

## 4.4 Properties of logarithms

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table pg 230  
in book

$x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $a \neq 1$ ,  $m > 0$ ,  $n > 0$

①  $\log_a a^x = x$

②  $\log_a a = 1$

③  $\log_a 1 = 0$

④  $a^{\log_a x} = x \quad (x > 0)$

⑤  $\log_a (mn) = \log_a m + \log_a n$

⑥  $\log_a \left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \log_a m - \log_a n$

⑦  $\log_a m^n = n \log_a m$

Proof ⑤

let  $u = \log_a m$  and  $v = \log_a n$

then  $a^u = m$  and  $a^v = n$

by defn.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \log_a (mn) &= \log_a (a^u a^v) \\ &= \log_a (a^{u+v}) \\ &= u+v \\ &= \log_a m + \log_a n // \end{aligned}$$

⑦ Let  $u = n \log_a m$

then  $\frac{u}{n} = \log_a m$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^{u/n} = m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \log_a (m^n) &= \log_a (a^{u/n})^n \\ &= \log_a a^u \\ &= u \\ &= n \log_a m // \end{aligned}$$

## 4.4 (cont)

EX1 Use log properties to expand.

(a)  $\ln\left(\frac{x^2}{x+1}\right)$

(b)  $\log_3(x^3 \sqrt{x-2})$

(c)  $\log\left(\frac{y^4}{(y-2)^6}\right)$

EX2 Use log properties to condense.

(a)  $\log_4 8 - \frac{1}{2} \log_4 5 + \log_4 3$

(c)  $\log(2x+1)$

$-\frac{1}{3} \log(x-1)$

(b)  $2(\ln x - \ln(x+5))$

4.4 (cont)

Ex 3 Evaluate (w/o calculator)

(a)  $\log_7(49) + \log_5(125) - \log_2(64)$

(b)  $\log_4\left(\frac{1}{64}\right) + \ln(e^7) - \log_5 1$

Ex 4 If  $\log_b x = 1.2$ ,  $\log_b y = 3.1$   $\log_b z = 11.1$ ,

evaluate

$$\log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) - \log_b(z^2 x)$$

## 4.5 Logarithmic and Exponential Equations

### Strategies to Solve Eqs:

#### Logarithmic

- ① get logs all on one side of eqn
- ② condense using log properties
- ③ use defn of log to rewrite in exponential form
- ④ continue solving.
- ⑤ check all answers.  
(This must happen because of restricted domain.)

#### Exponential

- ① Isolate exponential
- ② use defn of log to rewrite as log eqn
- ③ Continue solving.

(\* You don't have to check answers because there is no restriction on domain.)

Ex 1

Solve.

$$4^{x+2} = 64$$

4.5 (cont)

Ex 2 Solve.

(a)  $2e^x + 3 = 13$

(b)  $5^{x+6} - 4 = 12$

(c)  $\ln(2x-3) = \ln 11$

(d)  $2 \log_4 x = 5$

4.5 (cont)

Ex 3 Solve.

(a)  $\log_3(2x) - \log_3(x-3) = 1$

(b)  $3^{2x} + 3^x = 20$

(c)  $\log(x^2) = (\log x)^2$

## 4.6 Logarithmic & Exponential Business Applications

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Ex1 If \$1000 is invested at 10% compounded continuously, the future value  $S$  at any time  $t$  (in years) is given by  $S = 1000e^{0.1t}$ .

- (a) what is the account worth after one year?  
(b) How long will it take for the investment to double?

## 4.6 (cont)

Ex 2 The population of Mathville grows according to the formula  $P = P_0 e^{0.03t}$ . If the population was 250,000 in the year 2000, estimate the year in which the population reaches 350,000.

## 4.6 (cont)

Ex 3 Radioactive Iodine-131 has a half-life of 8 days. How long does it take to reduce an initial amount of Iodine-131 to 1% of the initial amount?

Ex 4 The tsunami of 2004 killed over 200,000 people and was measured at  $M=9.1$  on the Richter scale. What was its intensity?  
(Use  $M = \log\left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right)$  where  $I_0 = 10^{-3}$  is the zero level earthquake, or the minimum intensity that can be felt.)