

Useful Guidelines:

Properties of Logarithms: $M > 0$ and $N > 0$

The logarithmic function to the base a , where $a > 0$ and $a \neq 1$: $y = \log_a x$ if and only if $x = a^y$;

The logarithmic function to the base b , where $b > 0$ and $b \neq 1$: $y = \log_b x$ if and only if $x = b^y$;

* $\log_a(1) = 0$; $\log_a(a) = 1$; $\log_a(M)^r = r \log_a(M)$ $\ln(1) = 0$; $\ln(e) = 1$; $\ln(e)^2 = 2 \ln(e) = 2$; $\ln(e)^x = x$

* $a^{\log_a(M)} = M$ $e^{\ln(x)} = x$

* $\log_a(MN) = \log_a(M) + \log_a(N)$ $\ln(MN) = \ln(M) + \ln(N)$

* $\log_a\left(\frac{M}{N}\right) = \log_a(M) - \log_a(N)$ $\ln\left(\frac{M}{N}\right) = \ln(M) - \ln(N)$

* $\log_a(M) = \frac{\log_b(M)}{\log_b(a)}$ "Change-of-Base Formula" $\log_a(M) = \frac{\ln(M)}{\ln(a)}$

* If $M = N$, then $\log_a(M) = \log_a(N)$; If $\log_a(M) = \log_a(N)$, then $M = N$.

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Solve each equation and give the solution set.

1. a) $\log_5(2x) + \log_5(5) = 2$

$\log_5(10x) = 2$

$10x = 25$

$x = 2.5$

$\{x | x = 2.5\}$

2. a) $\log_3(x) + \log_3(x-2) = 1$

$\log_3(x^2 - 2x) = 1$

$x^2 - 2x = 3$

$x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$

$(x-3)(x+1) = 0$

$x = 3$ or $x = -1$

$\{x | x = 3\}$

3. a) $3^x = 10$

$\ln(3^x) = \ln(10)$

$x \ln(3) = \ln(10)$

$x = \frac{\ln 10}{\ln 3}$

$\{x | x = \frac{\ln 10}{\ln 3}\}$

4. Evaluate the following:

a) $3^{\log_3(k)} = k$

b) $7^{\log_7(\pi)} = \pi$

b) $\ln(x-1) - 2 \ln(4) = \ln(e)^2 + \ln(1)$

$\ln(x-1) - \ln 4^2 = 2 \ln(e) + \ln(1)$

$\ln(x-1) - \ln 16 = 2$

$\ln\left[\frac{x-1}{16}\right] = 2 = \frac{x-1}{16} = e^2$ $x-1 = 16e^2$
 $x = 16e^2 + 1$

b) $\ln(x+3) - \ln(x) = \ln(e)^4$

$\ln\left(\frac{x+3}{x}\right) = 4$

$\frac{x+3}{x} = e^4$ $\{x | x = \frac{3}{e^4 - 1}\}$

$x+3 = xe^4$

$x - xe^4 = -3$

$x(1-e^4) = -3$ $x = \frac{-3}{1-e^4}$ or $x = \frac{3}{e^4-1}$

b) $2^{x+2} = 5^x$

$\ln(2^{x+2}) = \ln(5^x)$

$(x+2) \ln(2) = x \ln(5)$ $\{x | x = \frac{\ln 4}{\ln 2.5}\}$

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

$\ln 4 = x \ln(5) - x \ln 2$

$\ln 4 = x [\ln(5) - \ln(2)]$

$\ln 4 = x \ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$ $x = \frac{\ln(4)}{\ln 2.5}$

c) $e^{\ln(k)} = k$

d) $e^{\ln(\pi)} = \pi$