

Exercise 14.1

Combine the terms and write your answer as one logarithm.

a) $3 \ln(x) + \ln(y)$

b) $\log(x) - \frac{2}{3} \log(y)$

c) $\frac{1}{3} \log(x) - \log(y) + 4 \log(z)$

d) $\log(xy^2z^3) - \log(x^4y^3z^2)$

e) $\frac{1}{4} \ln(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(y) + \frac{2}{3} \ln(z)$

f) $-\ln(x^2 - 1) + \ln(x - 1)$

Sol: a) $3 \ln(x) + \ln(y) = \ln(x^3) + \ln(y) = \ln(x^3 y)$

\downarrow
power rule
 \downarrow
product rule

b) $\log(x) - \frac{2}{3} \log(y) = \log(x) + \log(y^{-\frac{2}{3}}) = \log(x \cdot y^{-\frac{2}{3}})$

\downarrow
power rule
 \downarrow
product rule

c) $\frac{1}{3} \log(x) - \log(y) + 4 \log(z) = \log(x^{\frac{1}{3}}) + \log(y^{-1}) + \log(z^4)$

$= \log(x^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot y^{-1} \cdot z^4) = \log\left(\frac{x^{\frac{1}{3}} z^4}{y}\right)$

d) $\log(xy^2z^3) - \log(x^4y^3z^2) = \log\left(\frac{xy^2z^3}{x^4y^3z^2}\right) = \log\left(\frac{z}{x^3y}\right)$

e) $\frac{1}{4} \ln(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(y) + \frac{2}{3} \ln(z) = \ln(x^{\frac{1}{4}}) + \ln(y^{-\frac{1}{2}}) + \ln(z^{\frac{2}{3}})$

$= \ln(x^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot z^{\frac{2}{3}})$

Exercise 14.2

Write the expressions in terms of elementary logarithms $u = \log_b(x)$, $v = \log_b(y)$, and $w = \log_b(z)$ (whichever are applicable). Assume that $x, y, z > 0$.

a) $\log(x^3 \cdot y)$

b) $\log(\sqrt[3]{x^2} \cdot \sqrt[4]{y^7})$

c) $\log(\sqrt{x \cdot \sqrt[3]{y}})$

d) $\ln\left(\frac{x^3}{y^4}\right)$

e) $\ln\left(\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{y \cdot z^2}}\right)$

f) $\log_3\left(\sqrt{\frac{x \cdot y^3}{\sqrt{z}}}\right)$

Sol: Let $u = \log(x)$, $v = \log(y)$, $w = \log(z)$

a) $\log(x^3 \cdot y) = \log(x^3) + \log(y) = 3\log(x) + \log(y) = 3u + v$

b) $\log(\sqrt[3]{x^2} \cdot \sqrt[4]{y^7}) = \log(x^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot y^{\frac{7}{4}}) = \frac{2}{3}\log(x) + \frac{7}{4}\log(y) = \frac{2}{3}u + \frac{7}{4}v$

c) $\log(\sqrt{x \cdot \sqrt[3]{y}}) = \log(\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt[3]{y}) = \log(x^{\frac{1}{2}}) + \log((y^{\frac{1}{3}})^{\frac{1}{2}})$

$= \frac{1}{2}\log(x) + \log(y^{\frac{1}{6}}) = \frac{1}{2}\log(x) + \frac{1}{6}\log(y) = \frac{1}{2}u + \frac{1}{6}v$

Let $u = \ln(x)$, $v = \ln(y)$, $w = \ln(z)$

d) $\ln\left(\frac{x^3}{y^4}\right) = \ln(x^3) - \ln(y^4) = 3\ln(x) - 4\ln(y) = 3u - 4v$

e) $\ln\left(\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{y \cdot z^2}}\right) = \ln(x^2) - \ln(\sqrt{y}) - \ln(z^2)$

$= 2\ln(x) - \frac{1}{2}\ln(y) - 2\ln(z) = 2u - \frac{1}{2}v - 2w$

Let $u = \log_3(x)$, $v = \log_3(y)$, $w = \log_3(z)$

f) $\log_3\left(\sqrt{\frac{x \cdot y^3}{\sqrt{z}}}\right) = \log_3\left(\frac{\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt[3]{y}}{\sqrt[4]{z}}\right) = \log_3(\sqrt{x}) + \log_3(\sqrt[3]{y}) - \log_3(\sqrt[4]{z})$

$= \log_3(x^{\frac{1}{2}}) + \log_3(y^{\frac{3}{4}}) - \log_3(z^{\frac{1}{4}})$

$= \frac{1}{2}\log_3(x) + \frac{3}{4}\log_3(y) - \frac{1}{4}\log_3(z) = \frac{1}{2}u + \frac{3}{4}v - \frac{1}{4}w$

Exercise 14.3

Solve for x without using a calculator.

a) $\ln(2x + 4) = \ln(5x - 5)$

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

c) $\log_2(x + 5) = \log_2(x) + 5$

d) $\log(x) + 1 = \log(5x + 380)$

e) $\log(x + 5) + \log(x) = \log(6)$

f) $\log_2(x) + \log_2(x - 6) = 4$

g) $\log_6(x) + \log_6(x - 16) = 2$

h) $\log_5(x - 24) + \log_5(x) = 2$

Sol: (a) $\ln(2x+4) = \ln(5x-5)$

$\ln(x)$ is One-to-One $\Rightarrow 2x+4 = 5x-5$
 $\Rightarrow 9 = 3x \Rightarrow \boxed{x=3}$

(since, when $x=3$, $2x+4 > 0$, $5x-5 > 0$, then $x=3$ is a solution)

(b) $\ln(x+6) = \ln(x-2) + \ln(3)$
 product rule

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

one-to-one $\rightarrow x+6 = 3(x-2)$

$\Rightarrow x+6 = 3x-6$

$\Rightarrow 12 = 2x \Rightarrow \boxed{x=6}$

(since, $x=6$, $x+6 > 0$, $x-2 > 0$, then $x=6$ is a solution)

e) $\log(x+5) + \log(x) = \log(6)$

Product rule

$\log x(x+5) = \log(6)$

one-to-one $\rightarrow x(x+5) = 6$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + 5x - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-1)(x+6) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x & -1 \\ x & +6 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{x=1 \text{ or } -6}$

check if $x+5 > 0$ & $x > 0$

$x=1 \checkmark$

$x=-6 \times$

f) $\log_2(x) + \log_2(x-6) = 4$

product rule

$\log_2 x(x-6) = 4$

switch to exponential form $\Leftrightarrow x(x-6) = 2^4$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 6x - 16 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x & -8 \\ x & +2 \end{matrix}$

$\Rightarrow (x+2)(x-8) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2 \text{ or } 8$

check if $x > 0$ & $x-6 > 0$

$\Rightarrow x = -2 \times$
 $x = 8 \checkmark$

g) $\log_6(x) + \log_6(x-16) = 2$

Product rule

$\log_6 x \cdot (x-16) = 2$
 $x(x-16) = 6^2$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 16x - 36 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x & -18 \\ x & +2 \end{matrix}$

$\Rightarrow (x+2)(x-18) = 0$
 $x = -2 \text{ or } \boxed{x=18}$

check if $x > 0$ & $x-16 > 0$

$x = -2 \times$
 $x = 18 \checkmark$

switch to exponential form

$$h) \log_5 (X-24) + \log_5 (X) = 2$$

product rule

$$\log_5 X \cdot (X-24) = 2$$

$$X \cdot (X-24) = 5^2$$

switch to
exponential
form

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow X^2 - 24X - 25 = 0 \\ &\quad \begin{array}{cc} X & +1 \\ X & -25 \end{array} \\ &\Rightarrow (X+1)(X-25) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow X = -1 \text{ or } 25 \end{aligned}$$

check $X-24 > 0$ & $X > 0$

$$X = -1 \quad \times$$

$$X = 25 \quad \checkmark$$