

VII. Exponential & Logarithmic Functions

Solve each equation.

$y = \log_b x$ if and only if $x = b^y$.

Think of $y = \log_b x$ as the answer to: "To what power must b be raised to obtain x ?"

a. $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x = 27$
 $3^{-x} = 3^3$
 $-x = 3$
 $x = -3$

b. $5^{3x} = 25^{x-1}$
 $5^{3x} = 5^{2(x-1)}$
 $3x = 2(x-1)$
 $3x = 2x - 2$
 $x = -2$

c. $4^x = 0.25$ $\rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$
 $4^x = 4^{-1}$
 $x = -1$

d. $10^x = 15$
 \downarrow
 $\log_{10} 15 = x$
 $x = 1.176$

e. $e^{3x} = 24$
 \downarrow
 $\ln 24 = 3x$
 $3.178 = 3x$
 $x = 1.059$

f. $\ln 3x = -0.5003$
 \downarrow
 $e^{-0.5003} = 3x$
 Honors: $\frac{e^{-0.5003}}{3}$ Standard: $.202$

g. $\log_x 64 = \frac{1}{2}$
 \downarrow
 $(x^{\frac{1}{2}})^2 = (64)^2$
 $x = 4096$

h. $\log_3 x = 5$
 \downarrow
 $3^5 = x$
 $243 = x$

i. $\log_4 256 = x$
 $\frac{\log 256}{\log 4} = x$
 $x = 4$

j. $\log_7 (2x+5) = \log_7 (x-3)$
 $2x+5 = x-3$
 $x = -8$

k. $\log_2 (2x^2) = 5$
 \downarrow
 $2^5 = 2x^2$
 $32 = 2x^2$
 $16 = x^2$
 $x = \pm 4$

l. $\log_{10} x = 2.096910013$
 \downarrow
 $10^{2.096910013} = x$
 $x = 125$

m. $\frac{256e^{2x}}{256} = \frac{1400}{256}$
 $e^{2x} = 5.46875$
 $\ln 5.46875 = 2x$
 $1.699 = 2x$
 $x = .8495$

n. $\frac{75}{21} = \frac{21(1.05)^t}{21}$
 $3.57 = 1.05^t$
 $t = \log_{1.05} 3.57$
 $t = 26.08$

o. $10^{x^2+3x-7} = 1,000$
 $10^{x^2+3x-7} = 10^3$
 $x^2+3x-7 = 3$
 $x^2+3x-10 = 0$
 $(x+5)(x-2) = 0$
 $x = -5 \frac{1}{2}$

Condense (1) #'s out front (steps) (2) add & sub

Expand (1) mult & divide (steps) (2) Exponents

Exponential & Logarithmic Functions (continued)

Write the logs in condensed form.

Write the logs in expanded form.

a. $2\log x - \log y^x$

$$\log x^2 - \log y^x$$

$$\boxed{\log \frac{x^2}{y^x}}$$

b. $\log x^2 y^3 z^4$

$$\log x^2 + \log y^3 + \log z^4$$

$$\boxed{2\log x + 3\log y + 4\log z}$$

c. $\log x + 2\log y$

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

$$\boxed{\log x(y^2)}$$

d. $\log(x^2+1)z$ can't be broken up

$$\log(x^2+1) + \log z$$

$$\boxed{\log(x^2+1) + \log z}$$

e. $\log x + \frac{1}{2}\log y - 2\log z$

$$\log x + \log y^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log z^2$$

$$\boxed{\log \frac{xy^{\frac{1}{2}}}{z^2}}$$

f. $\log \frac{x^2}{z^6}$

$$\log x^2 - \log z^6$$

$$\boxed{2\log x - 6\log z}$$

g. $\log x + \log y + \log z + 2\log w$

$$\log x + \log y + \log z + \log w^2$$

$$\boxed{\log \frac{xyz}{w^2}}$$

h. $\log x^2 y$

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

$$\boxed{2\log x + \log y}$$

ponential & Logarithmic Functions (continued)

Use the equation given and the properties of logs to solve the problems below:

(1) $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$

where:

- P = original amount deposited or the initial investment
- r = the interest rate expressed as a decimal (5% \rightarrow 0.05)
- n = the number of times a year the interest is paid ("quarterly" \rightarrow means $n = 4$)
- t = the number of years the investment spans

(2) $A = Pe^{rt}$

a. Find the value of a \$1,000 investment at 6% interest after 10 years compounded:

(a) annually $1000(1 + .06)^{10}$

$\$1790.85$

(b) quarterly $1000(1 + \frac{.06}{4})^{4(10)}$

$\$1814.02$

(c) monthly $1000(1 + \frac{.06}{12})^{4(12)}$

$\$1270.49$

(d) continuously $1000e^{.06(10)}$

$\$1822.12$

b. If you invest \$30,000 at 4.76% interest paid quarterly, how long would it take you to double your money? Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.

$$\frac{60,000}{30,000} = \frac{30,000}{30,000} \left(1 + \frac{.0476}{4}\right)^{4t}$$

$$2 = \left(1 + \frac{.0476}{4}\right)^{4t}$$

$$2 = 1.0119^{4t}$$

$$4t = \log_{1.0119} 2$$

$$4t = 58.594$$

$t = 14.6 \text{ years}$

c. Suppose \$2,000 is invested in a 3-year certificate of deposit (CD) that earns 6% interest, compounded continuously. How much will the investment be worth after 3 years?

$$2000e^{.06(3)}$$

$\$2394.43$

d. You invest \$200 at 12.25% earning continuous interest. How many years does it take for your money to increase 5 times its original value? Round your answer to the nearest tenth.

$$\frac{1000}{200} = \frac{200}{200} e^{.1225t}$$

$$5 = e^{.1225t}$$

$$.1225t = \ln 5$$

$$.1225t = 1.609$$

$$\frac{.1225t}{.1225} = \frac{1.609}{.1225}$$

$t = 13.1 \text{ years}$