

7.5 Properties of Logs

Expand each logarithm.

1) $\log_3 \sqrt[3]{abc}$

$\log_3 (abc)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$= \frac{1}{3} \log_3 (abc)$

$= \boxed{\frac{1}{3} \log_3 a + \frac{1}{3} \log_3 b + \frac{1}{3} \log_3 c}$

3) $\log_5 \left(\frac{a}{b^2} \right)^3$

$\log_5 \frac{a^3}{b^6}$

$= \log_5 a^3 - \log_5 b^6$

$= \boxed{3 \log_5 a - 6 \log_5 b}$

5) $\log_3 (x^6 y^2)$

$\log_3 x^6 + \log_3 y^2$

$= \boxed{6 \log_3 x + 2 \log_3 y}$

7) $\log_3 (x^5 \cdot y)^4$

$\log_3 (x^{20} y^4)$

$= \log_3 x^{20} + \log_3 y^4$

$= \boxed{20 \log_3 x + 4 \log_3 y}$

2) $\log_2 \left(\frac{u^3}{v} \right)^5$

$\log_2 \frac{u^{15}}{v^5}$

$= \log_2 u^{15} - \log_2 v^5$

$= \boxed{15 \log_2 u - 5 \log_2 v}$

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

$\log_5 \frac{x^6}{y^{30}}$

$= \log_5 x^6 - \log_5 y^{30}$

$= \boxed{6 \log_5 x - 30 \log_5 y}$

6) $\log_3 (a^5 \cdot b)^2$

$\log_3 (a^{10} b^2)$

$= \log_3 a^{10} + \log_3 b^2$

$= \boxed{10 \log_3 a + 2 \log_3 b}$

8) $\ln (x^2 \cdot y)^5$

$\ln (x^{10} y^5)$

$= \ln x^{10} + \ln y^5$

$= \boxed{10 \ln x + 5 \ln y}$

Condense each expression to a single logarithm.

9) $4 \log_5 w + \frac{\log_5 u}{3}$

$\log_5 w^4 + \frac{1}{3} \log_5 u$

$= \log_5 w^4 + \log_5 u^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$= \boxed{\log_5 (w^4 u^{\frac{1}{3}})}$

10) $5 \log_3 x - 25 \log_3 y$

$\log_3 x^5 - \log_3 y^{25}$

$= \boxed{\log_3 \frac{x^5}{y^{25}}}$

$$11) \log_5 c + \frac{\log_5 a^{\frac{1}{3}}}{3} + \frac{\log_5 b^{\frac{1}{3}}}{3}$$

$$\log_5 c + \log_5 a^{\frac{1}{3}} + \log_5 b^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \boxed{\log_5 (c a^{\frac{1}{3}} b^{\frac{1}{3}})}$$

$$13) 3 \log_2 w + \frac{\log_2 u}{2}$$

$$\log_2 w^3 + \log_2 u^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \boxed{\log_2 (w^3 u^{\frac{1}{2}})}$$

$$15) \log_8 a + \log_8 b + 3 \log_8 c$$

$$\log_8 a + \log_8 b + \log_8 c^3$$

$$= \boxed{\log_8 (abc^3)}$$

$$12) 5 \log_4 u - 6 \log_4 v$$

$$\log_4 u^5 - \log_4 v^6$$

$$= \boxed{\log_4 \frac{u^5}{v^6}}$$

$$14) 3 \log_9 u + 9 \log_9 v$$

$$\log_9 u^3 + \log_9 v^9$$

$$= \boxed{\log_9 (u^3 v^9)}$$

$$16) 20 \log_2 x - 4 \log_2 y$$

$$\log_2 x^{20} - \log_2 y^4$$

$$= \boxed{\log_2 \frac{x^{20}}{y^4}}$$

Use the properties of logarithms and the logarithms provided to rewrite each logarithm in terms of the variables given.

$$17) \log_8 7 = X$$

$$\log_8 6 = Y$$

$$\log_8 9 = Z$$

$$\text{Find } \log_8 81$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \log_8 9^2 \\ &= 2 \log_8 9 \\ &= \boxed{2Z} \end{aligned}$$

$$19) \log_9 7 = X$$

$$\log_9 10 = Y$$

$$\log_9 6 = Z$$

$$\text{Find } \log_9 700$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \log_9(7 \cdot 10^2) \\ &= \log_9 7 + \log_9 10^2 \\ &= \log_9 7 + 2 \log_9 10 \\ &= \boxed{X + 2Y} \end{aligned}$$

$$18) \log_8 6 = A$$

$$\log_8 10 = B$$

$$\log_8 9 = C$$

$$\text{Find } \log_8 \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \log_8 6^{-1} \\ &= -1 \log_8 6 \\ &= \boxed{-A} \end{aligned}$$

$$20) \log_7 8 = P$$

$$\log_7 10 = Q$$

$$\log_7 9 = R$$

$$\text{Find } \log_7 \frac{49}{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \log_7 49 - \log_7 9 \\ &= \log_7 7^2 - \log_7 9 \\ &= 2 \log_7 7 - \log_7 9 \\ &= \boxed{2 - R} \end{aligned}$$

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Key

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{36} \quad & \log_3 6 + \log_3 x = \log_3 12 \\ & \log_3 (6x) = \log_3 12 \\ & 6x = 12 \\ & x = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{37} \quad & \log_4 a + \log_4 8 = \log_4 24 \\ & \log_4 (8a) = \log_4 24 \\ & 8a = 24 \\ & a = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{38} \quad & \log_{10} 18 - \log_{10} 3x = \log_{10} 2 \\ & \log_{10} \frac{18}{3x} = \log_{10} 2 \\ & \frac{18}{3x} = 2 \\ & x = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{39} \quad & \log_{10} 100 - \log_{10} (y+5) = \log_{10} 10 \\ & \log_{10} \frac{100}{y+5} = \log_{10} 10 \\ & \frac{100}{y+5} = 10 \\ & 100 = 10y + 50 \\ & 50 = 10y \\ & y = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{40} \quad & \log_2 n = \frac{1}{3} \log_2 27 + \log_2 36 \\ & \log_2 n = \log_2 27^{\frac{1}{3}} + \log_2 36 \\ & \log_2 n = \log_2 (27^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot 36) \\ & n = 27^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot 36 \\ & n = 3 \cdot 36 \\ & n = 108 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{41} \quad & 3 \log_{10} 8 - \frac{1}{2} \log_{10} 36 = \log_{10} x \\ & \log_{10} 8^3 - \log_{10} 36^{\frac{1}{2}} = \log_{10} x \\ & \log_{10} \frac{8^3}{36^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \log_{10} x \\ & \frac{512}{36^{\frac{1}{2}}} = x \\ & \frac{512}{6} = x \\ & x = \frac{256}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$(42) \begin{aligned} \log_a(6n - 3\log_a x) &= \log_a x \\ \log_a(6n) - \log_a x^3 &= \log_a x \\ \log_a \frac{6n}{x^3} &= \log_a x \\ \cancel{x} \cdot \frac{6n}{x^2} &= x \cdot x^3 \\ 6n &= x^4 \\ n &= \frac{x^4}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$(43) \begin{aligned} 2\log_b(16 + 6\log_b n) &= \log_b(x-2) \\ \log_b(16^2 + \log_b n^6) &= \log_b(x-2) \\ \log_b(16^2 \cdot n^6) &= \log_b(x-2) \\ \frac{256n^6}{256} &= \frac{x-2}{256} \\ (n^6)^{\frac{1}{6}} &= \left(\frac{x-2}{256}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \\ n = \left(\frac{x-2}{256}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(44) \begin{aligned} \log_{10} z + \log_{10}(z+9) &= 1 \\ \log_{10} z(z+9) &= 1 \\ z(z+9) &= 10 \\ z^2 + 9z &= 10 \\ z^2 + 9z - 10 &= 0 \\ (z+10)(z-1) &= 0 \\ z &= -10, 1 \\ z = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(46) \begin{aligned} \log_2(15b-15) - \log_2(-b^2+1) &= 1 \\ \frac{15b-15}{-b^2+1} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cancel{-b^2+1} \cdot \frac{15b-15}{\cancel{-b^2+1}} = 2(-b^2+1)$$

$$15b-15 = -2b^2+2$$

$$2b^2 + 15b - 17 = 0$$

$$2b^2 - 2b + 17b - 17 = 0$$

$$2b(b-1) + 17(b-1) = 0$$

$$b = \frac{17}{2}, 1$$

$$(2b+17)(b-1) = 0$$

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$$(45) \begin{aligned} \log_3(a^2+3) + \log_3 3 &= 3 \\ \log_3(a^2+3)3 &= 3 \\ (a^2+3)3 &= 27 \\ 3a^2 + 9 &= 27 \\ -9 & \\ 3a^2 &= 18 \\ \sqrt{a^2} &= \sqrt{6} \\ a = \pm \sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$(47) \log_4(2y+2) - \log_4(y-2) = 1$$

$$\frac{2y+2}{y-2} = 4$$

$$y-2 \cdot \frac{2y+2}{y-2} = 4(y-2)$$

$$2y+2 = 4y-8$$

$$-2y+2 = -8$$

$$-2y = -10$$

$$y = 5$$

$$(48) \log_6 1 + 2 \log_6 x = \log_6 2 + \log_6 5$$

$$\log_6 (.1x^2) = \log_6 (2 \cdot 5)$$

$$\log_6 (10 \cdot 10) = \log_6 10$$

$$\log_6 10 = \log_6 10$$

$$.1x^2 = 10$$

$$10 \cdot \frac{x^2}{10} = 10 \cdot 10$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{100}$$

$$x = \pm 10$$

$$x = 10$$

$$(50) a) P = 5000(1 - .04)^t$$

$$5000 \quad 5000$$

$$\frac{P}{5000} = (1 - .04)^t$$

$$\frac{P}{5000} = (.96)^t$$

$$\log_{.96} \left(\frac{P}{5000} \right) = t$$

b) 40 years

$$(52) \log_5 22x = \log_5 22 + \log_5 x$$

$$\log_5 22x = \log_5 22x$$

True

$$(53) \log_{10} 19k = 19 \log_{10} k$$

$$\log_{10} 19k = \log_{10} k^{19}$$

False

$$(54) \log_2 y^5 = 5 \log_2 y$$

$$\log_2 y^5 = \log_2 y^5$$

True

$$(55) \log_7 \frac{x}{3} = \log_7 x - \log_7 3$$

$$\log_7 \frac{x}{3} = \log_7 \frac{x}{3}$$

True

$$(56) \log_4 (z+2) = \log_4 z + \log_4 2$$

$$\log_4 (z+2) = \log_4 (2z)$$

False

$$(57) \log_8 p^4 = (\log_8 p)^4$$

False

$$(49) \log_7 64 - \log_7 \frac{8}{3} + \log_7 2 = \log_7 4p$$

$$\log_7 \left(\frac{64}{\frac{8}{3}} \cdot 2 \right) = \log_7 4p$$

$$64 \cdot \frac{3}{8} \cdot 2$$

$$\log_7 48 - \log_7 4p$$

$$\log_7 48 = \log_7 4 \cdot 12$$

$$48$$

$$\begin{aligned} 48 &= 4p \\ 4 & \\ p &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$(58) \log_9 \frac{x^2 y^3}{z^4} = 2 \log_9 x + 3 \log_9 y - 4 \log_9 z$$

$$\log_9 \frac{x^2 y^3}{z^4} = \log_9 x^2 + \log_9 y^3 - \log_9 z^4$$

$$\log_9 \frac{x^2 y^3}{z^4} = \log_9 \frac{x^2 y^3}{z^4}$$

True

$$(65) \log_b 24 = \log_b 20 + \log_b 4$$

7.5 Extra Practice

Expand each logarithm.

1) $\log_3 \left(\frac{x}{zy^2} \right)^6$

$$6 \log_3 \left(\frac{x}{zy^2} \right)$$

$$= 6 \log_3 x - 6 \log_3 z + 6 \log_3 y^2$$

$$= [6 \log_3 x - 6 \log_3 z + 12 \log_3 y]$$

3) $\log_4 (bc^5 \sqrt{a})$

$$\log_4 (bc^5 a^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

$$= [\log_4 b + 5 \log_4 c + \frac{1}{2} \log_4 a]$$

- 2) $\log_8 (xy^2 \cdot z)^4$

$$4 \log_8 (xy^2 z)$$

$$= [4 \log_8 x + 8 \log_8 y + 4 \log_8 z]$$

4) $\log_5 (w^4 \sqrt[3]{u \cdot v})$

$$\log_5 (w^4 (uv)^{\frac{1}{3}})$$

$$= [4 \log_5 w + \frac{1}{3} \log_5 u + \frac{1}{3} \log_5 v]$$

Condense each expression to a single logarithm.

5) $\ln w + 2 \ln u + 5 \ln v$

$$\ln w + \ln u^2 + \ln v^5$$

$$= [\ln (wu^2v^5)]$$

7) $\log_4 x + 6 \log_4 y + 4 \log_4 z$

$$\log_4 x + \log_4 y^6 + \log_4 z^4$$

$$= [\log_4 (xyz^4)]$$

6) $\log_3 y + 6 \log_3 z + \frac{\log_3 x}{2}$

$$\log_3 y + \log_3 z^6 + \frac{1}{2} \log_3 x$$

$$= \log_3 y + \log_3 z^6 = \log_3 x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= [\log_3 (yz^6 x^{\frac{1}{2}})]$$

8) $5 \log_2 a + 10 \log_2 b + 5 \log_2 c$

$$\log_2 a^5 + \log_2 b^{10} + \log_2 c^5$$

$$= [\log_2 (a^5 b^{10} c^5)]$$

Solve each equation.

9) $\log_8 (x-3) - \log_8 10 = 1$

$$8 \log_8 \left(\frac{x-3}{10} \right) = 1$$

$$16 \cdot \frac{x-3}{10} = 8 \cdot 10$$

$$x-3 = 80$$

$$+3 +3$$

$$x = 83$$

10) $\log_4 -2x + \log_4 10 = \log_4 14$

$$4 \log_4 (-2x \cdot 10) = 4 \log_4 14$$

$$-2x(10) = 14$$

$$\frac{-20x}{-20} = \frac{14}{-20}$$

$$x = -\frac{7}{10}$$

$$11) \log_2 2x^2 - \log_2 9 = 5$$

$$\log_2 \left(\frac{2x^2}{9} \right) = 5 \quad \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{44}$$

$$\frac{2x^2}{9} = 32 \cdot 9$$

$$2x^2 = 288$$

$$13) \log_3 2 + \log_3 2x^2 = 2$$

$$\log_3 (2 \cdot 2x^2) = 2$$

$$\frac{4x^2}{4} = 9 \quad \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{9}$$

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

$$15) \log_6 5x + \log_6 2 = 1$$

$$\log_6 (5x \cdot 2) = 1$$

$$\frac{10x}{10} = \frac{6}{10} \quad X = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$17) \log_7 (x^2 - 9) - \log_7 8 = \log_7 27$$

$$\log_7 \left(\frac{x^2 - 9}{8} \right) = \log_7 27$$

$$\frac{8x^2 - 72}{8} = 27 \cdot 8$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 9}{9} = 27$$

$$19) \ln(x-2) - \ln 6 = 3$$

$$e^{\ln \left(\frac{x-2}{6} \right)} = e^3$$

$$\frac{x-2}{6} = e^3 \cdot 6$$

$$x-2 = 6e^3$$

$$21) \log_8 3x^2 + \log_8 6 = 3$$

$$\log_8 (3x^2 \cdot 6) = 3$$

$$\frac{18x^2}{18} = \frac{512}{18}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{\frac{256}{9}}$$

$$X = \pm \frac{16}{3}$$

$$23) \log_9 3x^2 - \log_9 3 = 3$$

$$\log_9 \left(\frac{3x^2}{3} \right) = 3$$

$$\frac{3x^2}{3} = 729$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{729}$$

$$X = \pm 27$$

$$12) \ln(x-5) - \ln 9 = 5$$

$$\ln \left(\frac{x-5}{9} \right) = 5$$

$$\frac{x-5}{9} = e^{5 \cdot 9}$$

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

$$14) \log_4 (x+7) + \log_4 3 = \log_4 45$$

$$\log_4 (x+7) \cdot 3 = \log_4 45$$

$$\frac{3x+21}{21} = \frac{45}{21}$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{24}{3}$$

$$16) \log_7 (x-5) - \log_7 3 = 2$$

$$\log_7 \left(\frac{x-5}{3} \right) = 2$$

$$\frac{x-5}{3} = 49 \cdot 3$$

$$\frac{x-5}{3} = 147$$

$$18) \log_4 5 + \log_4 4x = 4$$

$$\log_4 (5 \cdot 4x) = 4$$

$$\frac{20x}{20} = \frac{64}{5}$$

$$X = \frac{64}{5}$$

$$20) \log_5 3x - \log_5 6 = 1$$

$$\log_5 \left(\frac{3x}{6} \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{3x}{6} = 5 \cdot 6$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{30}{3}$$

$$X = 10$$

$$22) \log_8 -5x + \log_8 4 = \log_8 44$$

$$\log_8 (-5x \cdot 4) = \log_8 44$$

$$\frac{-20x}{20} = \frac{44}{20}$$

$$X = \frac{11}{5}$$

$$24) \log_4 (x+15) + \log_4 x = \log_4 76$$

$$\log_4 (x+15) \cdot x = \log_4 76$$

$$x^2 + 15x = 76$$

$$x^2 + 15x - 76 = 0$$

$$(x+19)(x-4) = 0$$

$$X = 4, -19$$