

7.5 : apply properties of logarithms

## PART 1

Properties of Logarithms

- Product Property:  $\log_x mn = \log_x m + \log_x n$

- Quotient Property:  $\log_x \frac{m}{n} = \log_x m - \log_x n$

- Power Property:  $\log_x m^n = n \log_x m$

EX: use  $\log_4 3 \approx 0.792$  and  $\log_4 7 \approx 1.404$  to evaluate

a)  $\log_4 \left( \frac{3}{7} \right) = \log_4 3 - \log_4 7 = 0.792 - 1.404 = \boxed{-0.612}$   
 quotient

b)  $\log_4 21 = \log_4 (7 \cdot 3) = \log_4 7 + \log_4 3 = 1.404 + 0.792 = \boxed{2.196}$   
 $4^? = 21$  product

c)  $\log_4 49 = \log_4 (7^2) = 2 \log_4 7 = 2(1.404) = \boxed{2.808}$

Try: use  $\log_6 5 \approx 0.898$  &  $\log_6 8 \approx 1.161$  to evaluate.

a)  $\log_6 \left( \frac{5}{8} \right) = \log_6 5 - \log_6 8 = 0.898 - 1.161 = \boxed{-0.263}$

b)  $\log_6 40 = \log_6 (5 \cdot 8) = \log_6 5 + \log_6 8 = 0.898 + 1.161 = \boxed{2.059}$

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$$c) \log_6 64 = \log_6 (8)^2$$

$$2 \log_6 8$$
$$2(1.161) =$$
$$\boxed{2.322}$$

$$d) \log_6 125 = \log_6 (5^3)$$

$$3 \log_6 5$$
$$3(.898)$$
$$\boxed{2.694}$$

Expand  $\log_6 \left( \frac{5x^3}{y} \right)$

$$\log_6 5x^3 - \log_6 y \quad (\text{quotient})$$

$$\log_6 5 + \log_6 x^3 - \log_6 y \quad (\text{product})$$

$$\boxed{\log_6 5 + 3 \log_6 x - \log_6 y} \quad (\text{power})$$

Which of the following is equivalent to  $\log 9 + 3 \log 2 - \log 3$ ?

(a)  $\log 8$

(b)  $\log 14$

(c)  $\log 18$

(d)  $\log 24$

$$\log 9 + \log 2^3 - \log 3$$

$$\log 9 + \log 8 - \log 3$$

$$\log(9 \cdot 8) - \log 3$$

$$\log 72 - \log 3$$

$$\log \frac{72}{3} = \log 24$$

PART 2:

## CHANGE OF BASE FORMULA

Logs with any base other than 10 or e can be written using the following formula:

$$\log_c a = \frac{\log a}{\log c} \quad \text{or} \quad \log_c a = \frac{\ln a}{\ln c}$$

Practical Evaluate:

①  $\log_5 8 = \frac{\log 8}{\log 5} = 1.292$        $8^? = 14$        $26^? = 9$

②  $\log_8 14 = \frac{\log 14}{\log 8} \approx 1.269$       ③  $\log_{26} 9 = \frac{\log 9}{\log 26} \approx 0.674$

$\frac{\ln 8}{\ln 5} = 1.292$