

## 4.4 Exponential & Logarithmic Equations

### GOALS:

1. Solve Exponential Equations by:
  - a) Rewriting in exponential form
  - b) Converting to logarithmic form
  - c) Find the log of both members of the equation
2. Solve Logarithmic Equations by:
  - a) Converting to exponential form
  - b) Using properties of logarithms
  - c) Checking solution to be sure it is in the domain of the function.

$$y = \log_b x \quad x > 0, b > 0, b \neq 1$$

Study 4.4 CVC # 1-11 all # 1-5,9,13,17,21;  
23-27,31,35,39,43; 49,53,57, ...89;103

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## 4.4 Exponential & Logarithmic Equations

### To solve an exponential equation:

1. If possible, **rewrite** both members of the eq. as **a power of the same base**. Then set the **exponents equal** to each other, and solve.

eg:  $2^x = 32$  then  $2^x = 2^5$  and  $x = 5$ .

2. If step 1 is not possible, **convert to logarithmic form**, or **find** either the **log** or the **ln** of both members of the equation.

**Use properties of logarithms** to solve.

eg:  $10^x = 8.06$  then  $\log 8.06 = x$

or  $\log 10^x = \log 8.06$

$x \log 10 = \log 8.06$  or  $x = \log 8.06$

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$$5^x = 5^4$$

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$$(3^2)^x = 3^{(-1/3)}$$

$$3^{2x} = 3^{(-1/3)}$$

$$2x = -1/3$$

$$x = -1/6$$

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3. If step 2 is not possible, **convert to logarithmic form**, or **find** either the **log or the ln** of both members of the equation. **Use properties of logarithms** to solve.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eg: } 10^x = 8.06 & \text{ then } \log 8.06 = x \\ \text{or } \log 10^x &= \log 8.06 \\ x \log 10 &= \log 8.06 \text{ or } x = \log 8.06 \end{aligned}$$

Solve for x:  $10^x = 0.9$

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Solve for x:  $10^x = 0.9$

either:  $\log 0.9 = x$

or:  $\log 10^x = \log 0.9$

$$\begin{aligned} x \log 10 &= \log 0.9 \\ x &= \log 0.9 \end{aligned}$$

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either:  $\ln 0.83 = x$

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$$\begin{aligned} x \ln e &= \ln 0.83 \\ x &= \ln 0.83 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Solve for } x: \quad e^{4x-5} - 7 = 243$$

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$$\text{Solve for } x: \quad e^{4x-5} - 7 = 243$$

$$e^{4x-5} = 250$$

$$\text{either: } \ln 250 = 4x-5$$

$$\text{or: } \ln e^{4x-5} = \ln 250$$

$$(4x-5) \ln e = \ln 250$$

$$4x-5 = \ln 250$$

$$4x = \ln 250 + 5$$

$$x = (\ln 250 + 5) / 4$$

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## 4.4 Exponential &amp; Logarithmic Equations

To solve a logarithmic equation:

1. Convert to exponential form and solve.

eg:  $\log_5 x = 3$  then  $5^3 = x$  and  $x = 125$

2. Use Properties of Logarithms to obtain the form  $\log_b M = \log_b N$

Then  $M = N$

eg:  $3 \log x = \log 125$

$\log x^3 = \log 125$

then:  $x^3 = 125$

and:  $x = 5$

3. Check that solution is in the domain.

$$y = \log_b x \quad x > 0, b > 0, b \neq 1$$

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Solve for x:  $\log_5 (x-7) = 2$

$$y = \log_b x \quad x > 0, b > 0, b \neq 1$$

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Solve for x:  $\log_5 (x-7) = 2$

then  $5^2 = x - 7$

and  $x = 25 + 7 = 32$

check:  $x - 7 = 32 - 7 > 0$

$$y = \log_b x \quad x > 0, b > 0, b \neq 1$$

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Then  $M = N$

eg:  $3 \log x = \log 125$        $\log x^3 = \log 125$

then:  $x^3 = 125$       and:  $x = 5$

3. Check that solution is in the domain.

Solve for x:  $\log (5x+1) = \log (2x+3) + \log 2$

$$\log (5x+1) = \log [2(2x+3)]$$

$$\log (5x+1) = \log [4x+6]$$

$$5x+1 = 4x+6$$

$$x = 5$$

$$y = \log_b x \quad x > 0, b > 0, b \neq 1$$

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### 4.3 Properties of Logarithms

#### Properties of Logarithms

1.  $\log_b (1) = 0$
2.  $\log_b (b) = 1$
3.  $\log_b (MN) = \log_b(M) + \log_b(N)$
4.  $\log_b \frac{M}{N} = \log_b(M) - \log_b(N)$
5.  $\log_b M^n = n \log_b(M)$

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### 4.4 Exponential & Logarithmic Equations

Solve for x:  $\log(x-2) + \log 5 = \log 100$

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Solve for x:  $\log(x-2) + \log 5 = \log 100$

$$\log[5(x-2)] = \log 100$$

$$5(x-2) = 100$$

$$x - 2 = 20$$

$$x = 22$$

$$y = \log_b x \quad x > 0, b > 0, b \neq 1$$

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Solve for x:  $\log_4(x+2) - \log_4(x-1) = 1$

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Solve for x:  $\log_4(x+2) - \log_4(x-1) = 1$

$$x \neq 1 \quad \log_4 \left[ \frac{(x+2)}{(x-1)} \right] = 1$$

$$4^1 = \frac{(x+2)}{(x-1)}$$

$$4(x-1) = (x+2)$$

$$4x - 4 = x + 2$$

$$3x = 6$$

$$x = 2$$

$$\log_4(2+2) - \log_4(2-1)$$

$$\log_4(4) - \log_4(1) \quad \text{OK } x=2 \text{ is in the domain}$$

$$y = \log_b x \quad x > 0, b > 0, b \neq 1$$

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$$6 \ln(2x) = 30$$

$$7 + 3 \ln x = 6$$

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$$3^{x/7} = 0.2$$

$$7^{(2x+1)} = 3^{(x+2)}$$

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$$2^{2x} + 2^x - 12 = 0$$

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## 4.4 Exponential &amp; Logarithmic Equations

$$6 \ln(2x) = 30$$

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

$$e^5 = 2x$$

$$x = \frac{e^5}{2}$$

$$7 + 3 \ln x = 6$$

$$3 \ln x = -1$$

$$\ln x = -1/3$$

$$e^{-1/3} = x$$

$$x = \frac{1}{e^{1/3}}$$

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$$3^{x/7} = 0.2$$

$$\log 3^{x/7} = \log 0.2$$

$$\frac{x}{7} \log 3 = \log 0.2$$

$$x = 7 \frac{\log 0.2}{\log 3}$$

or

$$\log_3 0.2 = x/7$$

$$x = 7 \log_3 0.2$$

$$7^{(2x+1)} = 3^{(x+2)}$$

$$\log 7^{(2x+1)} = \log 3^{(x+2)}$$

$$(2x+1)\log 7 = (x+2)\log 3$$

$$2x\log 7 + 1\log 7 = x\log 3 + 2\log 3$$

$$-x\log 3 - 1\log 7 = -x\log 3 - 1\log 7$$

$$x(2\log 7 - \log 3) = 2\log 3 - \log 7$$

$$x = \frac{2\log 3 - \log 7}{2\log 7 - \log 3}$$

$$x = \frac{\log(9/7)}{\log(49/3)} = 0.08997$$

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$$2^{2x} + 2^x - 12 = 0$$

$$u^2 + u - 12 = 0$$

$$(u + 4)(u - 3) = 0$$

$$u + 4 = 0 \quad | \quad u - 3 = 0$$

$$u = -4 \quad | \quad u = 3$$

$$2^x = -4 \quad | \quad 2^x = 3$$

$$+ \neq - \quad | \quad x \log 2 = \log 3$$

$$\phi \quad | \quad x = \frac{\log 3}{\log 2}$$

$$u = 2^x$$

$$u^2 = (2^x)^2 = 2^{2x}$$

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