

Chapter 8
Logarithmic Functions Assignment

1. a) Write $2^5 = 32$ in logarithmic form.

$$5 = \log_2 32$$

b) Write $\log_3 m = n$ in exponential form.

$$m = 3^n$$

2. Use the definition of a logarithm to evaluate $\log_3 81$. Show all work.

$$\begin{aligned} \log_3 81 &= 4 && 4 = x \\ 81 &= 3^4 && \\ (3)^4 &= 3^x && \end{aligned}$$

3. Determine the value of x in each.. Show all work.

a) $\log_5 x = 3$

$$x = 5^3$$

$$x = 125$$

b) $\log_x 8 = \frac{3}{4}$

$$8 = x^{3/4}$$

$$8^{4/3} = (x^{3/4})^{4/3}$$

$$(\sqrt[3]{8})^4 = x$$

$$2^4 = x$$

$$16 = x$$

4. Rewrite each expression as a single logarithm.

a) $\log_3 x^2 + 3\log_3 x - \log_3 x$

$$\log_3 x^2 + \log_3 x^3 - \log_3 x$$

$$\log_3 (x^2 \cdot x^3) - \log_3 x$$

$$\log_3 x^5 - \log_3 x$$

$$\log_3 \frac{x^5}{x}$$

$$\log_3 x^4$$

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

$$\log x - \log y^3 + \log z^{2/3}$$

$$\log \frac{x}{y^3} + \log z^{2/3}$$

$$\log \frac{x}{y^3} (z)^{2/3}$$

$$\log \frac{xz^{2/3}}{y^3}$$

5. Use the laws of logarithms to simplify to a single log and then evaluate each expression.

a) $\log_6 3 + \log_6 12$

$$\log_6 (3 \cdot 12)$$

$$\log_6 36$$

$$2$$

b) $2\log_2 12 - (\log_2 6 + \frac{1}{3}\log_2 27)$

$$\log_2 12^2 - (\log_2 6 + \log_2 27^{1/3})$$

$$\log_2 144 - (\log_2 6 + \log_2 \sqrt[3]{27})$$

$$\log_2 144 - (\log_2 6 + \log_2 3)$$

$$\log_2 144 - \log_2 (6 \cdot 3)$$

$$\log_2 144 - \log_2 18$$

$$\log_2 \frac{144}{18}$$

$$\log_2 8 = 3$$

6. Write each expression as a single logarithm in simplest form.

a) $2 \log x + 3 \log \sqrt{x} - \log x^3$

$$\log x^2 + 3 \log x^{1/2} - \log x^3$$

$$\log x^2 + \log (x^{1/2})^3 - \log x^3$$

$$\log x^2 + \log x^{3/2} - \log x^3$$

$$\log (x^2 \cdot x^{3/2}) - \log x^3$$

$$\log x^{7/2} - \log x^3$$

$$\log \frac{x^{7/2}}{x^3}$$

$$\log x^{1/2}$$

b) $\log(x^2 - 25) - 2 \log(x + 5)$

$$\log \frac{x^2 - 25}{x + 5}$$

$$\log \frac{(x-5)(x+5)}{x+5}$$

$$\log (x-5)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 + \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{4}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{7}{2} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \frac{7}{2} - 3 \\ \frac{7}{2} - \frac{6}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

6. Use the laws of logarithms to isolate x in the expression $\log_5 25x = 3$.

$$\log_5 25x = 3$$

$$25x = 5^3$$

$$25x = 125$$

$$x = 5$$

7. State the transformations, in order of application, to transform $y = \log_5 x$ to

$$y = 3 \log_5 (4(x-2)) + 6.$$

1. Vertical stretch $\times 3$

2. Horizontal stretch $\times \frac{1}{4}$

3. Right 2

4. Up 6

8. Write the equations that correspond to the following transformations of $y = \log_5 x$

a) vertically stretched by a factor of 2 and translated 3 units to the left

$$y = 2 \log_5 (x + 3)$$

b) reflected on the x-axis, stretched horizontally by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$, translated 3 units to the right and 4 units up

$$y = -\log_5 [4(x-3)] + 4$$

9. For the equation $y = 3 \log_5(6(x-2)) - 4$, state:

a) domain

$$\begin{aligned} 6(x-2) &> 0 \\ x-2 &> 0 \\ x &> 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\{x \mid x > 2, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

b) range

$$\{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

c) equation of the asymptote

$$x = 2 \quad (\text{horizontal translation})$$

d) x-intercept (if it exists)

$$y = 0$$

$$0 = 3 \log_5(6(x-2)) - 4$$

$$4 = 3 \log_5(6(x-2))$$

$$\frac{4}{3} = \log_5(6(x-2))$$

$$5^{4/3} = 6(x-2)$$

$$5^{4/3} = 6x - 12$$

$$5^{4/3} + 12 = 6x$$

$$\frac{5^{4/3} + 12}{6} = x$$

$$3.42 \approx x$$

e) y-intercept (if it exists)

$$x = 0$$

$$y = 3 \log_5(6(0-2)) - 4$$

$$y = 3 \log_5(-12) - 4$$

Not possible,
no y-intercept

10. Sketch the graph of $y = -\log_4(x+1) - 8$. Show your work (chart) and do not use a graphing calculator.

① $y = \log_4 x$

x	y
1/16	-2
1/4	-1
1	0
4	1
16	2

↑
powers of
4

② $y = -\log_4 x$

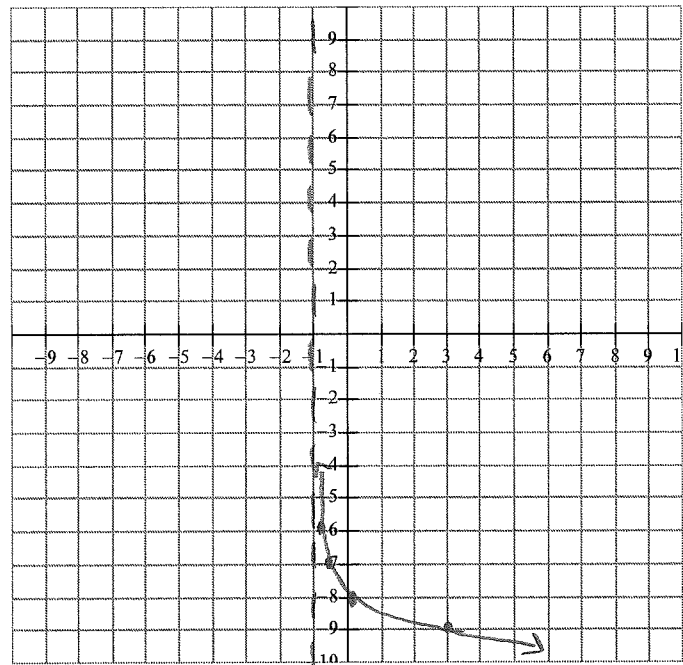
x	y
1/16	2
1/4	1
1	0
4	-1
16	-2

Reflect
over x-axis

③ $y = -\log_4(x+1) - 8$

x	y
-15/16	-6
-3/4	-7
0	-8
3	-9
15	-10

Left 1
Down 8



vertical
asymptote

Domain: $\{x \mid x > -1, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Range: $\{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Asymptote(s): $x = -1$

11. Solve. Check for extraneous roots.

a) $\log_6(x-3) + \log_6(x+6) = 2$

$$\log_6(x-3)(x+6) = 2$$

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

$$x^2 + 3x - 18 = 36$$

$$x^2 + 3x - 54 = 0$$

$$(x+9)(x-6) = 0$$

$$\swarrow \quad \searrow$$

$$x = -9 \quad x = 6$$

$x = -9$

$$\log_6(-9-3) + \log_6(-9+6) = 2$$

$$\log_6 -12 + \log_6 -3 = 2$$

↙
Fails

$x = 6$

$$\log_6(6-3) + \log_6(6+6) = 2$$

$$\log_6 3 + \log_6 12 = 2$$

$$\log_6 36 = 2$$

$$2 = 2 \checkmark$$

b) $\log x + \log(x-1) = \log(4x)$

$$\log x(x-1) = \log(4x)$$

$$x(x-1) = 4x$$

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

$$x^2 - 5x = 0$$

$$x(x-5) = 0$$

$$\swarrow \quad \searrow$$

$$x = 0 \quad x = 5$$

$x = 0$

$$\log 0 + \log(0-1) = \log 4(0)$$

↙
Fails

$x = 5$

$$\log 5 + \log(5-1) = \log 5(4)$$

$$\log 5 + \log 4 = \log 5 + \log 4$$

✓

12. Solve. Express your answer as an exact value (with logs) and as a decimal value correct to the nearest hundredth.

a) $3^{2x+1} = 75$

$$\rightarrow 2x+1 = \log_3 75$$

$$2x = \log_3 75 - 1$$

$$2x = \frac{\log 75}{\log 3} - 1$$

$$x = \frac{\log 75}{\log 3} - 1$$

$$\quad \quad \quad 2$$

$$x \approx 1.46$$

b) $2^{2x-5} = 6^{x+2}$

$$\log 2^{2x-5} = \log 6^{x+2}$$

$$(2x-5) \log 2 = (x+2) \log 6$$

$$2x \log 2 - 5 \log 2 = x \log 6 + 2 \log 6$$

$$2x \log 2 - x \log 6 = 5 \log 2 + 2 \log 6$$

$$x(2 \log 2 - \log 6) = 5 \log 2 + 2 \log 6$$

$$x = \frac{5 \log 2 + 2 \log 6}{2 \log 2 - \log 6}$$

$$x \approx -17.39$$

13. A water filter removes 40% of the impurities in a sample of water.

a) Write an exponential equation to determine the percent of impurities remaining, P , after the water has passed through n filters.

$$A = A_0 e^{kt}$$

$$P = 1 (0.6)^n$$

$$A_0 = 100\%$$

$$C = 100 - 40 = 60\%$$

$$T = 1$$

b) What percent of impurities will remain after the water has passed through 3 filters?

$$P = 1 (0.6)^3$$

$$P = 0.216$$

$$\Rightarrow 21.6\%$$

c) How many filters are needed to remove at least 99% of impurities in the water?

$$0.01 = (0.6)^n$$

$$\log 0.01 = \log (0.6)^n$$

$$\log 0.01 = n \log 0.6$$

$$\frac{\log 0.01}{\log 0.6} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow 9.02 = n$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 \text{ filters.}$$

14. According to Kleiber's law, a mammal's resting metabolic rate, R , in kilocalories per day, is related to its mass, m , in kilograms, by the equation $\log R = \log 73.3 + 0.75 \log m$. Predict the mass of a wolf with a resting metabolic rate of 1050 kCal/day. Answer to the nearest kilogram.

$$\log R = \log 73.3 + 0.75 \log m$$

$$\log 1050 = \log 73.3 + 0.75 \log m$$

$$\log 1050 - \log 73.3 = 0.75 \log m$$

$$\frac{\log 1050 - \log 73.3}{0.75} = \log m$$

$$1.54 = \log m$$

$$10^{1.54} = m$$

$$34.8 = m$$

Wolf's mass is approx 34.8 kg