

Defining and Evaluating Logarithms Review

Objective: I can evaluate a logarithmic expression

How could we solve each of the following equations algebraically for x?

$$x^2 = 9$$

$$\cancel{\sqrt{3^x}} = \cancel{\sqrt{9}}$$

What's the difference?

Problems like $3^x = 9$

are why we have logarithms!

What does this problem mean? Estimate the value for x .

$$5^1 = 5$$

$$5^2 = 25$$

$$5^3 = 125$$

$$5^x = 50$$

Estimate the value for x.

$$3^x = 90$$

$$y^x = z$$

Logarithm Activity! Yay!



What does the following equation mean?

$$\log_4 16 = x$$

Evaluate the following logarithms.

$$\log_2 8$$

3

$$\log_2 32$$

5

$$\log_2 \frac{1}{4}$$

-2

$$\log_3 81$$

4

$$\log_7 243$$

3

$$\log_4 \frac{1}{64}$$

-3

Exponential Equation

Logarithmic Equation

$$b^x = a \longleftrightarrow \log_b a = x$$

$$2^x = 16$$

$$\log_2 16 = x$$

Switch between Log and exponential forms

Exponential Equation	Logarithmic Equation
$3^5 = 243$	$\log_3 243 = 5$
$4^{-3} = \frac{1}{64}$	$\log_4 \frac{1}{64} = -3$
$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^r = s$	
	$\log_{\frac{1}{5}} v = w$

base 10

$$y = \log x \quad x = 10^y$$

$e \approx 2.7$

$$y = \ln x \quad x = e^y$$

$\ln = \log_e$

1 x'
x

Exponential Equation	Logarithmic Equation
$e^5 \approx 148.4$	$\ln 148.4 = 5$
$e^{1.8} \approx 6$	$\ln 6 \approx 1.8$
$10^5 = 100,000$	$\log 100,000 = 5$
$10^3 = 1,000$	$\log 1,000 = 3$

$\log_5 25$

What about these?

$\log_8 \frac{1}{64} = -2$

$\log_{25} 5$

$\log_8 2$

$\log_{125} 5$

$25^0 = 1$
 $25^1 = 25$

$\frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{1}{3}$

$\frac{1}{3}$

Notice a pattern?

And these?

$$\log_{\frac{1}{4}} 16$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 8$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{3}} 81$$

Notice a pattern?

Evaluate the following logarithms.

$$\log_{27} 3$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{4}} 64$$

$$\log_{81} 9$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{7}} 243$$

Here are some fun ones!

$$\log_{81} \frac{1}{9}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\log_{16} \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\log_{49} \frac{1}{7}$$

$$49^{\square} = \frac{1}{7} \quad -\frac{1}{2}$$

Last ones.

$$\log_0 3$$

undefined

$$\log_{16} -\frac{1}{2}$$

und

$$\log_{16} 0$$

und

Why don't these work?

$$\log_0 3$$

cannot have
base 0

$$\log_{16} -\frac{1}{2}$$

no exponent
gives neg #

$$\log_{16} 0$$

no exponent
gives a 0.