

Useful Guidelines:

* same base needed

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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 $x = b^y$;

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

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

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

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

domain always has to be positive

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

$\log_3(x)$

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

Solve each equation and give the solution set.

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

$$\frac{\log_5(10x)}{+5} = \frac{2}{+5} > 5^2$$

$$\frac{10x}{10} = \frac{25}{10}$$

$$x = 2.5$$

Sol set: $\{x | x = 2.5\}$

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

$$\frac{\log_3(x^2 - 2x)}{3} = \frac{1}{3} > 3^1$$

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

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

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

$$x = 3 \text{ or } x = -1$$

3. a) $3^x = 10$

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

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

$$\frac{\ln(10)}{\ln(3)}$$

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

4. Evaluate the following:

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

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

c) $k^{\log(k)} = k$

d) $k^{\log(\pi)} = \pi$

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

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

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

$$\ln\left(\frac{x-1}{16}\right) = 2 \Rightarrow e^2 = \frac{x-1}{16}$$

$$\frac{x-1}{16} = e^2$$

$$x = 16e^2 + 1$$

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

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

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

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

$$x+3 = xe^4$$

$$-xe^4 - xe^4 = -3$$

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

$$x(1 - e^4) = -3$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sol set: $\{x | x = \frac{\ln(4)}{\ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)}\}$

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

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