

Alg2 Homework, due Wednesday, Jan 24

1. Rewrite each of the following in the form $\text{WhatPower}_b(x) = L$.

a. $3^5 = 243$

b. $6^{-3} = \frac{1}{216}$

c. $9^0 = 1$

2. Rewrite each of the following in the form $\log_b(x) = L$.

a. $16^{\frac{1}{4}} = 2$

b. $10^3 = 1,000$

c. $b^k = r$

3. Rewrite each of the following in the form $b^L = x$.

a. $\log_5(625) = 4$

b. $\log_{10}(0.1) = -1$

c. $\log_{27}9 = \frac{2}{3}$

4. Consider the logarithms base 2. For each logarithmic expression below, either calculate the value of the expression, or explain why the expression does not make sense.

a. $\log_2(1024)$

b. $\log_2(128)$

c. $\log_2(\sqrt{8})$

d. $\log_2\left(\frac{1}{16}\right)$

e. $\log_2(0)$

f. $\log_2\left(-\frac{1}{32}\right)$

5. Consider the logarithms base 3. For each logarithmic expression below, either calculate the value of the expression, or explain why the expression does not make sense.

a. $\log_3(243)$

b. $\log_3(27)$

c. $\log_3(1)$

d. $\log_3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$

e. $\log_3(0)$

f. $\log_3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)$

6. Consider the logarithms base 5. For each logarithmic expression below, either calculate the value of the expression, or explain why the expression does not make sense.

a. $\log_5(3125)$

b. $\log_5(25)$

c. $\log_5(1)$

d. $\log_5\left(\frac{1}{25}\right)$

e. $\log_5(0)$

f. $\log_5\left(-\frac{1}{25}\right)$

7. Is there any positive number b so that the expression $\log_b(0)$ makes sense? Explain how you know.
8. Is there any positive number b so that the expression $\log_b(-1)$ makes sense? Explain how you know.
9. Verify each of the following by evaluating the logarithms.
- a. $\log_2(8) + \log_2(4) = \log_2(32)$ b. $\log_3(9) + \log_3(9) = \log_3(81)$
- c. $\log_4(4) + \log_4(16) = \log_4(64)$ d. $\log_{10}(10^3) + \log_{10}(10^4) = \log_{10}(10^7)$
10. Looking at the results from Problem 9, do you notice a trend or pattern? Can you make a general statement about the value of $\log_b(x) + \log_b(y)$?