

Test tomorrow

6.5 Properties of Logarithms Cnt'd

Omit 6.5 #91

Recap: Log Rules

$$1) \log_a(MN) = \log_a M + \log_a N$$

$$2) \log_a\left(\frac{M}{N}\right) = \log_a M - \log_a N$$

$$3) \log_a M^r = r \log_a M$$

Ex: Write as a single logarithm

$$a) \log_a 5 + 2 \log_a 3$$

$$= \log_a 5 + \log_a 3^2$$

$$= \log_a (5 \cdot 3^2)$$

$$= \log_a 45$$

$$b) \frac{2}{3} \ln 27 - \ln(5-3)$$

$$= \ln 27^{2/3} - \ln 2$$

$$= \ln 9 - \ln 2$$

$$= \ln\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)$$

Calculator can only compute
with base 10 and base e

Change of Base Formula

$$\log_a M = \frac{\ln M}{\ln a}$$



Ex: Round to 2 decimal places

$$\log_{\sqrt{2}} \frac{6}{5}$$

$$= \frac{\ln\left(\frac{6}{5}\right)}{\ln \sqrt{2}}$$

$$\approx 0.53$$

Plan:

6.6 Solving Equations

6.8 Applications

(omit 6.7) Financial Math

6.6 Logarithmic and Exponential Equations

Ex: Solve $\log_3 (2-4x) = 2$

→ Exponential Form

$$3^2 = 2-4x$$

$$9 = 2-4x$$

$$7 = -4x$$

$$-\frac{7}{4} = x$$

If the original equation involves logarithms,
check that the solution is in domain
 $\log_b x$ has domain $x > 0$

Rephrased: Don't put "negative # into log"

For example above, need $2-4x > 0$

$$2-4\left(-\frac{7}{4}\right) > 0 \checkmark$$

Ex: Solve $\log_7 (x+2) + \log_7 (x+8) = 1$

Log Rule $\log_7 [(x+2)(x+8)] = 1$

→ Exponential Form

$$7^1 = (x+2)(x+8)$$

$$7 = x^2 + 10x + 16$$

$$0 = x^2 + 10x + 9$$

$$0 = (x+1)(x+9)$$

$$x = -1, -9$$

CAUTION

Domain of $\log_b x$ is $x > 0$
Need $x+2 > 0$ and $x+8 > 0$

$$\boxed{x = -1}$$

$x = -9$ is discarded

Ex: Solve $2 \log_2 x = -\log_2 16$

$$\log_2 x = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} \log_2 16}_{\text{Power Rule}}$$

$$\log_2 x = \log_2 16^{-1/2}$$

Bases are equal $\Rightarrow x = 16^{-1/2}$

$$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{16}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Check domain: Need $x > 0$

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

3 Tools for Solving

- 1) log form $\leftrightarrow$ exponential form
- 2) 3 log rules
- 3) equal bases

Ex: Solve $1.1 = 3.6 e^{t+2}$

Isolate the exponential

$$\frac{1.1}{3.6} = e^{t+2}$$

Take $\ln$ of both sides:

$$\ln \frac{1.1}{3.6} = \underbrace{\ln e^{t+2}}_{\text{Power Rule}}$$

$$\ln \frac{1.1}{3.6} = (t+2) \underbrace{\ln e}_1$$

In general
 $\ln e^y = y$

$$\ln \frac{1.1}{3.6} = t+2$$

$$t = \ln \left(\frac{1.1}{3.6} \right) - 2$$

Summary: The 4 Tools for Solving Exp/Log Equations

- 1) log form $\leftrightarrow$ exponential form

2) 3 log rules

3) equal bases

4) take $\ln$ of both sides

Ex: Solve $2^{x+1} = 3^x$

Take $\ln$: $\ln 2^{x+1} = \ln 3^x$

Power Rule: $(x+1) \ln 2 = x \ln 3$
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