

### SM3 7.4 Log Properties

We can manipulate log expressions, in order to simplify them or make equations that contain them easier to solve. The first rule,  $\log_b xy = \log_b x + \log_b y$  is proven below:

$$b^f = x \rightarrow f = \log_b x$$

$$b^g = y \rightarrow g = \log_b y$$

We arbitrarily picked  $f$  and  $g$  to be the number of times  $b$  needed to be multiplied to be  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$xy = b^f b^g$$

$$xy = b^{f+g}$$

$$\log_b xy = \log_b b^{f+g}$$

$$\log_b xy = f + g$$

$$\log_b xy = \log_b x + \log_b y$$

Multiplication  
Exponential Rule  
 $\log_b$  both sides  
Evaluate  $\log_b$  on right side  
Substitution for  $f$  and  $g$

The proof of the second rule,  $\log_b \frac{x}{y} = \log_b x - \log_b y$ , is like the first rule but with a negative value for  $g$ .

The proof of the third rule,  $\log_b x^p = p \log_b x$ , is like the first but with several copies of  $f$  being used.

The conversion of base rule,  $\log_b x = \frac{\log x}{\log b}$ , allows you to move from  $\log_b$  to any log that you like. We used base 10 for convenience, since most calculators operate easily in base 10.

Example: Expand the following using logarithmic properties.

$$\log_3 5x$$

$$\log_3 5 + \log_3 x$$

Example: Expand the following using logarithmic properties.

$$\log \sqrt[3]{x^2 + 3x + 2}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \log(x^2 + 3x + 2)$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \log(x + 2)(x + 1)$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \log(x + 2) + \frac{1}{3} \log(x + 1)$$

Example: Rewrite the following in base 10.

$$\log_6 7$$

$$\frac{\log 7}{\log 6}$$

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Expand the following using logarithmic properties. Simplify if appropriate.

1.  $\log[(2)(3)]$

2.  $\log \frac{2}{3}$

3.  $\log 2^3$

4.  $\log_4 3^x$

5.  $\log 2x$

6.  $\log_2 \frac{x}{2}$

7.  $\log_5 x^3$

8.  $\log_4 [x(2-x)]$

9.  $\log_3 \frac{5}{x+3}$

10.  $\log_2 (x+1)^4$

11.  $\log \sqrt{x}$

12.  $\log \sqrt[3]{x+3}$

13.  $\log_4 [x(x-2)^4]$

14.  $\log_3 [x(x+1)]^5$

15.  $\log \sqrt[4]{\frac{x+1}{x-1}}$

16.  $\log_3 \frac{\sqrt{x}}{3+x^2}$

17.  $\ln(2x)$

18.  $\ln \frac{x}{3}$

19.  $\ln x^3$

20.  $\ln [x(x-1)^4]$

21.  $\ln [(x-2)(x+3)]^2$

22.  $\ln(x^2 - 16)$

23.  $\ln \frac{x^2+3x-4}{x^2-25}$

24.  $\ln [3x^4(9-2x)]$

25.  $\ln \frac{x^2-4}{x+2}$

26.  $\ln(x^4 + 3x^3 + 2x - 1)^2$

Rewrite the following within one logarithm.

27.  $\log_2 x + \log_2 y$

28.  $3 \log x$

29.  $\log_2 x - \log_2 y$

30.  $\frac{1}{2} \log_3 (x-3)$

31.  $2 \log_5 x + \log_5 (4+x)$

32.  $\log(x-2) - \log(x+2)$

33.  $3 \log_2 (x^2) + 3 \log_2 (x+10)$

34.  $\log x + \log(x-2) + \log(x^3+3)$

$$35. \log_4(x + 3) + \log_4(x - 3) - \log_4(x + 7)$$

$$36. \frac{2}{3} \log_7 x - \frac{1}{3} \log_7(4 - x)$$

$$37. \ln x + \ln 2$$

$$38. \ln x - \ln 2$$

$$39. 4 \ln x$$

$$40. \ln(x + 1) + \ln 2$$

$$41. 3 \ln x + 2 \ln(x + 3)$$

$$42. \ln(x - 5) + \ln(x + 5)$$

$$43. \frac{1}{2} \ln x - \ln(4 - x)$$

$$44. \ln e^0 + e^{\ln x}$$

$$45. \ln x + \ln y - \ln z$$

$$46. 3[\ln(x - 2) + \ln(3 + x)]$$

Rewrite the following in base 10.

$$47. \log_2 3$$

$$48. \log_8 4$$

$$49. \log_3 x^2$$

$$50. \log_3(x - 2)$$

$$51. \log_7(x + 5)$$

$$52. \log_3 \sqrt[3]{x - 4}$$

$$53. \log_5 12x$$

$$54. \log_4(x + 7)$$

Rewrite the following logarithms as Natural Logarithms.

$$55. \log_4 10$$

$$56. \log_2 4$$

$$57. \log_4 x^3$$

$$58. \log_7(x + 10)$$

$$59. \log_3(x - 5)$$

$$60. \log_3 \sqrt[4]{2x - 4}$$

$$61. \log_2 3x$$

$$62. \log_5(3x + 7y)$$