

Express in terms of logarithms of x, y, z, or w.

1. (a)  $\log_4(xz)$

$$\log_4 x + \log_4 z$$

(b)  $\log_4(y/x)$

$$\log_4 y - \log_4 x$$

(c)  $\log_4 \sqrt[3]{z}$

$$\log_4 z^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{3} \log_4 z$$

2.  $\log_a \frac{x^3 w}{y^2 z^4} = \log_a x^3 w - \log_a y^2 z^4$

$$= \log_a x^3 + \log_a w - (\log_a y^2 + \log_a z^4)$$

$$= 3 \log_a x + \log_a w - 2 \log_a y - 4 \log_a z$$

3.  $\log \frac{\sqrt{y}}{x^4 \sqrt[3]{z}} = \log y^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log x^4 - \log z^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log y - 4 \log x - \frac{1}{3} \log z$$

$$= \frac{7}{4} \ln x - \frac{5}{4} \ln y - \frac{1}{4} \ln z$$

Write the expression as one logarithm.

5. (a)  $\log_3 x + \log_3(5y)$

$$\log_3(x \cdot 5y)$$

$$\log_3 5xy$$

(b)  $\log_3(2z) - \log_3 x$

$$\log_3 \frac{2z}{x}$$

(c)  $5 \log_3 y$

$$\log_3 y^5$$

6.  $2 \log_a x + \frac{1}{3} \log_a(x-2) - 5 \log_a(2x+3) =$

$$\log_a x^2 + \log_a (x-2)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \log_a (2x+3)^5$$

$$\frac{\log_a x^2 \sqrt[3]{x-2}}{(2x+3)^5}$$

7.  $\log(x^3 y^2) - 2 \log x \sqrt[3]{y} - 3 \log \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$

$$\log \frac{x^3 y^2}{x^2 y^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \frac{x^3}{y^3}} = \log \frac{x^3 y^2}{x^5 y^{\frac{2}{3}-3}} = \log \frac{x^3 y^2}{x^5 y^{-\frac{7}{3}}}$$

$$= \log \frac{y^{13/3}}{x^2}$$

8.  $\ln y^3 + \frac{1}{3} \ln(x^3 y^6) - 5 \ln y$

$$= \ln y^3 + \ln x y^2 - \ln y^5$$

$$= \ln \frac{xy^5}{y^5} = \ln x$$

9.  $2 \ln x - 4 \ln \left(\frac{1}{y}\right) - 3 \ln(xy)$

$$= \ln x^2 - \ln \left(\frac{1}{y^4}\right) - \ln x^3 y^3$$

$$= \ln \frac{x^2}{x^3/y} = \ln \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

Solve the equation.

10.  $\log_6(2x - 3) = \log_6 12 - \log_6 3$

$$\log_6(2x-3) = \log_6\left(\frac{12}{3}\right)$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$2x-3 = 4$$

$$2x = 7$$

$$x = \frac{7}{2}$$

12.  $\log x - \log(x+1) = 3 \log 4$

$$\log \frac{x}{x+1} = \log 4^3$$

$$\frac{x}{x+1} = 64$$

$$x = 64x + 64$$

$$-63x = 64; \quad x = \frac{-64}{63}; \quad \emptyset$$

14.  $\log_2(x+7) + \log_2 x = 3$

$$\log_2 x(x+7) = 3$$

$$\log_2 x^2 + 7x = 3$$

$$2^3 = x^2 + 7x$$

$$0 = x^2 + 7x - 8$$

$$0 = (x+8)(x-1)$$

$$x = -8; \quad x = 1$$

16.  $\log_3(x-2) + \log_3(x-4) = 2$

$$\log_3(x^2 - 6x + 8) = 2$$

$$3^2 = x^2 - 6x + 8$$

$$0 = x^2 - 6x - 1$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{40}}{2} = \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{10}}{2}$$

$$x = 3 + \sqrt{10}; \quad x = 3 - \sqrt{10}$$

11.  $2 \log_3 x = 3 \log_3 5$

$$\log_3 x^2 = \log_3 5^3$$

$$x^2 = 125$$

$$x = 5\sqrt{5}$$

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

$$\ln 3(-4-x) = \ln(2-x)$$

$$\ln(-12-3x) = \ln(2-x)$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$-12-3x = 2-x$$

$$-14 = 2x$$

$$x = -7$$

15.  $\log_3(x+3) + \log_3(x+5) = 1$

$$\log_3(x+3)(x+5) = 1$$

$$3^1 = x^2 + 8x + 15$$

$$0 = x^2 + 8x + 12$$

$$0 = (x+6)(x+2)$$

$$x = -6; \quad x = -2$$

17.  $\log(x+3) = 1 - \log(x-2)$

$$\log(x+3) + \log(x-2) = 1$$

$$\log(x^2 + x - 6) = 1$$

$$10^1 = x^2 + x - 6$$

$$0 = x^2 + x - 16$$

$$x = 3.53; \quad x = -4.53$$

18. When the volume control on a stereo system is increased, the voltage across a loudspeaker changes from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$ , and the decibel increase in gain is given by  $db = 20 \log \frac{V_2}{V_1}$ . Find the decibel increase if the voltage changes from 2 volts to 4.5 volts.

$$V_1 = 2; V_2 = 4.5$$

$$20 \log \frac{4.5}{2} \approx 7.04 \text{ or } +7$$

19. Pareto's law for capitalist countries states that the relationship between annual income  $x$  and the number  $y$  of individuals whose income exceeds  $x$  is  $\log y = \log b - k \log x$ , where  $b$  and  $k$  are positive constants. Solve this equation for  $y$ .

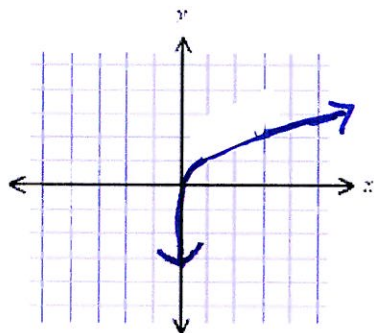
$$\log y = \log b - k \log x$$

$$\log y = \log \frac{b}{x^k}$$

$$y = \frac{b}{x^k}$$

Sketch the graph of  $f$ .

20.  $f(x) = \log_3(3x)$



21.  $f(x) = 3 \log_3 x$

