

Logarithms are different ways of writing exponential equations.

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 100 = 10^2 & .0001 = 10^{-4} & 128 = 2^7 & \frac{1}{125} = 5^{-3} \\
 \Downarrow & \Downarrow & \Downarrow & \Downarrow \\
 \log_{10} 100 = 2 & \log_{10} .0001 = -4 & \log_2 128 = 7 & \log_5 \frac{1}{125} = -3
 \end{array}$$

Rules:

Base $b > 0$, $b \neq 1$

Rules	Name		Example	Practice
1		$\log_b 1 = 0$	$\log_8 1 = 0$	$\log_{10} 1 = ?$
2		$\log_b b = 1$	$\log_{10} 10 = 1$, $\log_{28} 28 = 1$	$\log_2 2 = ?$
3	Power	$\log_b a^n = n \log_b a$	$\log_{10} 8^3 = 3 \log_{10} 8$	$\log_5 2^6 = ?$
4	Power	$\log_{b^m} a^n = \frac{n}{m} \log_b a$	$\log_8 128 = \log_{2^3} 2^7 = \frac{7}{3} \log_2 2 = \frac{7}{3} (1)$	$\log_{27} 243 = ?$
5	Product	$\log_b a + \log_b c = \log_b ac$	$\log_{10} 7 + \log_{10} 9 = \log_{10} 63$	$\log_5 20 + \log_5 5 = ?$
6	Quotient	$\log_b a - \log_b c = \log_b \frac{a}{c}$	$\log_{10} 12 - \log_{10} 3 = \log_{10} 4$	$\log_5 20 - \log_5 5 = ?$
7		$b^{\log_b a} = a$	$5^{\log_5 8} = 8$	$3^{\log_3 11} = ?$
8	Base 10	When base is 10, we write base as blank.	$\log_{10} 81 = \log 81$, $\log_{10} x^2 = 2 \log x$	$\log_{10} 20 = ?$, $\log_{10} yz = ?$
10	Natural Base (e)	When base is (e), we write ln rather log .	$\log_e 5 = \ln 5$, $\log_e x = \ln x$	

Write each as an exponential.

$$1) \log_2 32 = 5 \quad 2) \log_e x = -2 \quad 3) \log_{11} \sqrt{11} = \frac{1}{2} \quad 4) \log_{10} 1000 = 3 \quad 5) \log_5 125 = 3$$

Write each as a logarithmic equation.

$$6) 10000 = 10^4 \quad 7) 10^{-2} = \frac{1}{100} \quad 8) 5^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{5} \quad 9) 9^{-1} = \frac{1}{9} \quad 10) 2^{10} = 1024$$

Simplify each logarithmic expression.

$$11) \log_2 8 \quad 12) \log_{25} 5 \quad 13) \log_3 \frac{1}{9} \quad 14) 2^{\log_2 8} \quad 15) \log_2 \frac{1}{32} \quad 16) \log_2 \sqrt{2} \quad 17) \log_2 \sqrt{32}$$

$$18) \log_2 \frac{1}{8} = x \quad 19) \log_2 x = 6 \quad 20) \log_3 \frac{1}{81} = x \quad 21) \log_{\frac{2}{3}} x = 8 \quad 22) \log_x 100 = 2 \quad 23) \log_x \sqrt{32} = 2$$

Write each logarithmic as a single expression.

- 24) $\log_2 x + \log_2 y$ 25) $\log_2 x - \log_2 y$ 26) $3\log_2 x - \log_2 y$ 27) $\log_3 2 + \log_3 10 - \log_3 5$
 28) $\log_6 18 + \log_6 2 - \log_6 9$ 29) $3\log_4 2 + 2\log_4 3$ 30) $3\log_2 x - 4\log_2 y$ 31) $\log_2 x - \log_2(x+1) + \log_2(x^2 - 2)$

Use the calculator to compute the following logarithms

- 32) $\log 81$ 33) $\ln 81$ 34) $\log 8100$ 35) $\ln 8100$ 36) $\log 1000$ 37) $\log 0.0001$ 38) $\ln e$

Solve each equation for x.

- 39) $\log_2 \frac{1}{8} = x$ 40) $\log_2 x = 6$ 41) $\log_3 \frac{1}{81} = x$ 42) $\log_{\frac{2}{3}} x = 8$ 43) $\log_x 100 = 2$ 44) $\log_x \sqrt{32} = 2$

Answers

1	$32 = 2^5$	16	.5	31	$\log_2 \frac{x(x^2 - 2)}{(x+1)}$		41	
2	$x = e^{-2}$	17	2.5	32	1.908		42	
3	$\sqrt{11} = 11^{\frac{1}{2}}$	18	$x = -3$	33	4.934		43	
4	$1000 = 10^3$	19		34	4.9084		44	
5	$125 = 5^3$	20		35	4.3944		45	
6	$\log_{10} 10000 = 4$	21		36	3		46	
7	$\log_{10} 1/100 = -2$	22		37	-4		47	
8	$\log_5 \sqrt{5} = \frac{1}{2}$	23	2.5	38	1		48	
9	$\log_9 1/9 = -1$	24	$\log_2 xy$	39	-3		49	
10	$\log_2 1024 = 10$	25	$\log_2 x/y$	40			50	
11	3	26	$\log_2 x^3/y$		-4			
12	0.5	27	$\log_3 4$		10			
13	-2	28	$\log_6 4$					
14	8	29	$\log_4 72$					
15	-32	30	$\log_2 x^3/y^4$					

Steps to solve an exponential Equation:

1. Isolate the exponential part
2. Take **ln** (natural log) from both sides
3. Apply the property of the **ln**
4. Solve for **x**,

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1. Isolate the exponential part $5^x = 24$

2. Take **ln** (natural log) from both sides $\ln 5^x = \ln 24$

3. Apply the property of the **ln** $x \ln 5 = \ln 24$,

4. Solve for x , $x = \frac{\ln 24}{\ln 5} = \frac{3.178}{1.609} = 1.975$

Ex 2. Solve for x , $3^{x-4} + 4 = 62$

1. $3^{x-4} = 58$

2. $\ln 3^{x-4} = \ln 58$

3. $(x-4)\ln 3 = \ln 58$

4. $(x-4) = \frac{\ln 58}{\ln 3} = \frac{4.06}{1.099} = 3.694$, $x = 7.694$

Ex 3. Solve for x , $4^{x+2} = 6^{x-4}$

1. $\ln 4^{x+2} = \ln 6^{x-4}$

2. $(x+2)\ln 4 = (x-4)\ln 6$

3 $(x+2)1.386 = (x-4)1.791$, $1.386x + 2.772 = 1.791x - 7.164$,

4. $4.392 = 0.405x$ $x = 10.84$

Ex 4 Solve for x , $7 \log x = 13$

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1. Isolate the log part $\log x = \frac{13}{7} = 1.857$

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2. Use property of log, $x = 10^{1.857} = 71.945$

2. Use property of ln, $x = e^{1.857} = 6.404$

Ex 6. Solve for x , $4 \log(x+3) = 11$ 1. $\log(x+3) = \frac{11}{4} = 2.75$

2. $(x+3) = 10^{2.75} = 562.34$, $x = 559.34$

Practice Problems: Solve for x

1. $3^x - 5 = 12$

2. $2^x + 4 = 15$

3. $7^x - 35 = 12$

4. $3^{x-4} + 4 = 62$

5. $3^x = (4^{3x-5})$

6. $3^{2x-4} - 11 = 18$

7. $3^{x+1} = 5^{x-1}$

8. $3^{x+1} = (\frac{1}{5})^{x-1}$

9. $5 \log x = 7$

10. $5 \ln x = 7$

11. $\log x^2 = 4.67$

2. $\ln x = 4.67$

13. $3 \log(x-2) = 5.7$

14. $3 \ln(x-2) = 5.7$

Answers

1) $x = 2.58$

2) $x = 3.45$

3) $x = 1.979$

4) $x = 7.69$

5) $x = 2.265$

6) $x = 3.532$

7) $x = 5.2986$

8) $x = 0.188$

9) $x = 25.11$

10) $x = 4.055$

11) $x = 216.27$

12) $x = 106.7$

13) $x = .8143$

14) $x = 8.68$

Exponential Function

$$F = P e^{rt}$$

$r > 0$ Exponential Growth

$r < 0$ Exponential Decay

To solve for t or r , first use $rt = \ln\left(\frac{F}{P}\right)$ and then solve for t or r ,

Ex 1: If the world population grows exponentially at a rate of 2.5% per year and at the present time the population is 6 billion, then

1. What will be world population after 10 years? $F = P e^{rt} = 6e^{.025(10)} = 6e^{.25} = 6(1.284) = 7.7$ billion

2. What will be the world population after 25 years? $F = P e^{rt} = 6e^{.025(25)} = 6e^{.625} = 6(1.868) = 11.21$ billion

3. After how long the world population will be 7 billion? $.025t = \ln\left(\frac{7}{6}\right) = 0.15415$

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4. After how long the world population will be doubled?

$.025t = \ln(2) = 0.6931$ $.025t = 0.6931$ $t = 0.6931 / .025 = 27.73$ years

5. After how long the world population will be tripled?

$0.025t = \ln(3) = 1.0986$ $.025t = 1.0986$ $t = 1.0986 / .025 = 43.94$ years

Ex 2: If the world population was 5 billion at year 1990 and it reached 6 billion at year 2002. Assuming the world population grows exponentially then

1. What is the growth rate of the world population? $F = P e^{rt}$ $6 = 5 e^{r \cdot 12}$ $\frac{6}{5} = e^{r \cdot 12}$

$\ln\left(\frac{6}{5}\right) = 12r$ $0.18232 = 12r$ $r = .01519 = 1.52\%$

2. What will be world population in year 2010?

$t = 2010 - 1990 = 20$ $F = P e^{rt} = 5 e^{.0152(20)} = 5 e^{0.304} = 5(1.355) = 6.78$

3. What will be the world population in year 2015? $t = 2015 - 1990 = 25$

$F = P e^{rt} = 5 e^{.0152(25)} = 5 e^{0.38} = 5(1.462) = 7.27$

4. After how long the world population will be 7 billion?

$.0125t = \ln\left(\frac{7}{5}\right) = 0.3365$ $.0152t = 0.3365$ $t = 0.3365 / .0152 = 22.14$ years

5. After how long the world population will be **doubled**?

$.0152t = \ln(2) = 0.6931$ $.025t = 0.6931$ $t = 0.6931 / .0152 = 45.6$ years

6. After how long the world population will be **tripled**?

$.0152t = \ln(3) = 1.0986$ $.0152t = 1.0986$ $t = 1.0986 / .0152 = 72.28$ years