

Properties for Expanding Logarithms

Property 1: $\log_a 1 = 0$ – Zero-Exponent Rule

$\log_{10} 1 = 0, \log_2(1) = 0$ *analog*

Property 2: $\log_a a = 1$

$\therefore \log_{10} 10 = 1, \log_4 4 = 1$

Property 3: $\log_a(xy) = \log_a x + \log_a y$ – Product Rule

$\log(x \cdot y) = \log(x) + \log(y)$

Property 4: $\log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a x - \log_a y$ – Quotient Rule

$\log_a x^5 = 5 \log_a x$

Property 5: $\log_a x^y = y \log_a x$ – Power Rule

Example 1: Use the properties of logarithms to expand $\log_3(x^2y^7)$.

$\log_3(x^2y^7) = \log_3 x^2 + \log_3 y^7$

$$\log_3(x^2y^7) = \log_3 x^2 + \log_3 y^7$$

Use property 3 to rewrite the multiplication as addition.

$$= 2 \log_3 x + 7 \log_3 y$$

Use Property 5 to move the exponents out front.

Thus, $\log_3(x^2y^7) = 2 \log_3 x + 7 \log_3 y$ ←

Example 2: Use the properties of logarithms to expand $\log_8\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{y^3}\right)$.

$\log_8\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{y^3}\right) = \log_8 \sqrt{x} - \log_8 y^3$
 $= \log_8 x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log_8 y^3$

$$\log_8\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{y^3}\right) = \log_8\left(\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{y^3}\right)$$

Rewrite the radical using rational exponents (fractions).

$$= \log_8 x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log_8 y^3$$

Use property 4 to rewrite the division as subtraction.

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log_8 x - 3 \log_8 y$$

Use Property 5 to move the exponents out front.

Thus, $\log_8\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{y^3}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \log_8 x - 3 \log_8 y$.

Example 3: Use the properties of logarithms to expand $\log_4\left(\frac{4x}{y^9}\right)$.

$\log_4\left(\frac{4x}{y^9}\right) = \log_4(4x) - \log_4 y^9$

$$\log_4\left(\frac{4x}{y^9}\right) = \log_4 4 + \log_4 x - \log_4 y^9$$

Use properties 3 and 4 to rewrite the multiplication as addition and the division as subtraction. Note that 4x means 4 times x which is why Property 3 has been used to rewrite the logarithm using addition.

$$= \log_4 4 + \log_4 x - 9 \log_4 y$$

Use Property 5 to move the exponents out front.

$$= 1 + \log_4 x - 9 \log_4 y$$

Use Property 2 to simplify the logarithm.

Example 4: Use the properties of logarithms to expand $\log\left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{x^3 y^7}}{z^8}\right)$. $\therefore \sqrt[4]{x^3} = (x^3)^{\frac{1}{4}} = x^{\frac{3}{4}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \log\left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{x^3 y^7}}{z^8}\right) &= \log\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{4}} y^7}{z^8}\right) && \log(x^{\frac{3}{4}} \cdot y^7) - \log z^8 \\ &= \log x^{\frac{3}{4}} + \log y^7 - \log z^8 && \text{Rewrite the radical using rational exponents (fractions).} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \log x + 7 \log y - 8 \log z && \text{Use properties 3 and 4 to rewrite the multiplication as addition and the division as subtraction.} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \log x + 7 \log y - 8 \log z && \text{Use Property 5 to move the exponents out front.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\log\left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{x^3 y^7}}{z^8}\right) = \frac{3}{4} \log x + 7 \log y - 8 \log z$.

Example 5: Use the properties of logarithms to expand $\ln\left(\frac{x^5}{y^2 z^7}\right)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{x^5}{y^2 z^7} &= \ln x^5 - \ln(y^2 z^7) \\ &= 5 \ln x - [2 \ln y + 7 \ln z] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\left(\frac{x^5}{y^2 z^7}\right) &= \ln x^5 - \ln y^2 - \ln z^7 && \text{Use property 4 to rewrite the division as subtraction. Since both the } y \text{ and } z \text{ terms are in the denominator of the fraction, they are each considered to be division and this makes each of them into subtraction when expanded.} \\ &= 5 \ln x - 2 \ln y - 7 \ln z && \text{Use Property 5 to move the exponents out front.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\ln\left(\frac{x^5}{y^2 z^7}\right) = 5 \ln x - 2 \ln y - 7 \ln z$.

Practice Problems

Now it is your turn to try a few practice problems on your own. Work on each of the problems below and then click on the link at the end to check your answers.

Problem 1: Use the properties of logarithms to expand $\log_6\left(\frac{\sqrt[5]{x^3}}{y^9}\right)$.

Problem 2: Use the properties of logarithms to expand $\log\left(\frac{10\sqrt{x}}{y^5}\right)$.

Problem 3: Use the properties of logarithms to expand $\log_8\left(\frac{x^{14} y^7}{z^{15}}\right)$.

Problem 4: Use the properties of logarithms to expand $\ln(7x^3 y^8)$.

Problem 5: Use the properties of logarithms to expand $\log_2\left(\frac{1}{x^5 y^3}\right)$.

Neutral logarithm

Natural logarithm is the logarithm to the base e .

Notation: $\log_e x \rightarrow \ln x$

$$\int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt = \ln x - \ln 1 = \ln x - 0$$

DEFINITION The Natural Logarithm Function

$$\ln x = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt, \quad x > 0$$

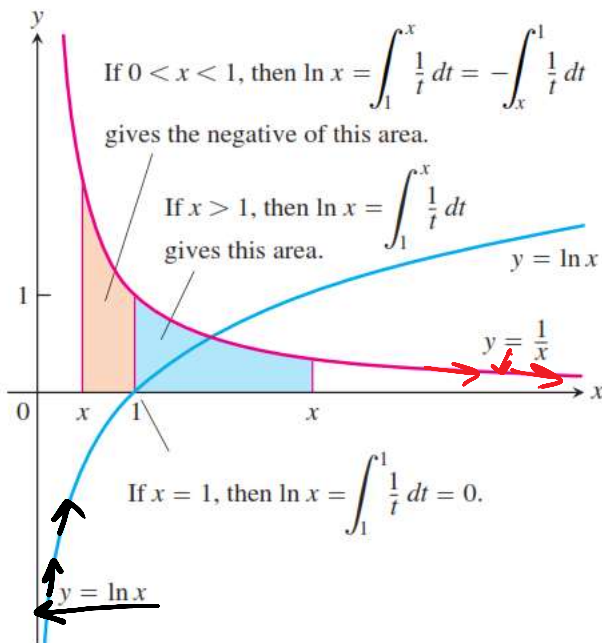


TABLE 7.1 Typical 2-place values of $\ln x$

x	$\ln x$
0	undefined
0.05	$\ln 0.05 = -3.00$
0.5	$\ln 0.5 = -0.69$
1	$\ln(1) = 0$
2	0.69
3	1.10
4	1.39
10	2.30

Handwritten notes:
 0.05
 0.5
 1
 2
 3
 4
 10

DEFINITION The Number e

The number e is that number in the domain of the natural logarithm satisfying

$$\ln(e) = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln u = \frac{1}{u} \frac{du}{dx}, \quad u > 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln u = \frac{1}{u} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$\ln 2x = \ln a$
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EXAMPLE 1 Derivatives of Natural Logarithms

(a) $\frac{d}{dx} \ln 2x = \frac{1}{2x} \frac{d}{dx} (2x) = \frac{1}{2x} (2) = \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \ln(2x) = \frac{1}{2x} \frac{d}{dx} (2x)$



(b) Equation (1) with $u = x^2 + 3$ gives

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x^2 + 3) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 3} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + 3) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 3} \cdot 2x = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 3}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x^2 + 3) = \frac{1}{(x^2 + 3)} \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + 3) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 3} (2x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(ax) = \frac{1}{ax} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (ax) = \frac{1}{ax} (a) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} ax = a \frac{d}{dx} x = a \cdot 1 = a$$

THEOREM 2 Properties of Logarithms

For any numbers $a > 0$ and $x > 0$, the natural logarithm satisfies the following rules:

1. *Product Rule:*

$$\ln ax = \ln a + \ln x$$

Handwritten note: $\ln a + \ln x = \ln ax$ (with arrows pointing to the product rule equation)

2. *Quotient Rule:*

$$\ln \frac{a}{x} = \ln a - \ln x$$

3. *Reciprocal Rule:*

$$\ln \frac{1}{x} = -\ln x$$

$$= \ln 1 - \ln x = 0 - \ln x = -\ln x$$

Rule 2 with $a = 1$

4. *Power Rule:*

$$\ln x^r = r \ln x$$

r rational

We illustrate how these rules apply.



EXAMPLE 2 Interpreting the Properties of Logarithms

(a) $\ln 6 = \ln(2 \cdot 3) = \ln 2 + \ln 3$ Product

(b) $\ln 4 - \ln 5 = \ln \frac{4}{5} = \ln 0.8$ Quotient

(c) $\ln \frac{1}{8} = -\ln 8$ Reciprocal $8 = 2^3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$

$= -\ln 2^3 = -3 \ln 2$ Power

EXAMPLE 3 Applying the Properties to Function Formulas

(a) $\ln 4 + \ln \sin x = \ln(4 \sin x)$ Product

(b) $\ln \frac{(x+1)}{(2x-3)} = \ln(x+1) - \ln(2x-3)$ Quotient

[Example 5.1] Find the derivative of the following functions.

1- $y = \ln(2x)$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2x} \cdot (2x)' = \frac{2}{2x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln 3x = \frac{1}{3x} \frac{d}{dx} 3x = \frac{3}{3x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

2- $y = x \ln 3x$

$$y' = (x)' \ln 3x + x (\ln 3x)' = \ln 3x + x \cdot \frac{3}{3x} = \ln 3x + 1$$

($\ln x$)² ≠ $\ln x^2$ ≠ $2 \ln x$

Find the derivative of the following functions

(1) $\frac{d}{dx} (\ln x)^2 = 2 \ln x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{2 \ln x}{x} \rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} (\ln x)^2 = 2 (\ln x)^{2-1} \frac{d}{dx} \ln x = 2 (\ln x) \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

(2) $\frac{d}{dx} (x \ln x) = (x)' \cdot \ln x + x \cdot (\ln x)' = \ln x + x \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \ln x + 1$

(3) $\log_{10} x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln 10} \rightarrow \log_a x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln a}$

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$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_{10} x = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\ln x}{\ln 10} = \frac{1}{\ln 10} \frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{(\ln 10)x}$$

$$\log_3 x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln 3}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_{10} x = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\ln x}{\ln 10}$$