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1. Find the value of y .

(1) $\log_5 25 = y$ (2) $\log_3 1 = y$ (3) $\log_{16} 4 = y$ (4) $\log_2 \frac{1}{8} = y$

$y = 2$

$y = 0$

$y = \frac{1}{2}$

$y = -3$

(5) $\log_5 1 = y$ (6) $\log_2 8 = y$ (7) $\log_7 \frac{1}{7} = y$ (8) $\log_3 \frac{1}{9} = y$

$y = 0$

$y = 3$

$y = -1$

$y = -2$

(9) $\log_y 32 = 5$ (10) $\log_9 y = -\frac{1}{2}$ (11) $\log_4 \frac{1}{8} = y$ (12) $\log_9 \frac{1}{81} = y$

$y = 2$

$y = \frac{1}{3}$

$4^y = 8 \Rightarrow 2^{2y} = 2^3 \Rightarrow y = 1.5$

$y = -2$

2. Evaluate.

(1) $\log_3 1$ (2) $\log_4 4$ (3) $\log_7 7^3$ (4) $b^{\log_b 3}$ (5) $\log_{25} 5^3 = x$ (6) $16^{\log_4 8} = x$

0

1

3

3

$25^x = 5^3$
 $5^{2x} = 5^3 \Rightarrow x = 1.5$
 $16^{\log_4 8} = x$
 $x = 16^{\log_4 2^3} = 16^{3 \log_4 2} = 16^{3 \times \frac{1}{2}} = 16^{1.5} = 64$

3. Write the following expressions in terms of logs of x , y and z .

(1) $\log x^2 y$ (2) $\log \frac{x^3 y^2}{z}$ (3) $\log \frac{\sqrt{x} \sqrt[3]{y^2}}{z^4}$ (4) $\log xyz$

$= \log x^2 + \log y$
 $= 2 \log x + \log y$

$= 3 \log x + 2 \log y - \log z$

$= \frac{1}{2} \log x + \frac{2}{3} \log y - 4 \log z$

$= \log x + \log y + \log z$

(5) $\log \frac{x}{yz}$ (6) $\log \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2$ (7) $\log (xy)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ (8) $\log x \sqrt{z}$

(5) $= \log x - \log y - \log z$

(6) $= 2 [\log x - \log y]$

(7) $= \frac{1}{3} [\log x + \log y]$

(8) $= \log x + \frac{1}{2} \log z$

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$$(9) \log \frac{\sqrt[3]{x}}{\sqrt[3]{yz}} \quad (10) \log \sqrt[4]{\frac{x^3 y^2}{z^4}} \quad (11) \log x \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{x}}{z}} \quad (12) \log \sqrt{\frac{xy^2}{z^8}}$$

$$(9) = \frac{1}{3} \log x - \frac{1}{3} [\log y + \log z] = \frac{1}{3} [\log x - \log y - \log z]$$

$$(10) = \frac{1}{4} [3 \log x + 2 \log y - 4 \log z]$$

$$(11) = \log x + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sqrt{x}}{z} = \log x + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \log x - \log z \right] = \frac{5}{4} \log x - \frac{1}{2} \log z$$

$$(12) = \frac{1}{2} [\log x + 2 \log y - 8 \log z] = \frac{1}{2} \log x + \log y - 4 \log z$$

4. Write the following equalities in exponential form.

$$(1) \log_3 81 = 4 \quad (2) \log_7 7 = 1 \quad (3) \log_{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{8} = 3 \quad (4) \log_3 1 = 0$$

$$3^4 = 81$$

$$7^1 = 7$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$3^0 = 1$$

$$(5) \log_4 \frac{1}{64} = -3 \quad (6) \log_6 \frac{1}{36} = -2 \quad (7) \log_x y = z \quad (8) \log_m n = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$4^{-3} = \frac{1}{64}$$

$$6^{-2} = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$x^z = y$$

$$m^{1/2} = n$$

5. Write the following equalities in logarithmic form.

$$(1) 8^2 = 64 \quad (2) 10^3 = 1000 \quad (3) 4^{-2} = \frac{1}{16} \quad (4) 3^{-4} = \frac{1}{81}$$

$$\log_8 64 = 2$$

$$\log_{10} 10,000 = 3$$

$$\log_4 \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) = -2$$

$$\log_3 \frac{1}{81} = -4$$

$$(5) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-5} = 32 \quad (6) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-3} = 27 \quad (7) x^{2z} = y \quad (8) \sqrt{x} = y$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 32 = -5$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{3}} 27 = -3$$

$$\log_x y = 2z$$

$$\log_x y = \frac{1}{2}$$

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6. True or False?

(1) $\log\left(\frac{x}{y^3}\right) = \log x - 3 \log y$ (2) $\log(a - b) = \log a - \log b$ (3) $\log x^k = k \cdot \log x$

(1) $\log\left(\frac{x}{y^3}\right) = \log x - \log y^3 = \log x - 3 \log y$ so true

(2) $\log(a - b) \neq \log a - \log b$ so false

(3) $\log x^k = k \log x$ so TRUE

(4) $(\log a)(\log b) = \log(a + b)$ (5) $\frac{\log a}{\log b} = \log(a - b)$ (6) $(\ln a)^k = k \cdot \ln a$

FALSE

FALSE

FALSE

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$$(7) \log_a a^a = a$$

$$(8) -\ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \ln x$$

$$(7) \log_a a^a = a \times \underbrace{\log_a a}_{=1} = a \times 1 = a \quad \text{so TRUE}$$

$$(8) -\ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\ln x^{-1} = -(-1)\ln x = \ln x \quad \text{so TRUE}$$

7. Solve the following logarithmic equations.

$$(1) \ln x = -3$$

$$(2) \log_2(3x - 2) = 2$$

$$(1) \ln x = \log_e x \quad \text{so } x = e^{-3} = 1/e^3$$

$$(2) (3x - 2) = 2^2 = 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3x - 2 = 4 \quad \Leftrightarrow 3x = 6 \quad \text{so } x = 2$$

$$\uparrow (3) 2 \log x = \log 2 + \log(3x - 4)$$

$$(4) \log x + \log(x - 1) = \log(4x)$$

$$(3) \Leftrightarrow \log x^2 = \log 2(3x - 4) \quad \text{so } x^2 = 2(3x - 4)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 - 6x + 8 = 0$$

$$\Delta = (-6)^2 - 4 \times 8 = 36 - 32 = 4 = 2^2$$

$$\text{so } x_1 = \frac{6 - 2}{2} = \frac{4}{2} = 2 \quad \text{OR} \quad x_2 = \frac{6 + 2}{2} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

The two solutions are possible.

$$(4) x(x - 1) = 4x \quad \Leftrightarrow x^2 - x = 4x \quad \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 5x = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(x - 5) = 0 \quad \text{so } x = 0 \quad \text{or } x = 5$$

Note that $x = 0$ is not possible as the original equation includes $\log x$ and we cannot calculate $\log 0$.

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(5) $\log_3(x+25) - \log_3(x-1) = 3$ (6) $\log_9(x-5) + \log_9(x+3) = 1$

$$(5) \Leftrightarrow \log_3 \left(\frac{x+25}{x-1} \right) = 3 \quad \Leftrightarrow \frac{x+25}{x-1} = 3^3 = 27$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x+25 = 27(x-1) \quad \Leftrightarrow x+25 = 27x - 27 \quad \Leftrightarrow 26x = 52$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{52}{26} = 2$$

$$(6) \Leftrightarrow \log_9(x-5)(x+3) = 1 = \log_9 9$$

\Leftrightarrow we must have $(x-5)(x+3) = 9$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 - 5x + 3x - 15 = 9 \quad \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 2x - 24 = 0$$

$$\Delta = (-2)^2 - 4 \times (-24) = 100 = 10^2 \quad \Leftrightarrow \text{OR } x_2 = \frac{2+10}{2} = 6$$

either $x_1 = \frac{-(-2)-10}{2} = \frac{-8}{2} = -4$ (impossible as we can't calculate $\log_9(-1)$)

(7) $\log_{10} x + \log_{10}(x-3) = 1$

(8) $\log_2(x-2) + \log_2(x+1) = 2$

$$(7) \log_{10}[x(x-3)] = \log_{10} 10 \quad \Leftrightarrow x(x-3) = 10 \quad \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$$

$$\Delta = (-3)^2 - 4 \times (-10) = 49 = 7^2$$

$$x_1 = \frac{3-7}{2} = \frac{-4}{2} = -2 \quad \text{[impossible as we cannot calculate } \log_{10}(-2)\text{]}$$

$$\text{OR } x_2 = \frac{3+7}{2} = \frac{10}{2} = 5 \quad \text{(only possible solution)}$$

$$(8) \Leftrightarrow \log_2(x-2)(x+1) = 2 = \log_2 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x-2)(x+1) = 4 \quad \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 2x + x - 2 = 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 - x - 6 = 0 \quad \Delta = (-1)^2 - 4 \times (-6) = 1+24 = 25 = 5^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1 = \frac{1+5}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$\text{OR } x_2 = \frac{1-5}{2} = \frac{-4}{2} = -2 \quad \text{(which is impossible as we cannot calculate } \log_2(-1) \text{ in the original equation)}$$

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8. Prove the following statements.

$$(1) \log_{\sqrt{b}} x = 2 \log_b x \quad (2) \log_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}} \sqrt{x} = -\log_b x \quad (3) \log_{b^4} x^2 = \log_b \sqrt{x}$$

$$(1) \log_{\sqrt{b}} x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b \sqrt{b}} \quad (\text{using the change of base rule})$$

$$= \frac{\log_b x}{\frac{1}{2} \log_b b} = \frac{\log_b x}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \log_b x$$

$$(2) \log_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}} \sqrt{x} = \frac{\log_b \sqrt{x}}{\log_b \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}} \quad (\text{using the change of base rule})$$

$$= \frac{\log_b x^{1/2}}{\log_b b^{-1/2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \log_b x}{-\frac{1}{2} \log_b b} = \frac{\log_b x}{-\log_b b} = \frac{\log_b x}{-1} = -\log_b x$$

$$(3) \log_{b^4} x^2 = \frac{\log_b x^2}{\log_b b^4} \quad (\text{using the change of base rule})$$

$$= \frac{2 \log_b x}{4 \times \log_b b} = \frac{\log_b x}{2 \times \log_b b}$$

$$= \frac{\log_b x}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \times \log_b x = \log_b x^{1/2}$$

$$\text{So indeed } \log_{b^4} x^2 = \log_b \sqrt{x}$$

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9. Given that $\log 2 = x$, $\log 3 = y$ and $\log 7 = z$, express the following expressions in terms of x , y , and z .

(1) $\log 12$

(2) $\log 392$

(3) $\log\left(\frac{14}{3}\right)$

(4) $\log\left(\frac{6}{7}\right)$

$$(1) \log 12 = \log(2^2 \times 3) = \log 2^2 + \log 3 = 2 \log 2 + \log 3 = 2x + y$$

$$(2) \log 392 = \log(2^3 \times 7^2) = 3 \log 2 + 2 \log 7 = 3x + 2z$$

$$(3) \log\left(\frac{14}{3}\right) = \log 14 - \log 3 = \log(2 \times 7) - y = \log 2 + \log 7 - y = x + z - y$$

$$(4) \log\left(\frac{6}{7}\right) = \log(2 \times 3) - \log 7 = \log 2 + \log 3 - \log 7 \\ = x + y - z$$

(5) $\log 1.5$

(6) $\log 10.5$

(7) $\log 24.5$

(8) $\log\left(\frac{7776}{7}\right)$

$$(5) \log 1.5 = \log\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \log 3 - \log 2 = y - x$$

$$(6) \log 10.5 = \log \frac{21}{2} = \log\left(\frac{3 \times 7}{2}\right) = \log 3 + \log 7 - \log 2 = y + z - x$$

$$(7) \log 24.5 = \log \frac{49}{2} = \log \frac{7^2}{2} = 2 \log 7 - \log 2 = 2z - x$$

$$(8) \log\left(\frac{7776}{7}\right) = \log\left(\frac{2^5 \times 3^5}{7}\right) = \log 2^5 + \log 3^5 - \log 7 \\ = 5 \log 2 + 3 \log 3 - \log 7 \\ = 5x + 3y - z$$

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10. Solve the following equations.

$$(1) \quad 3^x - 2 = 12$$

$$3^x = 14$$

$$x = \frac{\ln 14}{\ln 3}$$

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

$$\ln 3^{1-x} = \ln 2$$

$$(1-x) \ln 3 = \ln 2$$

$$1-x = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3} \quad \text{so} \quad x = 1 - \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$$

$$(3) \quad 4^x = 5^{x+1}$$

$$\ln 4^x = \ln 5^{x+1}$$

$$x \ln 4 = (x+1) \ln 5$$

$$x [\ln 4 - \ln 5] = \ln 5$$

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

$$x = \frac{\ln 5}{\ln(4/5)}$$

$$(4) \quad 6^{1-x} = 10^x$$

$$\ln 6^{1-x} = \ln 10^x$$

$$(1-x) \ln 6 = x \ln 10$$

$$x [\ln 10 + \ln 6] = \ln 6$$

$$x = \frac{\ln 6}{\ln 60}$$

$$(5) \quad 3^{2x+1} = 2^{x-2}$$

$$\ln 3^{2x+1} = \ln 2^{x-2}$$

$$(2x+1) \ln 3 = (x-2) \ln 2$$

$$x [\ln 3^2 - \ln 2] = -2 \ln 2 - \ln 3$$

$$x \times \ln\left(\frac{9}{2}\right) = \ln 2^{-2} - \ln 3$$

$$x \times \ln\left(\frac{9}{2}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{4 \times 3}\right)$$

$$x = \frac{-\ln 12}{\ln(9/2)}$$

$$(6) \quad \frac{10}{1 + e^{-x}} = 2$$

$$1 + e^{-x} = 5$$

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

$$\ln e^{-x} = \ln 4$$

$$-x = \ln 4$$

$$\text{so } x = -\ln 4 = \ln \frac{1}{4}$$

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13. 15 000\$ is invested in an account that yields 5% interest per year. After how many years will the account be worth 91 221.04\$ if the interest is compounded yearly?

$$91,221.04 = 15,000 (1 + 0.05)^n$$

$$\text{So } 1.05^n = \frac{91,221.04}{15,000}$$

$$\ln(1.05^n) = \ln\left(\frac{91,221.04}{15,000}\right) \approx 1.805$$

$$\text{so } n \times \ln 1.05 \approx 1.805$$

$$n = \frac{1.805}{\ln 1.05} \approx 37 \text{ years.}$$

14. 8 000\$ is invested in an account that yields 6% interest per year. After how many years will the account be worth 13709.60\$ if the interest is compounded monthly?

6% per year so it's 0.5% per month.

$$13,709.60 = 8000 (1 + 0.005)^n$$

$$1.005^n = \frac{13,709.60}{8000}$$

$$n \times \ln 1.005 = \ln\left[\frac{13,709.60}{8000}\right]$$

$$n = \frac{\ln\left[\frac{13,709.60}{8000}\right]}{\ln[1.005]} = 108 \text{ months}$$

which is 9 years.

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15. Starting at the age of 40, an average man loses 5% of his hair every year. At what age should an average man expect to have half his hair left?

If at 40, the number of hair is N_0
we want to find when the number of hair is $N_0/2$
 $N = N_0 \times 0.95^n$ where n is the number of years.

For N to be equal to $N_0/2$, we must have

$$\frac{N_0}{2} = N_0 \times 0.95^n \quad \text{so} \quad 0.95^n = 0.5$$
$$\text{so} \quad n \times \ln 0.95 = \ln 0.5$$
$$n = \frac{\ln 0.5}{\ln 0.95} = 13.5 \text{ years}$$

16. A bacteria culture starts with 10 000 bacteria and the number doubles every 40 minutes.

- (a) Find a formula for the number of bacteria at time t .
(b) Find the number of bacteria after one hour.
(c) After how many minutes will there be 50 000 bacteria?

a) $N = 10000 \times 2^n$ where n is the multiple of 40 minutes.

b) when $t = 1 \text{ hour}$, i.e. $\frac{60}{40} = 1.5$ period,
the number of bacteria is $N = 10000 \times 2^{1.5} = 2828$

c) $50,000 = 10000 \times 2^n$ so $2^n = 50$

$$n \cdot \ln 2 = \ln 50 \quad \text{so} \quad n = \frac{\ln 50}{\ln 2} = 5.6438$$

$$\text{so in } 5.6438 \times 40 = 226 \text{ minutes approx}$$