

The One-to-One Property of

Logarithms

If $\log_b x = \log_b y$, then $x = y$

Case2: Use this property to solve logarithmic equations with a logarithmic equation on _____ sides of the equation.

EX 1: $\log_5 4x = \log_5 8$

EX 2: $\log_7 36 - \log_7 x = \log_7 4$

EX 3: $\log(3x + 10) = \log x^2$

- Condense each side of the equation (if needed) into a single logarithm
- Equate the arguments
- Solve
- Check for extraneous solutions

EX 4: $\log_3 x = \frac{1}{2} \log_3 25 - 5 \log_3 2$

EX 5: $\ln(x + 5) + \ln(x - 2) = \ln 18$

You try: $\log_5 24 - \log_5 x + \log_5 3 = 7 \log_5 2$

You try: $\log 2x = \log(2x - 8)$

Remember the inverse property of logarithms!

$$\log_b y = x \text{ if and only if } b^x = y$$

Case 1: Use the inverse property of logarithms (BOB) to solve equations which contain a _____ logarithm or which can be _____ to a single logarithm on one side of the equation.

EX 1: $\log_2(3x - 1) = 5$
EX 2: $4 - \ln 7x = 2$
EX 3: $\log(x^2 + 36) = 2$

The _____ of a logarithmic expression must be _____ than zero. For that reason, you must always check for _____ solutions!

EX 4: $\log_3 x + \log_3(x - 6) = 3$
EX 5: $\log_2(7x - 8) - \log_2 x = 3$
You try: $\log_2(x + 1) + \log_2(x - 5) = 4$

Advanced Algebra
Solving logarithmic and exponential equations

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Solve using properties of logarithms.

1. $\log_2 3 - \log_2 7 = \log_2 x$

2. $\log_3 14 + \log_3 y = \log_3 42$

3. $\log_9 x = \frac{1}{2} \log_9 144 - \frac{1}{3} \log_9 8$

4. $\log_3 56 - \log_3 8 = \log_3 x$

5. $\log 7 + \log(n - 2) = \log 6n$

6. $3 \log x = \log 27$

7. $\ln(m + 3) - \ln m = \ln 4$

8. $3 \log_5 x - \log_5 4 = \log_5 16$

9. $\log_2 15 + \log_2 14 - \log_2 105 = \log_2 x$

10. $\log_4(x + 3) + \log_4(x - 3) = 2$

11. $\log_8(n + 1) - \log_8 n = \log_8 4$

12. $\log_2(y + 2) - 1 = \log_2(y - 2)$

13. $\log_3(4x + 5) - \log_3(3 - 2x) = 2$

14. $\ln(x + 2) + \ln 5 = 4$

