

4.5 Log Properties

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- $$\left. \begin{aligned} \log(MN) &= \log(M) + \log(N) \\ \log\left(\frac{M}{N}\right) &= \log(M) - \log(N) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{any base}$$

BTW: NoNo

- $(x+y)^2 \neq x^2 + y^2$

- $\log(a+b) \neq \log(a) + \log(b)$

- $\frac{a+b}{a} = b$

$f = \log^x, f^{-1} = a^x$

- $a^0 = 1 \iff \log_a(1) = 0$

- $a^1 = a \iff \log_a(a) = 1$

- $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \iff \log_a(a^x) = x$

- $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \iff a^{\log_a(x)} = x$

- $\log_a(M^r) = r \log_a(M)$

- change of base

$$\log_a(M) = \frac{\log_b(M)}{\log_b(a)}$$

* Condense many add/subtract log terms (2) into a single term:

$$\boxed{\text{EX}} \quad \ln(7) + \ln(x) + \ln(y) = \ln(7 \cdot x \cdot y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{EX}} \quad & 3\log(x) - 2\log(x-1) + \log(5) \\ &= \log(x^3) - \log(x-1)^2 + \log(5) \\ &= \boxed{\log\left(\frac{x^3 \cdot (5)}{(x-1)^2}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

* break up complicated logs into a sum or difference of logs.

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{EX}} \quad & \ln\left(\frac{a^2}{b^3 c^5}\right) \\ &= +\ln(a^2) - \ln(b^3 c^5) \\ &= +\ln(a^2) - \{\ln(b^3) + \ln(c^5)\} \\ &= +\ln(a^2) - \ln(b^3) - \ln(c^5) \\ &= \boxed{2\ln(a) - 3\ln(b) - 5\ln(c)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{EX}} \quad & \log(\sqrt{x^3 y^{-4}}) \\ &= \log(x^3 y^{-4})^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log(x^3 y^{-4}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{ \log(x^3) + \log(y^{-4}) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{ 3\log(x) + (-4)\log(y) \} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{3}{2}\log(x) - 2\log(y)} \end{aligned}$$

* change of base

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Convert $\log_7(15)$ to $\log_e$ (aka $\ln$)

$$= \frac{\ln(15)}{\ln(7)} \approx 1.39$$

Evaluate w/o a calculator...

$$6 \log_8(2) + \frac{\log_8(64)}{3 \log_8(4)}$$

$$= \log_8(2^6) + \frac{\log_8(64)}{\log_8(4^3)}$$

$$= \log_8(64) + \frac{\log_8(64)}{\log_8(64)}$$

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

$$\cdot \log_8(64) = x$$

$$8^x = 64$$

$$\boxed{x=2}$$

$$\cdot \log_8(4) = z$$

$$\cancel{8^z = 4}$$