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Note Title

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$$\#32) e^{-x} = .4$$

The base  $e$  is a number.

$$-x = \log_e 4$$

$$-x = \ln 4$$

$$y = \log_b x \iff x = b^y$$

Logarithm properties:

Examples

$$a) \log_{10} 10 = 1 \quad \text{prop (2)} \quad \log_b b = 1$$

$$b) \ln 1 = 0 \quad \text{prop (1)} \quad \log_b 1 = 0$$

$$c) 10^{\log(x+8)} = x+8 \quad \text{prop (4)} \quad b^{\log_b x} = x$$

$$d) \ln(2x+5) = 2x+5$$

$$e) \log_{10} x^2 = x^2$$

$$f) \ln e^{x+3} = x+3$$

### Example

Write expression  $\log_b (u^2 \sqrt{v})$  as sum of simpler logarithms.

$$\log_b (u^2 \sqrt{v}) = \log_b u^2 + \log_b \sqrt{v}$$

product rule

$$\begin{aligned} &= \log_b u^2 + \log_b v^{1/2} \\ &= 2 \log_b u + \frac{1}{2} \log_b v. \end{aligned}$$

power rule

## Example

write  $\ln\left(\frac{x^3}{y^2}\right)$  as a difference of logs.

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\left(\frac{x^3}{y^2}\right) &= \ln x^3 - \ln y^2 && \text{Quotient rule} \\ &= 3 \ln x - 2 \ln y && \text{Power rule.} \end{aligned}$$

## Example

$$\ln \left( \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x^2 + 7x + 6} \right)$$

write as a sum or difference of logs

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \left( \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x^2 + 7x + 6} \right) &= \ln(x^2 - x - 6) - \ln(x^2 + 7x + 6) \\ &= \ln((x+2)(x-3)) - \ln((x+6)(x+1)) \\ &= \ln(x+2) + \ln(x-3) - [\ln(x+6) + \ln(x+1)] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \ln(x+2) + \ln(x-3) - \ln(x+6) - \ln(x+1)$$

Example Rewrite as a single logarithm expression

$$\frac{2}{3} \ln x - \frac{1}{2} \ln y = \ln x^{2/3} - \ln y^{1/2} \text{ power rule}$$

$$= \ln \left( \frac{x^{2/3}}{y^{1/2}} \right) \text{ Quotient rule}$$

## Example

$$\frac{1}{2} \log_b x + \log_b (2x+1) - 2 \log_b 4$$

$$= \log_b x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \log_b (2x+1) - \log_b 4^2 \quad \text{power rule}$$

$$= \log_b x^{\frac{1}{2}} (2x+1) - \log_b 16 \quad \text{product rule}$$

$$= \log_b \left( \frac{\sqrt{x} (2x+1)}{16} \right) \quad \text{Quotient rule}$$

Change of base.

$$\log_4 17 = \frac{\log_{10} 17}{\log_{10} 4} \quad \log(17) / \log(4)$$

$$\approx 2.0437$$

$$\log_4 17 = \frac{\ln(17)}{\ln 4} \approx 2.0437$$



## Compound Interest

$$P = P_0 \left( 1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$

Monthly  $P = P_0 \left( 1 + \frac{r}{12} \right)^{12t}$

Quarterly  $P = P_0 \left( 1 + \frac{r}{4} \right)^{4t}$

Daily  $P = P_0 \left( 1 + \frac{r}{365} \right)^{365t}$

When  $n \rightarrow \infty$  very large

Continuous Compounding

$$P = P_0 e^{rt} \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow e$$

$n \rightarrow \infty$