

# MHF4U : Advanced Functions

## Assignment #4

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[NOTE]: Law of Logarithms is represented with LOL

1. **Determine** all real numbers  $x$  that satisfy the equation  $\log_3(x - 7) + \log_3(x - 9) = 1$ .

**Solve question 1 by isolating equation to one side performing algebra before then factoring**

First, we should identify restrictions. We know that if the parent logarithm is  $\log_a(b) = c$ ,  $b$  must be positive. Taking the two "b" values from the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} x - 7 &> 0 && \text{Subtract 7 from both sides} \\ x &> 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x - 9 &> 0 && \text{Subtract 9 from both sides} \\ x &> 9 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x > 9 > 7$ , we can say that the restriction is:  $x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 9$  Now we can start solving for  $x$ . Start by breaking the equation down into a form that can be factored before factoring.

$$\log_3(x - 7) + \log_3(x - 9) = 1$$

$$\log_3((x - 7)(x - 9)) = 1 \quad \text{LOL Product } \log_a(xy) = \log_a(x) + \log_a(y)$$

$$3^1 = (x - 7)(x - 9) \quad \log_a(b) = c \iff a^c = b$$

$$3 = (x - 7)(x - 9) \quad \text{Simplify}$$

$$3 = x^2 - 16x + 63 \quad \text{Multiply factors, expand}$$

$$0 = x^2 - 16x + 63 - 3 \quad \text{Subtract 3 from both sides}$$

$$0 = x^2 - 16x + 60 \quad \text{Simplify}$$

$$0 = (x - 6)(x - 10) \quad \text{Factor}$$

$$x = 6, 10$$

Now we know that  $x = 6, 10$  but from the restriction,  $x$  must be greater than 9. Therefore the solution  $x = 6$  is inadmissible.

$\therefore \text{The solution to } \log_3(x - 7) + \log_3(x - 9) = 1 \text{ is } x = 10$

2. After Judgement Day, crows rose to become the dominant species and took over the planet Earth. Initially, there were 40000 crows and with no competition for food sources, this population of crows tripled in population every 1.5 years. A "mega-murder" is a murder of crows with a population of one million.

- (a) **Model** the relationship between the population of crows and time since Judgement Day.  
 (b) **Determine** after how many years is Earth ruled by a mega-murder.

**Solve question 2(a) by first identifying the key characteristics for a exponential model**

Consider the following the general formula for exponential functions, where  $c(t)$  is the number of crows and  $t$  is the time in days since Judgement day:

$$c(t) = \text{initial}(1 + \text{growth rate})^{\frac{t}{\text{period}}}$$

Let us determine the values required to define the relationship from the data provided in the question.

Initial Population:	40000 crows
Rate of growth:	200 % increase per period = +2
Period of growth	1.5 years

Now let's put this all together into the general formula above and simplify:

$$c(t) = \text{initial}(1 + \text{growth rate})^{\frac{t}{\text{period}}}$$

$$c(t) = 40000(1 + 2)^{\frac{t}{1.5}}$$

Substitute values in

$$c(t) = 40000(3)^{\frac{t}{1.5}}$$

Simplify

$\therefore$  The model that describes the relationship between number of crows ( $c(t)$ ) and days after Judgement day ( $t$ ) is  $\boxed{40000(3)^{\frac{t}{1.5}}}$

**Part b is on next page**

**Solve question 2(b) by solving for the value of t**

We know that  $c(t)$  represents the number of magnificent crows and  $t$  represents the time in days since Judgement day. If we know that the number of crows or  $c(t)$  is a murder or one million, we can solve for  $t$  at  $c(t) = 1000000$ :

$$c(t) = 40000(3)^{\frac{t}{1.5}} \quad \text{From (a)}$$

$$1000000 = 40000(3)^{\frac{t}{1.5}} \quad \text{Sub 1000000 as } c(t)$$

$$\frac{1000000}{40000} = (3)^{\frac{t}{1.5}} \quad \text{Divide both sides by 40000}$$

$$25 = (3)^{\frac{t}{1.5}} \quad \text{Simplify}$$

$$\log(25) = \log((3)^{\frac{t}{1.5}}) \quad \text{Apply } \log_{10} \text{ to both sides}$$

$$\log(25) = \frac{t}{1.5} \log(3) \quad \text{LOL Power rule, } \log_a(r^b) = b \log_a r$$

$$\log(5^2) = \frac{t}{1.5} \log(3) \quad 25 = 5^2$$

$$2 \log(5) = \frac{t}{1.5} \log(3) \quad \text{LOL Power rule}$$

$$\frac{2 \log(5)}{\log(3)} = \frac{t}{1.5} \quad \text{Divide both sides by } \log(3)$$

$$\frac{2 \log(5)}{\log(3)} \times 1.5 = t \quad \text{Multiply both sides by 1.5}$$

$$\frac{3 \log(5)}{\log(3)} = t \quad \text{Simplify, multiply 2 with 1.5}$$

$$\frac{3 \log(5)}{\log(3)} \approx 4.394$$

$\therefore$  it takes  $\boxed{\frac{3 \log(5)}{\log(3)}}$  or approximately  $\boxed{4.39}$  days since Judgement day to reach a mega-murder (one million) of crows.

3. **Prove** that if  $a, b, c$  are the first three terms of a geometric sequence then  $\log(a), \log(b), \log(c)$  are the first three terms of an arithmetic sequence.

### Solution for question 3

We know that the terms  $a, b$  and  $c$  are the first three terms of a geometric sequence. In a geometric sequence, there is a common rate of change or common multiplier between each term. If we express the common multiple as  $x$ , we know that we can get a term  $n$  by multiplying term  $n-1$  by  $x$ , where  $n$  is any positive integer:

$$a \times x = b \quad \text{Multiply first term by } x \text{ to get second term}$$

$$x = \frac{b}{a} \quad (1) \text{ Divide both sides by } a$$

$$b \times x = c \quad \text{Multiply second term by } x \text{ to get third term} \quad x = \frac{c}{b} \quad (2) \text{ Divide both sides by } b$$

Since both (1) and (2) are equal to the same value,  $x$ , we can substitute on into the other as  $x$  and combine the two equation. I label this (3):

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{b}{a}, x = \frac{c}{b} \\ \frac{b}{a} &= \frac{c}{b} \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

Let's apply a similar logic to the logs. If we assume that  $\log(a), \log(b)$  and  $\log(c)$  form a arithmetic sequence, then a common difference,  $y$ , can be added to every term of the sequence in order to determine the proceeding term. From this, we can form an equation and prove that this really is an arithmetic sequence.

$$\log(a) + y = \log(b) \quad \text{Add } y \text{ to first term to get the second term}$$

$$y = \log(b) - \log(a) \quad (4) \text{ Subtract } \log(a) \text{ from both sides}$$

$$\log(b) + y = \log(c) \quad \text{Add } y \text{ to second term to get the third term}$$

$$y = \log(c) - \log(b) \quad (5) \text{ Subtract } \log(b) \text{ from both sides}$$

Since both (4) and (5) are equal to the same value,  $y$ , we can substitute on into the other as  $y$  and combine the two equation. I label this (6):

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \log(b) - \log(a), y = \log(c) - \log(b) \\ \log(b) - \log(a) &= \log(c) - \log(b) \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

Now, with (3) and (6), since we know (3) is true, if we can express (6) to (3), we can express show that (6) is also true, therefore proving the  $\log(a)$ ,  $\log(b)$  and  $\log(c)$  form a arithmetic sequence.

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} \quad (3)$$

$$\log\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = \log\left(\frac{c}{b}\right) \quad \text{Apply } \log_1 0 \text{ to both sides}$$

$$\log(b) - \log(a) = \log(c) - \log(b) \quad \text{LOL quotient rule, } \log_r\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \log_r(m) - \log_r(n)$$

$$\equiv (6)$$

From this, (3) = (6). Therefore, since (3) is true, (6) must also be true.

$\therefore \log(a)$ ,  $\log(b)$ , and  $\log(c)$  form a arithmetic sequence.

4. Given  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^+$  with  $a \neq 1$ ,  $b \neq 1$ ,  $c \neq 1$  **prove**

$$\frac{1}{1 + \log_a(bc)} + \frac{1}{1 + \log_b(ac)} + \frac{1}{1 + \log_c(ab)} = 1$$

**Solve Question 4 by showing that both sides of the equation are equivalent statements:**

Take the left hand side and manipulate it to create the right hand side:

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \frac{1}{1 + \log_a(bc)} + \frac{1}{1 + \log_b(ac)} + \frac{1}{1 + \log_c(ab)} && \text{LHS = Left Hand Side} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\log(bc)}{\log(a)}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\log(ac)}{\log(b)}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\log(ab)}{\log(c)}} && \text{Change of base identity} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\frac{\log(a)}{\log(a)} + \frac{\log(bc)}{\log(a)}} + \frac{1}{\frac{\log(b)}{\log(b)} + \frac{\log(ac)}{\log(b)}} + \frac{1}{\frac{\log(c)}{\log(c)} + \frac{\log(ab)}{\log(c)}} && 1 = \frac{\log(a)}{\log(a)} = \frac{\log(b)}{\log(b)} = \frac{\log(c)}{\log(c)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\frac{\log(a) + \log(bc)}{\log(a)}} + \frac{1}{\frac{\log(b) + \log(ac)}{\log(b)}} + \frac{1}{\frac{\log(c) + \log(ab)}{\log(c)}} && \text{Add fractions} \\
 &= 1 \times \frac{\log(a)}{\log(a) + \log(bc)} + 1 \times \frac{\log(b)}{\log(b) + \log(ac)} + 1 \times \frac{\log(c)}{\log(c) + \log(ab)} && \frac{1}{\frac{a}{b}} = 1 \times \frac{b}{a} \\
 &= \frac{\log(a)}{\log(a) + \log(bc)} + \frac{\log(b)}{\log(b) + \log(ac)} + \frac{\log(c)}{\log(c) + \log(ab)} && \text{Simplify} \\
 &= \frac{\log(a)}{\log(abc)} + \frac{\log(b)}{\log(abc)} + \frac{\log(c)}{\log(abc)} && \text{LOL Product rule} \\
 &= \frac{\log(a) + \log(b) + \log(c)}{\log(abc)} && \text{Add fractions together} \\
 &= \frac{\log(abc)}{\log(abc)} && \text{LOL Product rule} \\
 &= 1 && \text{Simplify} \\
 &= RHS && \square
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ since LHS = RHS, } \frac{1}{1 + \log_a(bc)} + \frac{1}{1 + \log_b(ac)} + \frac{1}{1 + \log_c(ab)} = 1$$

5. **Determine** the set of real numbers  $a$  for which the equation

$$\log_8(x - a + 1) + \log_8(x - a - 1) = 1$$

has *exactly one* real solution for  $x$ .

**Solution to question 5:**

First off let's try and define the restrictions on "a". Consider the base log function:  $\log_l(m)$ . "m" must be a greater than or equal to 0 since the log of a negative value cannot be solved. Therefore, from the question, the two equations being logged must not be negative:

$$x - a + 1 > 0 \quad \text{From } \log_8(x - a + 1)$$

$$x + 1 > a \quad (1)$$

$$x - a - 1 > 0 \quad \text{From } \log_8(x - a - 1)$$

$$x - 1 > a \quad (2)$$

since  $x + 1 > x - 1 > a$ , we can simply say that the restriction is  $x - 1 > a$ . Now let's try and convert the original equation into a form that is factorable before solving for a:

$$\log_8(x - a + 1) + \log_8(x - a - 1) = 1 \quad \text{From question}$$

$$\log_8((x - a + 1)(x - a - 1)) = 1 \quad \text{LOL Product rule, } \log_a(b) + \log_a(c) = \log_a(bc)$$

$$8^1 = (x - a + 1)(x - a - 1) \quad \text{Convert log to exponent, } \log_a(b) = c \Rightarrow b = a^c$$

$$8^1 = x^2 - ax - x - ax + a^2 + a + x - a - 1 \quad \text{Expand/ break brackets}$$

$$8 = x^2 - 2ax + a^2 - 1 \quad \text{Simplify}$$

$$8 + 1 = x^2 - 2ax + a^2 \quad \text{Add 1 from both sides}$$

$$9 = x^2 - 2ax + a^2 \quad \text{Simplify}$$

$$3^2 = (x - a)^2 \quad \text{Factor perfect squares}$$

$$\sqrt{9} = \sqrt{(x - a)^2} \quad \text{Square Root both sides}$$

$$|3| = |(x - a)| \quad \text{Square Root both sides}$$

$$3 = x - a \quad \text{Square Root both sides}$$

$$a = x - 3 \quad \text{Add a and -3 to both sides}$$



From this we now know that  $a = x - 3$ . Substituting the value of  $a$  into the restriction we can see that  $x - 3 < x - 1$  is a true statement. We also know that the value of  $a$  is based on  $x$  which has infinite solutions but following restriction  $x - 1 > a$  or  $x > a + 1$ .

$$\therefore a = x - 3 \text{ where } x \in \mathbb{R}, x > a + 1$$