

Investigating Properties of Logarithms

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Enter each expression into your calculator exactly as it appears on this handout and then use the pattern to "rewrite" those that cannot be evaluated with a calculator. All parts of the table should be completed.

1.

$\log(2 \cdot 3) =$	$\log(2) + \log(3) =$
$\log(4 \cdot 2) =$	$\log(4) + \log(2) =$
$\log(5 \cdot 9) =$	$\log(5) + \log(9) =$
$\log(2x)$	
$\log(AB)$	
	$\log(x) + \log(y)$

Conclusion: The log of a product equals the

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2.

$\log(2/3) =$	$\log(2) - \log(3) =$
$\log(4/2) =$	$\log(4) - \log(2) =$
$\log(5/9) =$	$\log(5) - \log(9) =$
$\log \frac{x}{2}$	
$\log \frac{A}{B}$	
	$\log(x) - \log(y)$

Conclusion: The log of a quotient equals the

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3.

$\log(2^3) =$	$3 \cdot \log(2) =$
$\log(4^2) =$	$2 \cdot \log(4) =$
$\log(5^9) =$	$9 \cdot \log(5) =$
$\log x^2$	
$\log A^B$	
	$x \log(y)$

Conclusion: The log of a power equals the

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4.

$\frac{\log(8)}{\log(2)} =$	$\log_2 8 =$
$\frac{\log(16)}{\log(4)} =$	$\log_4 16 =$
$\frac{\log(625)}{\log(5)} =$	$\log_5 625 =$
$\frac{\log\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)}{\log(3)} =$	$\log_3 \frac{1}{9} =$
$\frac{\log(3)}{\log(27)} =$ (Fraction)	$\log_{27} 3 =$
$\frac{\log(8)}{\log(4)} =$ (Fraction)	$\log_4 8 =$
$\frac{\log(2x)}{\log(4)}$	
	$\log_{2A} 3$
	$\log_x z$
$\frac{\log(A)}{\log(B)}$	

Conclusion: A logarithm can be evaluated by dividing the

5. Does your conclusion remain the same if you use natural log for #4 rather than log base 10? Use complete sentences in your explanation.