac{1}{64} \\ \log_4 \frac{1}{64} = -3$$

$$2. 5^{-2} = \frac{1}{25} \\ \log_5 \frac{1}{25} = -2$$

$$3. 8^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} \\ \log_8 \frac{1}{8} = -1$$

$$4. 11^0 = 1 \\ \log_{11} 1 = 0$$

$$5. 6^1 = 6 \\ \log_6 6 = 1$$

$$6. 6^{-3} = \frac{1}{216} \\ \log_6 \frac{1}{216} = -3$$

$$7. 17^0 = 1 \\ \log_{17} 1 = 0$$

$$8. 17^1 = 17 \\ \log_{17} 17 = 1$$

Problem

What is the exponential form of $4 = \log_5 625$?

Step 1 Determine which equation to use.

The equation is in the form $x = \log_b y$.

Step 2 Find x , y , and b .

$x = 4$, $b = 5$, and $y = 625$

Step 3 Because $x = \log_b y$ is the same as $y = b^x$, rewrite the equation in exponential form by substituting for x , y , and b .

$625 = 5^4$

7-3

Reteaching (continued)

Logarithmic Functions as Inverses

Exercises

Write each equation in exponential form.

9. $3 = \log_2 8$ $2^3 = 8$

10. $2 = \log_5 25$ $5^2 = 25$

11. $\log 0.1 = -1$ $10^{-1} = 0.1$

12. $\log 7 \approx 0.845$ $10^{0.845} \approx 7$

13. $\log 1000 = 3$ $10^3 = 1000$

14. $-2 = \log 0.01$ $10^{-2} = 0.01$

15. $\log_3 81 = 4$ $3^4 = 81$

16. $\log_{49} 7 = \frac{1}{2}$ $49^{\frac{1}{2}} = 7$

17. $\log_8 \frac{1}{4} = -\frac{2}{3}$ $8^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{4}$

18. $\log_2 128 = 7$ $2^7 = 128$

19. $\log_5 \frac{1}{625} = -4$ $5^{-4} = \frac{1}{625}$

20. $\log_6 36 = 2$ $6^2 = 36$

ProblemWhat is the value of $\log_4 32$?

$x = \log_4 32$ Write the equation in logarithmic form $x = \log_b y$.

$32 = 4^x$ Rewrite in exponential form $y = b^x$.

$2^5 = (2^2)^x$ Rewrite each side of the equation with like bases in order to solve the equation.

$2^5 = 2^{2x}$ Simplify.

$5 = 2x$ Set the exponents equal to each other.

$x = \frac{5}{2}$ Solve for x .

$\log_4 32 = \frac{5}{2}$

Exercises

Evaluate the logarithm.

21. $\log_2 64$ 6

22. $\log_4 64$ 3

23. $\log_3 3^4$ 4

24. $\log 10$ 1

25. $\log 0.1$ -1

26. $\log 1$ 0

27. $\log_8 2$ $\frac{1}{3}$

28. $\log_{32} 2$ $\frac{1}{5}$

29. $\log_9 3$ $\frac{1}{2}$

7-4

Reteaching

Properties of Logarithms

You can write a logarithmic expression containing more than one logarithm as a single logarithm as long as the bases are equal. You can write a logarithm that contains a number raised to a power as a logarithm with the power as a coefficient. To understand the following properties, remember that logarithms are powers.

Name	Formula	Why?
Product Property	$\log_b mn = \log_b m + \log_b n$	When you multiply two powers, you add the exponents. Example: $2^6 \cdot 2^2 = 2^{(6+2)} = 2^8$
Quotient Property	$\log_b \frac{m}{n} = \log_b m - \log_b n$	When you divide two powers, you subtract the exponents. Example: $\frac{2^6}{2^2} = 2^{(6-2)} = 2^4$
Power Property	$\log_b m^n = n \log_b m$	When you raise a power to a power, you multiply the exponents. Example: $(2^6)^2 = 2^{(6 \cdot 2)} = 2^{12}$

Problem

What is $2 \log_2 6 - \log_2 9 + \frac{1}{3} \log_2 27$ written as a single logarithm?

$$\begin{aligned}
 2 \log_2 6 - \log_2 9 + \frac{1}{3} \log_2 27 &= \log_2 6^2 - \log_2 9 + \log_2 27^{\frac{1}{3}} && \text{Use the Power Property twice.} \\
 &= \log_2 36 - \log_2 9 + \log_2 3 && 6^2 = 36, 27^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{27} = 3 \\
 &= (\log_2 36 - \log_2 9) + \log_2 3 && \text{Group two of the logarithms. Use order of operations.} \\
 &= \log_2 \frac{36}{9} + \log_2 3 && \text{Quotient Property} \\
 &= \log_2 \left(\frac{36}{9} \cdot 3 \right) && \text{Product Property} \\
 &= \log_2 12 && \text{Simplify.}
 \end{aligned}$$

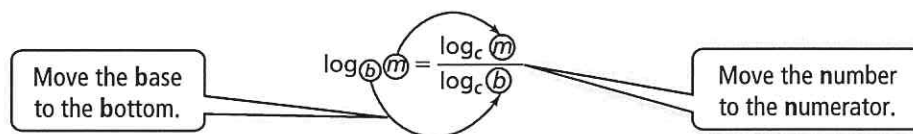
As a single logarithm, $2 \log_2 6 - \log_2 9 + \frac{1}{3} \log_2 27 = \log_2 12$.

7-4

Reteaching (continued)

Properties of Logarithms

To evaluate logarithms with any base, you can rewrite the logarithm as a quotient of two logarithms with the same base.

**Problem**

What is $\log_4 8$ written as a quotient of two logarithms with base 2? Simplify your answer, if possible.

$$\log_4 8 = \frac{\log_2 8}{\log_2 4}$$

The base is 4 and the number is 8. Move the base to the bottom and the number to the numerator.

$$= \frac{3}{2}$$

Evaluate the logarithms in the numerator and the denominator.

Exercises

Write each logarithmic expression as a single logarithm.

1. $\log_3 13 + \log_3 3$
2. $2 \log x + \log 5$
3. $\log_4 2 - \log_4 6$
4. $3 \log_3 3 - \log_3 3$
5. $\log_5 8 + \log_5 x$
6. $\log 2 - 2 \log x$
7. $\log_2 x + \log_2 y$
8. $3 \log_7 x - 5 \log_7 y$
9. $4 \log x + 3 \log x$
10. $\log_5 x + 3 \log_5 y$
11. $3 \log_2 x - \log_2 y$
12. $\log_2 16 - \log_2 8$

Write each logarithm as a quotient of two common logarithms. Simplify your answer, if possible. (*Hint: Common logarithms are logarithms with base 10.*)

13. $\log_4 12$
14. $\log_2 1000$
15. $\log_5 16$
16. $\log_{11} 205$
17. $\log_9 32$
18. $\log_{100} 51$

7-4

Practice

Form K

Properties of Logarithms

Properties of Logarithms		
Product Property	Quotient Property	Power Property
$\log_b mn = \log_b m + \log_b n$	$\log_b \frac{m}{n} = \log_b m - \log_b n$	$\log_b m^n = n \log_b m$

Write each expression as a single logarithm.

1. $\log_3 9 + \log_3 24$

2. $\log_4 16^3 - 3 \log_4 16$

3. $\log_2 7 - \log_2 9$

4. $\log_3 8^5 - 5 \log_3 8$

5. $\log_4 x - \log_4 y$

6. $\log 5 + \log 7$

Expand each logarithm. Simplify if possible.

7. $\log_3 27x$

8. $\log \frac{3}{7}$

9. $\log_4 y^2 z^3$

10. $\log_5 \frac{3^2}{x}$

11. $\log_3 15xy$

12. $\log 8xz^4$

$2 \log_5 3 - \log_5 x$

$1 + \log_3 5 + \log_3 x + \log_3 y$

$3 \log 2 + \log x + 4 \log z$

13. **Open-Ended** Write three different logarithms. You should be able to expand each logarithm by one of the properties of logarithms. Answers may vary.

Sample: $\log_5 6x$, $\log \frac{3}{4}$, $\log_3 7^2$

7-4

Practice (continued)

Form K

Properties of Logarithms

Change of Base FormulaFor any positive numbers m , b , and c , with $b \neq 1$ and $c \neq 1$,

$$\log_b m = \frac{\log_c m}{\log_c b}$$

Use the Change of Base Formula to evaluate each expression.

14. $\log_{32} 4$

15. $\log_9 27 \approx 1.5$

16. $\log_4 12 \approx 1.792$

$$\frac{\log_2 4}{\log_2 32} = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$$

17. Error Analysis Your friend used the Change of Base Formula to evaluate the expression $\log_4 8$. Her answer was $\frac{2}{3}$. What error did your friend make? What is the correct answer?

Sample answer: Your friend confused the numerator and the denominator in the formula. The correct answer is $\frac{3}{2}$.

Use the following formula to solve Exercise 18.

Formula for Loudness of a Sound (decibels)

$$L = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_0}$$

- I is the intensity of a sound in watts per square meter (W/m^2).
- I_0 is the intensity of a sound that can barely be heard.
- $I_0 = 10^{-12} \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$

18. Your classmate went to a rock concert. At the loudest point during the concert, the sound had an intensity of $2.35 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$. What was the loudness of this sound in decibels?
about 93.71 decibels

7-5

Reteaching

Exponential and Logarithmic Equations

Use logarithms to solve exponential equations.

Problem

What is the solution of $7 - 5^{2x-1} = 4$?

$$7 - 5^{2x-1} = 4$$

$$-5^{2x-1} = -3$$

First isolate the term that has the variable in the exponent. Begin by subtracting 7 from each side.

$$5^{2x-1} = 3$$

Multiply each side by -1 .

$$\log_5 5^{2x-1} = \log_5 3$$

Because the variable is in the exponent, use logarithms. Take \log_5 of each side because 5 is the base of the exponent.

$$(2x - 1) \log_5 5 = \log_5 3$$

Use the Power Property of Logarithms.

$$2x - 1 = \log_5 3$$

Simplify. (Recall that $\log_b b = 1$.)

$$2x - 1 = \frac{\log 3}{\log 5}$$

Apply the Change of Base Formula.

$$2x = \frac{\log 3}{\log 5} + 1$$

Add 1 to each side.

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\log 3}{\log 5} + 1 \right)$$

Divide each side by 2.

$$x \approx 0.84$$

Use a calculator to find a decimal approximation.

Exercises

Solve each equation. Round the answer to the nearest hundredth.

1. $2^x = 5$ 2.32

2. $10^{2x} = 8$ 0.45

3. $5^{x+1} = 25$ 1

4. $2^{x+3} = 9$ 0.17

5. $3^{2x-3} = 7$ 2.39

6. $4^x - 5 = 3$ 1.50

7. $5 + 2^{x+6} = 9$ -4

8. $4^{3x} + 2 = 3$ 0

9. $1 - 3^{2x} = -5$ 0.82

10. $2^{3x} - 2 = 13$ 1.30

11. $5^{2x+7} - 1 = 8$ -2.82

12. $7 - 2^{x+7} = 5$ -6

7-5

Reteaching (continued)

Exponential and Logarithmic Equations

Use exponents to solve logarithmic equations.

Problem

What is the solution of $8 - \log(4x - 3) = 4$?

$$8 - \log(4x - 3) = 4$$

$$-\log(4x - 3) = -4$$

First isolate the term that has the variable in the logarithm. Begin by subtracting 8 from each side.

$$\log(4x - 3) = 4$$

Multiply each side by -1 .

$$4x - 3 = 10^4$$

Write in exponential form.

$$4x - 3 = 10,000$$

Simplify.

$$4x = 10,003$$

Add 3 to each side.

$$x = \frac{10,003}{4}$$

Solve for x .

$$x = 2500.75$$

Divide.

Exercises

Solve each equation. Round the answer to the nearest thousandth.

13. $\log x = 2$ 100

14. $\log 3x = 3$ 333.333

15. $\log 2x + 2 = 6$ 5000

16. $5 + \log(2x + 1) = 6$ 4.5

17. $\log 5x + 62 = 62$ 0.2

18. $6 - \log \frac{1}{2}x = 3$ 2000

19. $\log(4x - 3) + 6 = 4$ 0.753

20. $\frac{2}{3}\log 5x = 2$ 200

21. $2\log 250x - 6 = 4$ 400

22. $5 - 2\log x = \frac{1}{2}$ 177.828

7-5

Practice

Form K

Exponential and Logarithmic Equations

Solve each equation. To start, rewrite each side with a common base.

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \quad 125^{2x} &= 25 \\
 (5^3)^{2x} &= 5^2 \\
 5^{6x} &= 5^2 \\
 6x &= 2 \\
 x &= \frac{1}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \quad 2^{3x-3} &= 64 \\
 2^{3x-3} &= 2^6 \\
 x &= 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. \quad 81^{3x} &= 27 \\
 x &= \frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solve each equation. Round to the nearest ten-thousandth. Check your answers.
To start, take the logarithm of each side.

$$\begin{aligned}
 4. \quad 6^{4x} &= 234 \\
 \log 6^{4x} &= \log 234 \\
 4x \log 6 &= \log 234 \\
 x &= \frac{\log 234}{4 \log 6} \\
 x &\approx 0.7612
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 5. \quad 3^{5x} &= 375 \\
 \log 3^{5x} &= \log 375 \\
 x &\approx 1.0790
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 6. \quad 7^{3x} - 24 &= 184 \\
 x &\approx 0.9143
 \end{aligned}$$

Graphing Calculator Solve by graphing. Round to the nearest ten-thousandth.

$$\begin{aligned}
 7. \quad 3^{6x} &= 2000 \\
 \text{Let } Y_1 &= 3^{6x} \text{ and } Y_2 = 2000. \\
 x &\approx 1.1531
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 8. \quad 8^{3x} &= 154 \\
 x &\approx 0.8074
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 9. \quad 12^{4x} &= 4600 \\
 x &\approx 0.8485
 \end{aligned}$$

Use the following formula for Exercise 10.

$$T(m) = a(1 + r)^m$$

- m = the number of minutes it takes for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the crowd to leave the stadium
- $T(m)$ = the number of people in the stadium after m minutes
- a = the number of people currently in the stadium
- r = the percent change in the number of people in the stadium

10. There are currently 100,000 people in a stadium watching a soccer game. When the game ends, about 3% of the crowd will leave the stadium each minute. At this rate, how many minutes will it take for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the crowd to leave the stadium? **about 46 minutes**

7-5

Practice (continued)

Form K

Exponential and Logarithmic Equations

Convert from Logarithmic Form to Exponential Form to solve each equation.

Exponential and Logarithmic Form	
Logarithmic Form $\log_b x = y$	Exponential Form $b^y = x$

11. $\log(2x + 4) = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 4 &= 10^3 \\ 2x &= 996 \\ x &= 498 \end{aligned}$$

12. $\log 4z - 3 = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \log 4z &= 5 \\ z &= 25,000 \end{aligned}$$

13. $\log(2x - 8) = 2$

$$x = 54$$

Use the properties of logarithms to solve each equation.

Product Property	Quotient Property	Power Property
$\log_b mn = \log_b m + \log_b n$	$\log_b \frac{m}{n} = \log_b m - \log_b n$	$\log_b m^n = n \log_b m$

14. $2 \log x + \log 4 = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \log x^2 + \log 4 &= 3 \\ \log 4x^2 &= 3 \\ 4x^2 &= 10^3 \\ x^2 &= 250 \\ x &\approx 15.81 \end{aligned}$$

15. $\log y - \log 4 = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{y}{4} &= 2 \\ y &= 400 \end{aligned}$$

16. $\log 10 + \log 2x = 3$

$$x = 50$$

17. **Error Analysis** Your friend used the following steps to solve the equation $\log x + \log 6 = 4$. What error did he make? What is the correct answer?

$$\begin{aligned} \log x + \log 6 &= 4 \\ \log \frac{x}{6} &= 4 \\ \frac{x}{6} &= 10^4 \\ x &= 6000 \end{aligned}$$

He applied the Quotient Property rather than the Product Property; $x = \frac{5000}{3}$.

Chapter 7 Find the Errors!

For use with Lessons 7-3 through 7-4

1. The base of the log is 6.

$$\begin{aligned} 6^5 &= 7776 \\ \log_6 6^5 &= \log_6 7776 \\ 5 &= \log_6 7776 \end{aligned}$$

2. The base of the log is 8.

$$\begin{aligned} \log_8 4 &= x \\ 8^{(\log_8 4)} &= 8^x \\ 4 &= 8^x \\ 2^2 &= 2^{3x} \\ 2 &= 3x \\ \frac{2}{3} &= x \end{aligned}$$

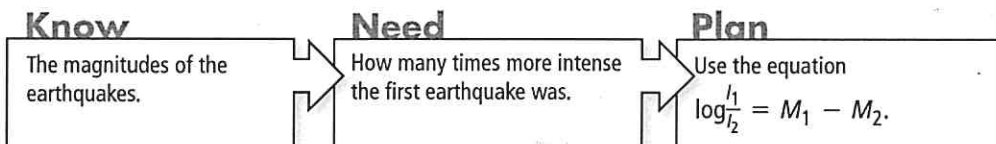
3. The exponent goes with the entire expression, not just the numerator.

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \log x - 3 \log 5 &= \log x^3 - \log 5^3 \\ &= \log \frac{x^3}{5^3} \\ &= \log \frac{x^3}{125} \end{aligned}$$

4. $\log(x + 1)$ is not equal to $\log x + \log 1$.

$$\log \frac{(x + 1)}{x} = \log(x + 1) - \log x$$

5. The formula $\log \frac{I_1}{I_2} = M_1 - M_2$ compares the intensity levels of earthquakes.



$$\log \frac{I_1}{I_2} = M_1 - M_2$$

$$\log \frac{I_1}{I_2} = 6.9 - 5.4$$

$$\log \frac{I_1}{I_2} = 1.5$$

$$\frac{I_1}{I_2} = 10^{1.5}$$

$$\approx 31.62$$

The 1989 earthquake was about 31.6 times more intense than the one in 2008.

Chapter 7 Find the Errors!

For use with Lessons 7-5 through 7-6

1. 4^{x+3} should be rewritten as $2^{2(x+3)}$.

$$\begin{aligned} 4^{x+3} &= 16 \\ 2^{2(x+3)} &= 2^4 \\ 2(x+3) &= 4 \\ 2x+6 &= 4 \\ 2x &= -2 \\ x &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

2. The expression $\log 5x - \log 5$ was not simplified correctly.

$$\begin{aligned} \log 5x - \log 5 &= 2 \\ \log \frac{5x}{5} &= 2 \\ x &= 10^2 \\ x &= 100 \end{aligned}$$

3. The 3 cannot be divided out from within the natural logarithm.

$$\begin{aligned} 5 + \ln 3x &= 8 \\ \ln 3x &= 3 \\ 3x &= e^3 \\ x &= \frac{e^3}{3} \\ x &\approx 6.7 \end{aligned}$$

4. The natural logarithm should have been used.

$$\begin{aligned} 5e^x - 3 &= 7 \\ 5e^x &= 10 \\ e^x &= 2 \\ x &= \ln 2 \\ x &\approx 0.69 \end{aligned}$$

5. In simplifying $\frac{\log 0.3}{\log 0.93}$, the quotient of the logs should be found, not the log of the quotient.

If she starts with 100% of the land and sells 7%, she will have 93% of the land left. After n years, she will have $2000(0.93)^n$ of the land left.

$$\begin{aligned} 600 &= 2000(0.93)^n \\ 0.3 &= (0.93)^n \\ \log 0.3 &= \log 0.93^n \\ \log 0.3 &= n \log 0.93 \\ \frac{\log 0.3}{\log 0.93} &= n \\ 16.59 &\approx n \end{aligned}$$

In about 16.59 years, she will have 600 square miles of land left.