

Simplifying values associated with $a^{\log_a b}$ and $\log_a (b^n)$

This concept is easy to master after a bit of practice. You can simply look at how we can evaluate and simplify all values within a mathematical expression or equation.

First off, let's start by looking at:

$$A^{\log_a b}$$

We can rewrite this as:

$$\log_a (a^{\log_a b}) = \log_a (b)$$

What we did here is we are trying to prove that we can simplify this expression to just "b". By definition, a logarithm is simply expressed as: $\log_a (a^x) = x$. To do this, we take the log of a on both sides and by doing so, we are able to see a pattern emerge.

We end up with $\log_a b = \log_a b$ from this.

Let's first off start with an expression that we can see fits the parameter we desire.

$$\log_2 (4^x)$$

First off, what we do is we can simply use the logarithm law of $\log_b a^x = x \log_b a$. This is where we move the exponent out the front as we do generally with logs

$$\therefore x \log_2 (4)$$

Now we simplify what we can by replacing $\log_2 4$ with 2, as 2^2 is 4 and logarithms are best defined as being exponents. Hence we get the following result after the simplification process

$$\therefore x * 2$$

And we can simply write this as being:

$$2x$$

Now, attempt to simplify these expressions as best as you can and solve where possible!

$$2^{\log_2 16}$$

$$4^{\log_4 64}$$

$$7^{\log_7 49}$$

$$\text{Log}_5 125^x$$

$$\text{Log}_9 81^y$$

$$10^{\log_{10} 100}$$

$$9^{\log_9 81}$$