

4.3 Properties of logarithms

Change of base.

Base b.

$$\log_a X = \frac{\log_b X}{\log_b a}$$

Base 10

$$\log_a X = \frac{\log_{10} X}{\log_{10} a} = \frac{\log X}{\log a}$$

Base e.

$$\log_a X = \frac{\log_e X}{\log_e a} = \frac{\ln X}{\ln a}$$

$$\log_4 25 = \frac{\ln 25}{\ln 4}$$

→ Product properties

$$\log_a AB = \log_a A + \log_a B.$$

$$\ln AB = \ln A + \ln B.$$

2. Quotient property

$$\log_a \frac{A}{B} = \log_a A - \log_a B$$

$$\ln \frac{A}{B} = \ln A - \ln B.$$

3. Power property

$$\log_a A^n = n \log_a A.$$

$$\ln A^n = n \ln A$$

$$\ln A^3 = \ln(A \cdot A \cdot A) = 3 \ln A$$

$$= \ln A + \ln A + \ln A = \boxed{3 \ln A}$$

Write each logarithm in terms of $\ln 2$ and $\ln 3$.

$$\ln 6 = \ln(2 \cdot 3) = \ln 2 + \ln 3 \quad \checkmark$$

Express in terms of $\ln 4$ and $\ln 5$

$$\textcircled{\#22} \quad \ln 500 = \ln(4 \times 125) \therefore$$

$$= \ln 4 + \ln 125$$

$$= \ln 4 + \ln 5^3$$

$$= \ln 4 + 3 \ln 5 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (24) \quad \ln \frac{5}{2} &= \ln 5 - \ln 2 \\
 &= \ln 5 - \ln 4^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \ln 5 - \frac{1}{2} \ln 4 \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

Use the properties of logarithms to rewrite and simplify the logarithmic expression.

$$(38) \quad \log_9 243 = \log_9 3 \cdot 81 = \log_9 3^5 = 5 \log_9 3.$$

$$243 = 3^5$$

$$\log_9 3 = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 9} = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 3^2} = \frac{\cancel{\ln 3}}{2\cancel{\ln 3}}$$

$$\boxed{\log_9 3 = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\log_9 243 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\ln 243}{\ln 9} = \frac{5 \ln 3}{2 \ln 3} = \boxed{\frac{5}{2}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\log_a x = y \iff a^y = x$$

$$\log_9 243 = x \iff 9^x = 243.$$

$$(3^2)^x = 3^5$$

$$3^{2x} = 3^5$$

$$\therefore 2x = 5 \therefore \boxed{x = \frac{5}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (42) \quad & \ln 8e^3 \\
 & \ln 8 + \ln e^3 \\
 & \ln 2^3 + 3 \ln e \\
 & \boxed{3 \ln 2 + 3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(44) \quad \ln \frac{e^5}{7} = \frac{\ln e^5 - \ln 7}{1} = \boxed{5 - \ln 7}$$

Use the properties of logarithms to Expand the expression as a Sum, difference, and/or. constant multiply

derivative

$$\begin{aligned}
 (58) \quad \log_4 x \cdot y^6 \cdot z^4 &= \log_4 x + \log_4 y^6 + \log_4 z^4 \\
 &= \log_4 x + 6 \log_4 y + 4 \log_4 z
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (63) \quad \ln \left(\frac{x^4 \sqrt{y}}{z^5} \right) &= \ln x^4 \sqrt{y} - \ln z^5 \\
 &= \ln x^4 + \ln \sqrt{y} - 5 \ln z \\
 &= 4 \ln x + \frac{1}{2} \ln y - 5 \ln z
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(61) \quad \ln \left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^3} \right) \quad x > 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln(x^2 - 1) - \ln x^3 &= \boxed{\ln(x-1) + \ln(x+1) - 3 \ln x} \\
 \ln(x+1)(x-1) - 3 \ln x
 \end{aligned}$$

Condense the expression
to the logarithm of a
Single Quantity.
(techniques: Solving Equations)

(84) $2 [\ln x - \ln(x+1) - \ln(x-1)]$
 $2 [\ln x - \ln(x+1)(x-1)]$
 $2 [\ln x - \ln(x^2-1)] = 2 \left[\ln \frac{x}{(x^2-1)} \right]$
 $\ln \left(\frac{x}{(x^2-1)} \right)^2$

$$\ln \left(\frac{x^2}{(x^2-1)^2} \right)$$

(122) Prove that $\frac{\log_a x}{\log_{a/b} x} = 1 + \log_a \frac{1}{b}$.

RHS $\therefore \frac{\log_a x}{\log_{a/b} x} = \frac{\frac{\ln x}{\ln a}}{\frac{\ln x}{\ln \frac{a}{b}}} = \frac{\ln \frac{a}{b}}{\ln a} = \frac{\ln a - \ln b}{\ln a}$
 $= \frac{\ln a}{\ln a} - \frac{\ln b}{\ln a} = 1 - \log_a b$
 ~~$= 1 - \log_a b$~~ $= 1 + \log_a \frac{1}{b}$ ✓