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From last lecture:

Exponential functions:

$$y = c \cdot b^x$$

↑            ↑  
same #     base

Logarithmic functions: Inverses of

$$\log_b(x) = y$$

↑  
base

$\log_{10}(100) = 2$  ("The log is the exponent!")

↑            ↑  
base        exponent  
"10"

rewrite this:  $10^2 = 100$

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Session 14: Properties of Exponential and logarithmic functions

Recall some properties of exponents:

$$1) b^{x+y} = b^x \cdot b^y$$

$$2) b^{x-y} = \frac{b^x}{b^y}$$

$$3) (b^m)^n = b^{m \cdot n}$$

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Properties for logarithms:

$$1) \log_b(x \cdot y) = \log_b(x) + \log_b(y)$$

$$2) \log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_b(x) - \log_b(y)$$

$$3) \log_b(x^n) = n \log_b(x)$$

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Ex Combine the terms using the properties of logarithms so as to write one logarithm

$$a) \frac{1}{2} \ln(x) + \ln(y) = \ln(x^{1/2}) + \ln(y)$$

(property 3)

$$= \boxed{\ln(x^{1/2} \cdot y)} \quad (\text{by property 1})$$

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

$$= \frac{2}{3} (\log(\frac{x^2y}{xy^2})) = \frac{2}{3} (\log(\frac{x}{y})) = \log\left(\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{2/3}\right)^*$$

(from property 2)                      (by property 3)                      equivalent \*

$$= \log\left(\sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2}\right)$$

$$c) 5 + \log_2(a^2 - b^2) - \log_2(a - b)$$

↑  
rewrite this as a logarithm! How?

$$5 = \log_2(2^5) \quad \text{"log}_2\text{" and "2"}^x\text{" undo each other!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2(2^5) + \log_2(a^2 - b^2) - \log_2(a - b)$$

work from left to right  
(use property 1)

$$\boxed{2^5 = 32}$$

$$= \log_2(32 \cdot (a^2 - b^2)) - \log_2(a - b)$$

(now use property 2)

$$= \log_2\left(\frac{32(a^2 - b^2)}{(a - b)}\right) = \log_b\left(\frac{3(a+b)(a-b)}{(a-b)}\right)$$

$$\boxed{a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)}$$

$$\boxed{= \log_b(3(a+b))}$$

## Solving exponential and logarithmic equations:

1)  $X=Y \Leftrightarrow b^x = b^y$  ← (goes both ways)

2)  $X=Y \Leftrightarrow \log_b(x) = \log_b(y)$  ↓

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Ex Solve for x

a)  $2^{x+7} = 32 = 2^5 \Rightarrow x+7=5$   
 $\boxed{x=-2}$

check in original equation  $2^{(-2+7)} \stackrel{?}{=} 32$   
 $2^5 \checkmark = 32$

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b)  $5^{(3x+1)} = 25^{(4x-7)}$

$25 = 5^2$

$5^{(3x+1)} = (5^2)^{(4x-7)}$  ← by property of exponents  
multiply the powers

$5^{(3x+1)} = 5^{2(4x-7)} \Rightarrow 3x+1 = 2(4x-7)$

Solve for x!

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x+1 = 8x-14 \\ -3x \quad -3x \\ \hline 1 = 5x-14 \\ +14 \quad +14 \end{array}$$

check!

$5^{3 \cdot 3+1} \stackrel{?}{=} 25^{4 \cdot 3-7}$   
✓

$$15 = 5x$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x=3}$$

$$c) \ln(3x-5) = \ln(x-1)$$

$\Rightarrow 3x-5 = x-1$  Now solve for  $x$ !

$$\boxed{x=2}$$

$$d) \log_2(x+5) = \log_2(x+3) + 4$$

↑  
rewrite

$$4 = \log_2(2^4)$$

$$\log_2(x+5) = \log_2(x+3) + \log_2(2^4)$$

remember we can rewrite this as a single log! use property 1 of logs.

$$\log_2(x+5) = \log_2((x+3) \cdot 2^4)$$

$$\log_2(x+5) = \log_2(16(x+3))$$

$$\Rightarrow x+5 = 16(x+3) \text{ solve for } x! \quad \boxed{x = \frac{-43}{15}}$$

$$e) \log_3(x-2) + \log_3(x+6) = 2$$

$$2 = \log_3(3^2)$$

$$\log_3(x-2) + \log_3(x+6) = \log_3(3^2)$$

use property 1  
of logarithms

$$\log_3((x-2)(x+6)) = \log_3(3^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)(x+6) = 3^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{This is a quadratic equation!}$$

$$(x-2)(x+6) = 9$$

$$x^2 + 6x - 2x - 12 = 9$$

$$x^2 + 4x - 12 = 9$$

-9   -9

$$x^2 + 4x - 21 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{solve for } x!$$

$$(x+7)(x-3) = 0$$

$$x+7=0 \quad x-3=0$$

$$\boxed{x=-7} \quad \boxed{x=3}$$

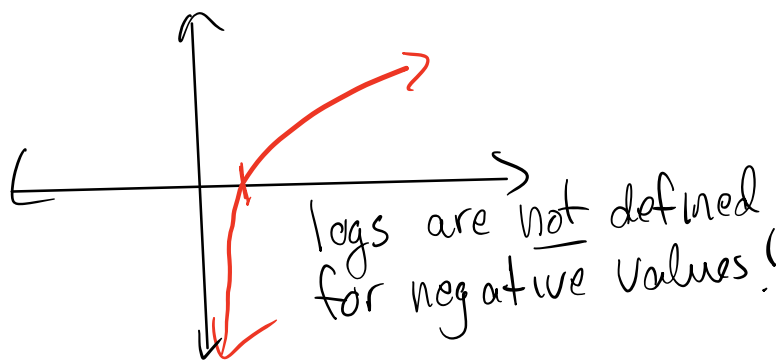
Must check in the original equation!

$$\log_3(x-2) + \log_3(x+6) = 2$$

Check:  ~~$x=7$~~   $\rightarrow \log_3(-7-2) + \log_3(-7+6) \stackrel{?}{=} 2$

$\log_3(-9) + \log_3(-1) \stackrel{?}{=} 2$

**reject**



Check:  $x=3$  Keep!

$$\Rightarrow \log_3(3-2) + \log_3(3+6) \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

$$\log_3(1) + \log_3(9) \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

$$\log_3(1 \cdot 9) \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

$$\log_3(9) \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

$$\rightarrow 3^2 \stackrel{?}{=} 9 \quad \checkmark$$


What if we don't have the same base on each side of the equation?!

Ex Solve

a)  $3^{x+5} = 8$


here we cannot rewrite the sides to have the same base — we need a different strategy! Apply logarithms to

both sides of the equation.


$$\log(3^{x+5}) = \log(8)$$

now apply properties of logs

apply property 3


$$(x+5)\log(3) = \log(8)$$

solve for x!

$$x\log(3) + 5\log(3) = \log(8)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x\log(3) = \log(8) - 5\log(3) \\ \hline \log(3) \qquad \qquad \log(3) \end{array}$$


$$x = \frac{\log(8) - 5\log(3)}{\log(3)} \approx -3.107$$

don't forget that  $\log(3)$ ,  $\log(8)$  are just #'s!

b)  $5^{x-7} = 2^x$

here we cannot rewrite either side so we matching bases however we can take the logarithm of both sides!

We use natural logarithm "ln"


$$\ln(5^{x-7}) = \ln(2^x)$$



we  
property 3

$$(x-7)\ln(5) = x\ln(2)$$

$\ln(5)$  &  $\ln(2)$   
are just numerical  
values!

$$x\ln(5) - 7\ln(5) = x\ln(2)$$

solve for  $x$ !

$$-x\ln(2) + 7\ln(5) \quad -x\ln(2) \quad + 7\ln(5)$$

$$x\ln(5) - x\ln(2) = 7\ln(5)$$

$$x \frac{(\ln(5) - \ln(2))}{(\ln(5) - \ln(2))} = \frac{7\ln(5)}{\ln(5) - \ln(2)}$$

$$x = \frac{7\ln(5)}{\ln(5) - \ln(2)} \approx 12.3$$