

Example 5.16 • $\log_2 5 - \log_2 9 = \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{9} \right).$

• $\log_3 7 - \log_3 5 = \log_3 \left(\frac{7}{5} \right).$

Rule 3

$$\log_a 1 = 0$$

Example 5.17 • $\log_{125} 1 = 0.$

• $\log_7 1 = 0.$

Rule 4

$$\log_a a = 1$$

Example 5.18 • $\log_{125} 125 = 1.$

• $\log_7 7 = 1.$

Rule 5

$$\log_b a^n = n \log_b a$$

Example 5.19 • $\log_3 5^2 = 2 \log_3 5.$

• $\log_3 7^5 = 5 \log_3 7.$

Rule 6

If we need to change the base number of a log, then we use this rule.

$$\begin{aligned}\log_3 \left(\frac{(2x+1)}{(5)} \right) &= 1 && \text{rule 2 of logs} \\ \left(\frac{(2x+1)}{(5)} \right) &= 3^1 && \text{now apply the above rule} \\ 2x+1 &= 15 \\ x &= 7\end{aligned}$$

Exercises 7.2.2

Solve each of the following :

1. $\log_2 (x+5) = 5$
2. $\log_3 (x-3) = 2$
3. $\log_3 (x-3) = -2$
4. $\log_2 (x+3) = -1$
5. $\log_5 (x^2+25) = 3$
6. $\log_2 (x^2+4) = 3$
7. $\log_2 (x+1) + \log_3 (x+4) = 2$
8. $\log_2 (x+1) + \log_3 (x-3) = 1$
9. $\log_2 (x) + \log_2 (x-7) = 3$
10. $\log_3 (x) + \log_3 (x-2) = 1$
11. $\log_2 (3x+1) - \log_2 (7) = 1$
12. $\log_2 (x^2+2) - \log_2 (x+1) = 1$

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