



## Math 1090 ~ Business Algebra

### Section 4.4 Properties of Logarithms

Objectives:

- Apply the properties of logarithms to expand and contract logarithmic expressions.
- Evaluate logarithmic expressions.

### Properties of Logarithms

$$\log_a a^x = x$$

$$\log_a a = 1$$

$$\log_a 1 = 0$$

$$a^{\log_a x} = x$$

$$\log_a(mn) = \log_a m + \log_a n$$

$$\log_a\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \log_a m - \log_a n$$

$$\log_a m^n = n \log_a m$$

### Proof

Ex 1: Use log properties to expand.

a)  $\ln \frac{x^2}{x+1}$

b)  $\log_3(x^3\sqrt{x-2})$

c)  $\log\left(\frac{y^4}{(y-2)^5}\right)$

Ex 2: Use log properties to condense.

a)  $\log_4 8 - \frac{1}{2} \log_4 5 + \log_4 3$

b)  $2(\ln x - \ln(x+5))$

c)  $\log(2x+1) - \frac{1}{3} \log(x-1)$

Ex 3: Evaluate (without a calculator).

a)  $\log_7 49 + \log_7 125 - \log_7 64$

b)  $\log_4\left(\frac{1}{64}\right) + \ln(e^7) - \log_5 1$

Ex 4: If  $\log_b x = 1.2$ ,  $\log_b y = 3.1$ ,  $\log_b z = 11.1$ ,

evaluate  $\log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) - \log_b(z \cdot x)$ .

Ex 5: Evaluate these expressions.

a)  $e^{2\ln 5}$

b)  $\log_4 4^a$

c)  $\ln e^5$

d)  $9^{\log_9(11)+\log_9(2)}$