

# Logarithms

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## Abstract

The goal of this paper is to examine the logarithm functions.

## 1 Logarithms

**Definition 1.1.** *The logarithm functions are the inverse functions of the exponentiation functions:*

$$b^{\log_b(x)} = x, \log_b(b^x) = x \quad (1.1)$$

$$\log_e(x) = \ln(x) \quad (1.2)$$

**Theorem 1.2** (Power rule).

$$\log_b(x^p) = p * \log_b(x) \quad (1.3)$$

*Proof.* Start with (1.1):

$$b^{\log_b(x)} = x \quad (1.4)$$

Raise both sides to the power of  $p$ :

$$b^{p * \log_b(x)} = x^p \quad (1.5)$$

Apply the  $\log_b$  function to both sides:

$$p * \log_b(x) = \log_b(x^p) \quad (1.6)$$

□

**Theorem 1.3** (Product sum rule).

$$\log_b(x * y) = \log_b(x) + \log_b(y) \quad (1.7)$$

*Proof.* Use (1.1)

$$\log_b (x * y) = \log_b \left( b^{\log_b (x)} * b^{\log_b (y)} \right) \quad (1.8)$$

Use the additive property of exponential functions

$$\log_b (x * y) = \log_b \left( b^{\log_b (x) + \log_b (y)} \right) \quad (1.9)$$

Use (1.1)

$$\log_b (x * y) = \log_b (x) + \log_b (y) \quad (1.10)$$

□

**Theorem 1.4** (Change of base).

$$\log_b (x) = \frac{\log_k (x)}{\log_k (b)} \quad (1.11)$$

*Proof.* Start with (1.1):

$$b^{\log_b (x)} = x \quad (1.12)$$

Apply the  $\log_k$  function to both sides:

$$\log_k \left( b^{\log_b (x)} \right) = \log_k (x) \quad (1.13)$$

$$\log_b (x) \log_k (b) = \log_k (x) \quad (1.14)$$

Divide both sides by  $\log_k (b)$

□

**Theorem 1.5** (Integral form).

$$\ln (z) = \int_1^z \frac{1}{x} \partial x \quad (1.15)$$

*Proof.* Proof from <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/1341958/proof-of-the-derivative-of-1341995#1341995>.

The derivative of the logarithm functions exist because the exponential functions have derivatives. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inverse\\_function\\_theorem](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inverse_function_theorem)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} x = 1 \quad (1.16)$$

Substitute (1.1):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} e^{\ln (x)} = 1 \quad (1.17)$$

The chain rule [Differentiation(4.1)]

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} e^z : z \rightarrow \ln (x) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln (x) = 1 \quad (1.18)$$

The derivative of the natural exponential function is itself: [ExponentialFunction(2.7)]

$$(e^z : z \rightarrow \ln(x)) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln(x) = 1 \quad (1.19)$$

Substitute:

$$e^{\ln(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln(x) = 1 \quad (1.20)$$

Simplify:

$$x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln(x) = 1 \quad (1.21)$$

Divide:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad (1.22)$$

Integrate:

$$\ln(z) = \ln(z) - \ln(1) = \int_1^z \frac{1}{x} \partial x \quad (1.23)$$

□

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logarithm>