

Unit 3 Day 1 Notes: Introducing Exponents and Logarithms

Key

Exponential Form	Logarithmic Form
$b^y = x$	$\log_b x = y$

Examples: Rewriting in Logarithmic Form:

1. $5^3 = 125$

$\log_5 125 = 3$

2. $7^2 = 49$

$\log_7 49 = 2$

3. $2^{10} = 1024$

$\log_2 1024 = 10$

4. $2^6 = 64$

$\log_2 64 = 6$

Examples: Rewriting in Exponential Form

1. $\log_{10} 1000 = 3$

$10^3 = 1000$

2. $\frac{1}{2} = \log_{16} 4$

$16^{1/2} = 4$

3. $\log_3 \frac{1}{9} = -2$

$3^{-2} = \frac{1}{9}$

4. $\log_{10} 100 = 2$

$10^2 = 100$

Examples: Solve for x.

1. $\log_2 16 = x$

4

2. $\log_8 2 = x$

$\frac{1}{3}$

3. $\log_3 3^4 = x$

4

4. $\log_3 81 = x$

4

5. $\log_{49} 7 = x$

$\frac{1}{2}$

6. $\log_3 27 = x$

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Properties of Logarithms

$\log_b b = 1$ $b^1 = b$	$\log_b 1 = 0$ $b^0 = 1$	If $b > 0$ and $b \neq 1$ a) $\log_b b^x = x$ b) $b^{\log_b x} = x$
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Examples: Solve for x by using properties of Logarithms.

1. $\log_7 7 = x$

1

2. $\log_5 1 = x$

0

3. $\log_4 4^5 = x$

5

4. $\log_3 3^{17} = x$

17

5. $\log_8 1 =$

0

6. $\log_5 5^{12} =$

12

7. $\log_{19} 19 =$

1

8. $\log_6 6^7 = x$

7

$2x = \frac{1}{2}$
 $x = \frac{1}{4}$

Natural Logarithms

- Log with base e
- Denoted ln
- Have same properties as regular logarithms. (Using e instead of numerical bases).

$\ln 1 = 0$ $e^0 = 1$

$\ln e^x = x$ $e^x = e^x$

$\ln e = 1$ $e^1 = e$

$e^{\ln x} = x$

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 $\log_9 \sqrt{3} = x$
 $9^x = \sqrt{3}$
 $9^x = 3^{1/2}$
 $(3^2)^x = 3^{1/2}$

CW #1:

1. $10^{-1} = 0.1$

2. $8^3 = 512$

3. $3^4 = 81$

4. $8^{2/3} = 4$

5. $e^2 = x+1$

6. $e^4 = x-1$

1. $\log_{10} 10000 = 4$

2. $\log_{81} 9 = \frac{1}{2}$

3. $\log_8 \frac{1}{8} = -1$

4. $\log_{10} n = m$

5. $\ln_e 0.5 = x+1$

6. $\ln_e t = 0.5x$

1. 1

2. 0

3. 2

4. 5

5. 17

6. 0

7. 3

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

9. $\frac{1}{2}$

10. π

11. 5

12. 87

13. $\frac{1}{4}$

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

15. $\frac{3}{2}$

1. 32

2. -1

3. 10

4. 5

5. 36

6. 27