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Learning Goal 8.1	Solving exponential and logarithmic equations with same base and with different bases, including base e .
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Power Law $\log_b x^n = n \log_b x$	Product Law $\log_b (xy) = \log_b x + \log_b y$	Quotient Law $\log_b \left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_b x - \log_b y$
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Example Evaluate.

a. $\log_5 75 - \log_5 3$
Quotient
 $= \log_5 \left(\frac{75}{3}\right)$
 $= \log_5 (25)$
 $= 2$

$\log_5 75 - \log_5 3$
DON'T MATCH
 \Rightarrow DON'T USE THE QUOTIENT LAW

b. $\log_2 8 = \log_2 (2^3)$
 $= 3 \log_2 2$
 $= 3$

Example Simplify.

a. $5^{\log_5 (a+b)}$
* IF THE EXP. AND THE LOGARITHM ARE THE SAME BASE, THEY CANCEL.
 $= a+b$

$x \times 2 \div 2$

b. $8^{2 \log_2 m - 1/2 \log_2 n^6}$
* DON'T MATCH DON'T CANCEL
 $= (2^3)^{\log_2 m^2 - \log_2 n^3}$ POWER
 $= (2^3)^{\log_2 \left(\frac{m^2}{n^3}\right)}$
 $= 2^{3 \log_2 \left(\frac{m^2}{n^3}\right)}$
 $= 2^{\log_2 \left(\frac{m^2}{n^3}\right)^3}$ POWER
 $= \frac{m^6}{n^9}$

Example Change of Base

$\log_b x = \frac{\log_a x}{\log_a b}$
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$\log_5 3 = \frac{\log_2 3}{\log_2 5}$ \log

Example Write as a single logarithm. ← KIND OF OBSOLETE NOW THAT WE BETTER CALCULATORS

a. $\frac{\log_{11} 10}{\log_{11} 5} = \log_5 10$

b. $\frac{\log_3 7}{\log_3 4} = \log_4 7$

Example Simplify by changing the base of the logarithm. Check using a calculator.

a. $\log_{27} 9$
 $= \frac{\log_3 9}{\log_3 27}$
 $= \frac{2}{3}$

($\sqrt[3]{27}$)² = 9
(27)^{2/3} = 9

b. $\log_8 32 + \log_{16} 2$
DON'T MATCH ⇒ DON'T USE PRODUCT
 $= \frac{\log_2 32}{\log_2 8} + \frac{\log_2 2}{\log_2 16}$
 $= \frac{5}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{23}{12}$

Example Simplify. State any restrictions on the variable.

RESTRICTIONS:
 $x > 0$

$$4 \log_3 x - \frac{1}{2} (\log_3 x + 5 \log_3 x)$$

$$= 4 \log_3 x - \frac{1}{2} (\log_3 x + \log_3 x^5)$$

$$= 4 \log_3 x - \frac{1}{2} (\log_3 x^6)$$

$$= 4 \log_3 x - \log_3 x^3$$

$$= \log_3 x^4 - \log_3 x^3 = \log_3 \left(\frac{x^4}{x^3} \right) = \log_3 x$$

POWER (pointing to $\log_3 x^5$)
PRODUCT (pointing to $\log_3 x + \log_3 x^5$)
POWER (pointing to $\log_3 x^6$)
POWER (pointing to $\log_3 x^3$)
QUOTIENT (pointing to $\frac{x^4}{x^3}$)

Example The decibel scale measures the loudness of sound. Each 10 unit step on the scale represents a 10 fold increase in loudness. The intensity level, β is related to I , the intensity of the sound, in watts per square metre (W/m^2) and $I_0 = 10^{-12} \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ (the faintest sound that can be heard by a person with normal hearing) by the following:

x = SAFE
w = WHISPER

$$\beta = 10 \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

	(dB)
Threshold of Pain	140
Jet aircraft at 300 m altitude	90
Highway traffic at 30 m	75
Quiet restaurant	50
Residential area at night	40
Rustling of leaves	20
Threshold of hearing	0

Sounds that are at most 100 000 times as intense as a whisper are considered to be safe, no matter how long or how often you hear them. The sound level of a whisper is 20 dB. What sound level can be considered safe, no matter how long it lasts?

$$\frac{I_x}{I_w} = 100\,000$$

$$\beta_x - \beta_w = 10 \log \left(\frac{I_x}{I_0} \right) - 10 \log \left(\frac{I_w}{I_0} \right)$$

$$= 10 \left(\log \left(\frac{I_x}{I_0} \right) - \log \left(\frac{I_w}{I_0} \right) \right)$$

$$= 10 \left(\log \left(\frac{I_x}{I_0} \times \frac{I_0}{I_w} \right) \right)$$

You can listen to
70 dB FOR ANY
LENGTH OF TIME
WITHOUT HEARING
DAMAGE.

$$= 10 \log \left(\frac{I_x}{I_w} \right)$$

$$= 10 \log_{10} (100\,000)$$

$$= 10 (5)$$

$$\beta_x - 20 = 50$$

$$\beta_x = 70 \text{ dB}$$